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ABSTRACT

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Kinetic facades significantly improve a building's daylighting and glare performance by adjusting their transparency and orientation in response to environmental factors such as sun position, weather, and occupancy. This research evaluates performance using criteria like Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) and Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI) to assess the performance of the kinetic façades compared to a static façade. The findings from the case study on BAU Future Campus Library Building, demonstrates that a kinetic façade can reduce glare to below 0.35, achieving up to a 60% glare reduction, while improving Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI) by 45%. This enhances visual comfort and optimizes lighting conditions for library users. These improvements are particularly significant in educational settings, where consistent and comfortable lighting is crucial for learning and productivity. By focusing on specific daylight and glare metrics, this thesis highlights the potential of kinetic façades to create adaptive, responsive environments that enhance occupant comfort for their broader adoption in educational buildings to improve indoor environmental quality and support sustainable design practices.

Keywords: Kinetic Façade, Parametric Design, Daylight Optimization, Visual Comfort, Daylight Glare Probability.

ÖZ

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Kinetik cepheler, şeffaflık ve yönelimlerini güneşin konumu, hava durumu ve kullanıcı yoğunluğu gibi çevresel faktörlere göre ayarlayarak bir binanın günışığı ve parıltı performansını önemli ölçüde iyileştirmektedir. Araştırma, kinetik cephelerin performansını statik bir cepheye kıyasla değerlendirmek için Günışığı Parıltı Olasılığı (DGP) ve Faydalı Günışığı Aydınlatma Düzeyi (UDI) gibi kriterleri kullanmaktadır. BAU Future Kampüs Kütüphane Binası üzerine yapılan vaka çalışmasının bulguları, kinetik bir cephenin parlamayı 0.35'in altına düşürerek %60'a varan bir parlama azaltma sağladığını ve Faydalı Gün Işığı Aydınlatmasını (UDI) %45 oranında iyileştirebildiğini göstermektedir. Bu durum, görsel konforu artırmakta ve kütüphane kullanıcıları için optimal aydınlatma koşulları sağlamaktadır. Bu iyileştirmeler, tutarlı ve rahat aydınlatmanın öğrenme ve verimlilik için kritik olduğu eğitim ortamlarında özellikle önemlidir. Bu tez, belirli günışığı ve parıltı metriklerine odaklanarak, kinetik cephelerin kullanıcı konforunu artıran adaptif ve duyarlı ortamlar yaratma potansiyelini vurgulamakta ve bu cephelerin iç ortam kalitesini iyileştirmek ve sürdürülebilir tasarım uygulamalarını desteklemek amacıyla eğitim binalarında daha geniş çapta benimsenmesini önermektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Kinetik Cephe, Parametrik Tasarım, Günışığı Optimizasyonu, Görsel Konfor, Günışığı Parlama Olasılığı.

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cDA	Continuous Daylight Autonomy
DA	Daylight Autonomy
DF	Daylight Factor
DGP	Daylight Glare Probability
DGI	Daylight Glare Index
GA	Glare Autonomy
HB	Honeybee (plugin for environmental analysis)
IES	Illuminating Engineering Society
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method
sDA	Spatial Daylight Autonomy
UDI	Useful Daylight Illuminance
WWR	Window Wall Ratio
KF	Kinetic Façades

Chapter 1

Introduction

The evolution of architectural façade systems has reached a pivotal moment, transitioning from static, passive elements to dynamic, interactive structures that redefine building design. At the forefront of this revolution are kinetic façades, which represent a leap in architectural innovation. These systems are not merely responsive; they are transformative. Engineered to modify their configuration in real-time in response to environmental stimuli such as sunlight, wind, and temperature, kinetic façades employ movable components louvers, panels, and shading devices that are controlled mechanically, electronically, or manually. This adaptability enhances both the aesthetic and functional performance of buildings, turning them into living, breathing entities that interact seamlessly with their surroundings.

In the realm of educational environments, particularly libraries, the integration of such advanced façade systems is nothing short of imperative. Libraries are sanctuaries of learning and research, where visual comfort, energy efficiency, and aesthetic appeal converge to create optimal study conditions. Daylighting, the practice of harnessing natural light to illuminate indoor spaces, stands as a cornerstone of this endeavour. It is more than a method; it is a philosophy that enhances visual comfort, reduces reliance on artificial lighting, and significantly boosts the well-being and productivity of users. Equally important is the management of glare, defined as excessive brightness from direct or reflected light. Effective glare management is crucial for maintaining a comfortable visual environment, minimizing eye strain, and fostering concentration and overall health.

The sustainability of campus buildings and libraries extends beyond mere energy efficiency. It encompasses a commitment to human comfort and environmental stewardship. Dynamic architecture, featuring kinetic façades, epitomizes this holistic approach to sustainable design. These façades, by responding intuitively to environmental changes, craft an optimal indoor atmosphere that supports both human

well-being and sustainable building operations. This thesis delves into the transformative potential of kinetic façades, developed through advanced parametric design techniques, to revolutionize the environmental quality of educational facilities such as libraries.

The core objectives of this research are twofold. First, it seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of kinetic façades in mitigating glare within library spaces. By utilizing Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) metrics, the study aims to quantify how these kinetic façades can alleviate visual discomfort and enhance user experience. Second, the research investigates the impact of kinetic façades on illuminance levels within libraries. It explores how these systems can maintain appropriate and consistent levels of natural light, thereby reducing the need for artificial lighting and creating a more conducive learning environment.

Focusing on the Bahçeşehir University Future Campus Library, this study employs parametric modelling and daylight optimization to enhance daylight metrics such us daylight continuity and reduce glare metric specially DGP. A parametric model is developed to optimize building performance through rigorous daylighting simulations. The optimization process, conducted using Rhino and Grasshopper platforms, integrates a suite of environmental analysis plugins including Ladybug tools. The empirical evidence gathered underscores the efficacy of kinetic façades in achieving optimal illuminance and glare reduction, thereby validating their role in sustainable architectural design.

In conclusion, this thesis posits that kinetic façades are not merely architectural features; they are integral to the future of sustainable building design. It aims to contribute significantly to the academic discourse on kinetic façades, providing valuable insights for architects and designers committed to creating more well-being sustainable educational buildings. The journey from static to kinetic façades marks a paradigm shift in how we conceive and construct the built environment, heralding a new era of dynamic, responsive architecture that meets the evolving needs of educational building.

1.1 Statement of the Problem

University libraries are meticulously designed to offer students an ideal setting for learning and academic exploration. A critical aspect of this environment is the quality of daylight, which influences not only the aesthetics and energy efficiency of the library but also the comfort and concentration of its users. Excessive daylight, however, can lead to glare, which disrupts the visual comfort of students, potentially causing eye strain and reducing their ability to focus on academic tasks (Abdou, 2019).

Static façades, in addition to inducing discomfort from glare, fail to consider the dynamic attributes of sunlight. This oversight often results in an excess of solar radiation, which leads to elevated thermal loads and increased energy consumption for cooling purposes (Smith et al., 2020). Fixed shading solutions, while moderately efficient, do not account for the dynamic fluctuations in sunlight angles and intensities that occur at different times of the day and across various seasons (Jones & Lee, 2019). This limitation can cause inadequate natural light within indoor spaces, necessitating the use of artificial lighting, or result in excessive luminosity that leads to glare and increased solar heat absorption (Brown, 2018).

A kinetic façade emerged as a strategic response to these challenges, providing a dynamic system capable of responding in real-time to the sun's orientation and the lighting needs of the library. By implementing such a system, it is feasible to strike a balance between maximizing natural light to reduce reliance on artificial lighting and minimizing glare and thermal heat gain (Grobman & Aran, 2017). This equilibrium is crucial not only in ensuring the visual and thermal comfort of the students but also in enhancing the energy efficiency and sustainability of the university library (Wang & Hien, 2007). Through the integration of a kinetic façade, a library can uphold a favorable learning environment while prioritizing environmental sustainability.

Besides serving as educational hubs, universities and their campuses are also anticipated to showcase innovation. The designs of campus facilities ought to demonstrate creativity and embrace sustainability initiatives, including eco-friendly

architectural elements, the utilization of renewable energy sources, the integration of green spaces, and the adoption of effective resource management strategies (UNEP, 2019). Either by constructing new campuses or renovating existing buildings, these endeavors significantly contribute to the promotion of sustainable development goals, which are progressively becoming more significant (Attia et al., 2013).

There is an observable shift towards warmer and drier climates due to global warming. Adapting existing structures by implementing strategies such as kinetic façades is crucial for enhancing thermal comfort and energy efficiency in response to changing environmental conditions (Al-Obaidi et al., 2014). This holds particular significance in developing countries like Turkey, where resources are constrained (Güneralp & Seto, 2008).

The methodology employed in this study adheres to a parametric design approach specifically developed to address the lighting needs of the library building situated at Bahçeşehir University's Future Campus (see Figure 1). Special emphasis is placed on the winter and summer solstices, as well as the equinoxes, due to the varying length of daylight hours, to evaluate the efficacy of the method. The aim of this research is to improve the existing interior lighting conditions by optimizing the utilization of natural light, minimizing glare, and improving visual and thermal comfort for the building occupants.

Figure 1. Current lighting issues associated with existing static facade design in BAU future campus library building.

(Find and Study website, BAU gallery)

1.2 Research Questions

This thesis delves into the utilization of kinetic facades in educational environments, particularly libraries, to enhance environmental conditions. By employing parametric design methodologies, these facades are developed to be responsive and efficient. Parametric design involves the use of algorithms to create and manipulate intricate forms and structures, enabling the design of optimized facade systems. The study is focused on achieving two primary objectives related to the implementation of kinetic facades in library settings:

1. Assessing the impact of Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) in determining the efficacy of kinetic facades in reducing glare and improving comfort for library patrons.

2. Exploring how kinetic facades can maintain consistent levels of natural light, decrease reliance on artificial lighting, and cultivate an environment conducive to learning.

1.3 Scope of the Study

The study is organized into six chapters, each serving a distinct purpose in exploring the impact of kinetic façade systems on sustainable architectural practices in educational buildings, with a particular focus on daylighting metrics.

Chapter 1 outlines the scope, objectives, and limitations of the research, laying the foundation by emphasizing the importance of sustainable architectural practices and the role of daylighting in educational environments. This chapter sets the stage for the subsequent detailed investigation.

Chapter 2 presents a comprehensive literature review, analyzing existing research on kinetic façade systems and their benefits, particularly regarding the enhancement of natural light and energy efficiency in buildings. This review provides a context for understanding the current state of knowledge and identifies gaps that this study aims to address.

Chapter 3 focuses on sustainable façade design criteria, daylight metrics, and glare metrics in the context of kinetic façades. It elaborates on the principles and strategies for incorporating daylight metrics into building designs to optimize natural light utilization and minimize glare.

Chapter 4 introduces the research methodology and case study of the BAU Future Campus Library Building. It outlines the theoretical framework, tools, and processes employed in designing a parametric model and evaluating a kinetic façade system, followed by simulations for four types of models (current, model H (horizontal shading), model V (vertical shading and kinetic facades). It establishes a connection between theoretical research and practical application, providing a detailed overview of the approach taken in this study.

Chapter 5 presents the findings of the research, exploring the effects of different façade designs on glare and daylight management within the library. It provides an analysis of the data obtained from the simulations and evaluates the performance of various kinetic façade configurations.

Chapter 6 concludes the study by summarizing the results from the parametric modeling and daylight simulation phases. It evaluates the efficacy of the implemented strategies and provides recommendations for future research. This chapter also discusses the broader implications of kinetic façades for sustainable architectural design, highlighting their potential impact on energy efficiency and occupant comfort in educational buildings.

The appendices provide detailed information on the optimization and parametric software used throughout the study. This section supports the methodologies and findings presented in the main chapters, offering additional technical details and insights into the research process.

1.4 Limitations of the Study

The study of sustainable and kinetic façade design, combined with parametric modelling, encompasses a broad field of research. Consequently, the literature review focuses on selected studies that are particularly relevant to this topic. Simulations were performed using Ladybug Tools within Rhino Grasshopper to evaluate indoor daylighting and glare levels. These tools were chosen due to their stringent criteria in sustainable building practices. Key limitations identified in the study include technical and resource constraints, the generalizability of the findings, and ethical and regulatory considerations.

Technical Limitations:

- Complexity of Parametric Modelling: Parametric tools like Rhino Grasshopper and Ladybug require advanced technical skills, which may limit experimentation and innovation due to their complexity.
- Simulation Accuracy: The precision of simulations depends on accurate input data and assumptions. Inaccuracies in weather data or material properties can lead to discrepancies between simulated and actual performance.
- Software Compatibility: Integrating multiple plugins for environmental analysis may face challenges with compatibility, updates, and interoperability, potentially affecting research outcomes.

Resource Limitations:

- Computational Demand: Advanced simulations require significant computational resources, which may exceed standard infrastructure capabilities, limiting the frequency and complexity of simulations.
- Data Availability: The efficacy of kinetic façades relies on comprehensive, site-specific environmental data. Limited access to accurate local climate data may constrain the applicability of findings.

Generalizability of Findings:

- Specificity of Case Studies: The focus on specific library settings limits the generalizability of results to other educational spaces with different orientations,

usage patterns, or climatic conditions.

Ethical and Regulatory Considerations:

- Compliance with Building Codes: While evaluations align with LEED standards, the implementation of kinetic façades must adhere to local regulations, which can vary significantly and impact design flexibility.

Understanding these constraints is crucial for establishing realistic expectations and guiding future research. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration among designers, engineers, and other stakeholders to enhance the integration of kinetic façades in educational settings.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

Green performance remains a key concern in the domain of educational building design, particularly regarding the lighting efficacy of these structures. A multitude of studies has underscored the advantages of incorporating natural sunlight to promote human health while fulfilling conventional requirements for visual acuity and comfort, thereby fostering a healthier and more productive atmosphere (Edwards & Torcellini, 2002; Boyce et al., 2003). Libraries, necessitate exceptional indoor lighting conditions. While artificial lighting sources are inadequate in mimicking the natural illumination and color rendering qualities of sunlight, the unpredictable nature of sunlight's orientation poses challenges to the stability and comfort of indoor lighting (Reinhart & LoVerso, 2010). Therefore, a scientific methodology employing effective design strategies is imperative to harness the intricate and variable natural light and thermal conditions, thereby enhancing the lighting performance of educational facilities.

The exterior of an educational building, commonly referred to as its "skin," functions as the primary interface between the structure and its external environment, merging robust functionality with aesthetic appeal. This façade can regulate the influx of sunlight into the interior, thereby improving the indoor environment in terms of light and thermal comfort (Wang & Hien, 2007). Well-designed building skins, particularly kinetic façades, can dynamically balance daily radiation and natural light, thus creating conditions conducive to indoor thermal comfort (Ochoa et al., 2012). Currently, kinetic façades are gaining traction in educational buildings, offering the adaptability to respond to fluctuating environmental conditions, thereby enhancing control over the indoor lighting environment and improving energy efficiency (Tzempelikos & Athienitis, 2007).

With the advent of computer-aided technology, green building performance simulation, and parametric design tools and methodologies, digital technology has unveiled new avenues for the precise optimization of building performance (Attia et

al., 2013). In addressing multifaceted, multi-objective challenges, kinetic façade designs have been refined through parametric optimization platforms supported by advanced computing, representing the most effective option for enhancing efficiency and decision-making accuracy (Hensen & Lamberts, 2011). These platforms introduce a novel approach to performance-based architectural design with considerable developmental potential (Schlueter & Thesseling, 2009).

Kinetic façades are a groundbreaking advancement in architecture, merging aesthetics with functional innovation. These dynamic systems are engineered to respond to environmental variations, including sunlight, temperature, and wind. By incorporating movable components into a building's exterior, kinetic façades transform static structures into dynamic, interactive entities. The origins of kinetic architecture, from which kinetic façades derive, can be traced back to the early 20th century, with architects such as Buckminster Fuller and Cedric Price exploring avant-garde structures adaptable to user requirements, thereby laying the foundation for modern kinetic designs. By the late 20th century, technological advancements, particularly in sensors and actuators, facilitated the practical implementation of this concept, leading to the development of building façades capable of autonomously responding to environmental stimuli (Moloney, 2011).

In the field of architectural design, the terminology associated with façade systems can sometimes be used interchangeably, resulting in confusion. To clarify, it is essential to define and hierarchically organize the terms kinetic, dynamic, and kinetic façades, elucidating their specific characteristics and relevance to sustainable building design. Kinetic façades are intelligent systems capable of adjusting their properties in response to changing environmental conditions to optimize energy efficiency and occupant comfort. These façades incorporate advanced materials and technologies to dynamically modify aspects such as transparency, insulation, and ventilation. Kinetic façades can be categorized into passive and active systems. Passive kinetic façades utilize natural environmental forces to operate without mechanical intervention, exemplified by materials that alter properties based on temperature or light exposure, such as thermochromic or photochromic materials.

A kinetic façade is a specific type of dynamic façade that reacts to environmental changes to enhance building performance. The term "kinetic" underscores the system's capacity to respond intelligently and effectively to varying external conditions, such as sunlight intensity, wind speed, or temperature. Kinetic façades frequently employ advanced materials and technologies, including smart glazing, responsive shading devices, and integrated control systems, to dynamically adjust their configuration and properties (Loonen et al., 2013).

A dynamic façade refers to a building envelope system that can change or adapt in response to environmental conditions, such as sunlight, temperature, and wind. These systems are designed to enhance the energy efficiency and comfort of a building by real-time adjustments to their properties (e.g., transparency, shading, ventilation). Dynamic façades can be controlled manually or automatically using sensors and actuators to optimize indoor environmental conditions (Kensek, 2014). Dynamic façades can be further divided into two categories: responsive dynamic façades, which automatically adjust to environmental conditions using embedded sensors and control systems, and interactive dynamic façades, which engage users by allowing manual adjustments or responding to user inputs. This interaction may involve movable panels, shading devices, or other elements that users can control to enhance comfort and aesthetics (Addington & Schodek, 2005).

Kinetic façades are a subset of dynamic façades characterized by their physical movement. These façades include components that move to alter the building's exterior appearance and environmental performance. Kinetic façades are categorized based on their motion type. Folding kinetic façades feature panels or elements that fold to adjust shading and visibility, rotating kinetic façades include components that rotate to track the sun or adjust ventilation, and sliding kinetic façades have elements that slide to open or close sections of the façade, thereby enhancing natural ventilation and connectivity with the outdoors.

Kinetic façades are intricately linked to both active and passive design strategies in sustainable architecture. Both passive and active methods play vital roles in

reducing a building's energy consumption and environmental impact. For instance, during winter, kinetic façades can optimize solar energy acquisition, while in summer, they can minimize solar heat gain to prevent overheating. Kinetic technologies can be categorized into two groups: those that rely on passive design strategies to enhance building energy efficiency and comfort, and those that incorporate renewable energy harvesting to optimize energy reduction. Façades must effectively manage these challenges, although this often leads to design conflicts. For example, maximizing the amount of daylight entering a building by increasing the glazing ratio can reduce energy consumption associated with artificial lighting. However, managing glare and illuminance levels within buildings is crucial for improving visual comfort while minimizing energy consumption (Loonen et al., 2013).

The implementation of kinetic façades necessitates addressing these design conflicts, such as balancing daylight penetration with glare control. These façades must effectively manage visual comfort and energy consumption, significantly contributing to sustainable building design through both passive and active methods. Although the initial costs and maintenance requirements of kinetic façades are higher, their long-term benefits in energy savings and environmental impact reduction render them a viable option for future architectural developments. Numerous prominent projects worldwide exemplify the successful integration of kinetic façades (Kolarevic & Parlac, 2015). Kinetic façades represent a significant advancement in architectural design, merging functionality, energy efficiency, and visual appeal. As technology continues to evolve, these systems are anticipated to play a crucial role in the future development of sustainable and interactive architecture. In the broader context of architectural evolution, kinetic façades and their associated technologies reflect a shift towards more responsive and adaptable building designs. This shift aligns with the increasing emphasis on sustainability and energy efficiency in the built environment. The incorporation of kinetic façades into architectural practice underscores the importance of innovation in addressing contemporary challenges in building design and operation (Moloney, 2011). The successful implementation of kinetic façades necessitates a multidisciplinary approach, involving collaboration among architects, engineers, and technology experts. Such collaboration is essential to develop systems

that are not only functional but also aesthetically pleasing and sustainable. Furthermore, the integration of kinetic façades into building designs must consider various factors, including climate, building orientation, and user preferences, to optimize their performance. As the architectural profession continues to evolve, the role of kinetic façades is likely to expand, driven by ongoing technological advancements and the increasing demand for sustainable building solutions (Addington & Schodek, 2005).

In conclusion, kinetic façades embody the convergence of aesthetic innovation and functional performance in modern architecture. By dynamically responding to environmental changes, these systems enhance building sustainability and occupant comfort. The historical evolution and technological advancements that have shaped kinetic façades highlight their potential to transform the architectural landscape. As architects and designers continue to explore and refine these systems, kinetic façades are poised to become integral components of sustainable building design, contributing to the creation of more resilient and dynamic built environments (Kolarevic & Parlac, 2015).

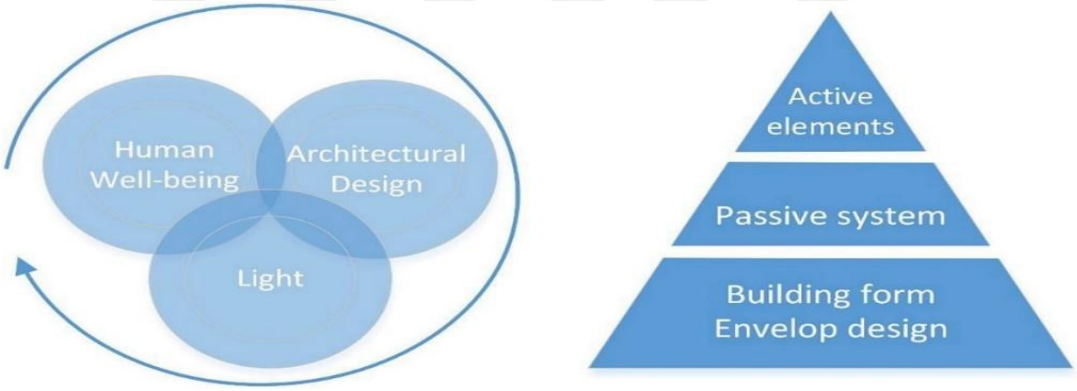


Figure 1. Interdisciplinary investigation through architectural design, human well-being, and light for converting static façade form to active elements. (Hosseini et al., 2016)

The strategies presented herein are instrumental in fostering a favorable indoor environment and improving energy efficiency within buildings. These strategies are consistent with green building standards and wellness-focused architectural designs (Elzeyadi, 2019). Passive techniques encompass architectural and design approaches that do not rely on mechanical or electrical energy. They leverage natural resources, such as sunlight and air, to mitigate glare and heat gain (Gou & Xie, 2017). Notable

passive strategies include the strategic orientation of windows towards the north to minimize glare and heat (Brown, 2018). Architectural shading devices, such as overhangs and louvers, effectively reduce excessive sunlight exposure (Kalyanova & Heiselberg, 2015). Tinted and reflective glazing serve to diminish incoming sunlight, thereby lessening glare and heat accumulation (Aksamija, 2013). Light shelves are employed to reflect daylight deeper into interior spaces, which reduces glare and enhances overall illumination (Tzempelikos & Athienitis, 2007). Additionally, vegetation and landscaping provide natural shading, contribute to air cooling, and promote energy efficiency (Akbari et al., 2001).

Active strategies, which necessitate energy consumption, utilize technologies such as dynamic glazing and Table 19 blinds to manage light and glare (DeForest et al., 2012). These systems adapt based on real-time data to optimize natural light levels and minimize energy usage (Dubois et al., 2011). By decreasing dependence on artificial lighting, these methods aim to lower energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and overall carbon footprint (Rabl, 1985). Well-designed lighting environments that incorporate these strategies are shown to enhance human productivity and health (Veitch & Newsham, 2000).

Wellness-oriented designs seek to enhance the physical and psychological well-being of occupants through thoughtful architectural and building practices. These designs prioritize indoor air quality, natural light, and environmental comfort, thereby creating healthier and more productive indoor environments (Fisk, 2000). They integrate elements that alleviate stress, elevate mood, and support overall health, thereby contributing to sustainable building practices. Metrics for glare, such as the Unified Glare Rating (UGR) and Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) (Wienold & Christoffersen, 2006), along with daylight metrics like Daylight Autonomy (DA) and Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI), are essential for assessing the availability and quality of natural light indoors (Wienold & Christoffersen, 2006; Reinhart et al., 2006). These metrics are vital for designing buildings that optimize natural light, reduce the need for artificial lighting, and enhance occupant well-being. The integration of glare and daylight metrics into architectural design necessitates meticulous consideration of window placement, shading devices, and glazing options to improve visual comfort and energy efficiency.

Green building practices emphasize the use of sustainable materials, energy-efficient systems, and design strategies aimed at minimizing environmental impact. Green building standards are essential frameworks that guide the design, construction, and operation of buildings to ensure they are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout their lifecycle. Among the various global and local standards, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) are the most widely recognized.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design): Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED is one of the most prominent green building certification programs worldwide. It provides a comprehensive framework for healthy, efficient, and cost-saving green buildings. The LEED certification system addresses several key areas: energy efficiency, water conservation, site selection, material selection, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design. Buildings can achieve different levels of LEED certification (Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum) based on the number of points earned across various categories, encouraging higher performance and sustainability goals.

BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method): BREEAM is a leading global sustainability assessment method for buildings, established in the UK. It sets the standard for best practices in sustainable building design, construction, and operation. BREEAM assessments evaluate the performance of buildings in various categories, including energy, health and well-being, materials, transport, waste, water, pollution, land use and ecology, and innovation. It provides a certification rating based on the overall score achieved, ranging from Pass to Outstanding, encouraging continuous improvement and innovation in sustainability practices.

Optimizing daylight is critical for reducing reliance on artificial lighting and conserving energy. Techniques such as strategic window placement, light shelves, and dynamic glazing are employed to maximize natural light while effectively managing glare and heat gain (Bodart & Herde, 2002). Both wellness-oriented designs and green

building practices strive to create indoor environments that foster health, well-being, and sustainability. By incorporating glare and daylight metrics into their designs, architects can significantly enhance energy efficiency and occupant well-being.

In summary, the integration of both passive and active methods for glare control and illuminance management plays a crucial role in promoting energy efficiency and environmental sustainability in buildings. This approach enhances adaptability to the needs of occupants and external conditions while supporting developmental objectives. The increasing demand for energy-efficient and occupant-friendly buildings underscores the pivotal role of innovative lighting solutions in architectural design and operations. The concurrent implementation of these strategies highlights the importance of kinetic façades in harmonizing aesthetic architectural expression with sustainable building management, representing a significant advancement in the interaction of buildings with their environment and energy conservation (Kensek, 2014).

2.1 Kinetic Façade Technology

Kinetic façade technology is fundamentally linked to the evolution of responsive architecture, which began to emerge in the mid-20th century. The notion of structures that can adapt to their surroundings to enhance performance arose as architects and engineers responded to the increasing demand for energy efficiency and occupant comfort. Initial explorations in responsive design typically involved basic mechanical systems, such as adjustable louvers and shades, which could be manually operated to regulate sunlight and ventilation (Brown, 2018).

The energy crisis of the 1970s represented a pivotal moment, catalyzing advancements in building technologies aimed at minimizing energy consumption. During this era, the concept of dynamic façades gained prominence as part of a larger movement towards sustainable design. Architects began to investigate more advanced systems capable of automatically adjusting to environmental conditions, incorporating sensors and control mechanisms to optimize performance (Kensek, 2014).

In the 1990s and early 2000s, progress in materials science and digital technology enabled the creation of more intricate and responsive façade systems. The introduction of computer-aided design (CAD) and building information modeling (BIM) allowed architects to experiment with complex kinetic structures and simulate their performance under varying conditions (Kensek, 2014). This period witnessed the rise of notable projects featuring kinetic façades, such as the Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, designed by Jean Nouvel, which showcases a dynamic façade composed of mechanized metal lenses that regulate light and heat.

Kinetic façades adjust their properties in response to environmental variations by utilizing materials such as electrochromic glass, which effectively manages heat, light, and airflow (Böke et al., 2018; Granqvist, 2007). These façades integrate passive elements, including shading devices, alongside active components like smart windows, to optimize indoor environments. This integration reduces reliance on HVAC systems and promotes energy efficiency (Baetens et al., 2010; Loonen et al., 2013). By modulating the transparency of façade elements, kinetic systems can effectively regulate glare and maximize the use of natural daylight, thereby improving indoor lighting quality and diminishing the need for artificial lighting (Favoino et al., 2016).

In contrast to their static counterparts, kinetic façades possess the capability to physically alter their shape or position in response to environmental stimuli. This is achieved through the use of motors and actuators that manipulate components such as louvers or panels (Fox & Kemp, 2019). Advanced materials, including shape-memory alloys and responsive polymers, facilitate passive movement, thereby enhancing the building's interaction with its environment (Picon, 2021). The dynamic attributes of kinetic façades enable them to serve both functional and aesthetic purposes, transforming building exteriors into engaging and visually striking structures (Bergin & Huang, 2020). Furthermore, kinetic façades adeptly manage glare and optimize daylight. For instance, louvers can be adjusted throughout the day to mitigate excessive sunlight, thereby reducing glare while allowing diffused light to permeate interior

spaces. This dynamic light regulation not only enhances visual comfort but also lowers energy consumption by decreasing reliance on artificial lighting (Moloney, 2011).

Kinetic façades encompass a variety of types, including solar tracking systems that adjust components to optimize sunlight capture, ventilation façades that regulate permeability for air circulation, and kinetic insulation systems that modify insulating properties in response to temperature changes (Tibbits, 2022). Solar tracking systems, in particular, are highly effective in maximizing natural light utilization; by following the sun's trajectory, these systems enhance daylight exposure during winter while minimizing heat gain in summer, thus improving overall energy efficiency. Noteworthy examples of kinetic façade systems include the Al Bahr Towers in Abu Dhabi, which feature a moving Mashrabiya façade that adjusts according to the sun's path, and the One Ocean Pavilion in Yeosu, South Korea, which boasts a kinetic façade inspired by sea anemones to enhance both ventilation and aesthetic appeal (Norman & Carter, 2019).

Despite the higher initial costs and maintenance challenges associated with kinetic façades, their long-term advantages in energy conservation and environmental impact mitigation render them a viable option for sustainable construction (Lopez & Martin, 2021). These façades can significantly diminish a building's energy consumption by dynamically regulating light and thermal exchange, thereby lessening dependence on artificial lighting and HVAC systems. In summary, while kinetic façades focus on altering material properties to enhance building performance, they also introduce dynamic physical transformations, playing a pivotal role in the advancement of sustainable and interactive architecture (Böke et al., 2018; Fox & Kemp, 2019; Picon, 2021). Their capacity to manage glare and optimize daylight not only contributes to energy efficiency but also enhances the overall well-being and productivity of building occupants by fostering a more comfortable and visually appealing indoor environment.

Kinetic façades represent a transformative approach to architectural design, integrating aesthetics and functionality through the application of advanced

technologies. As the construction industry increasingly adopts sustainable practices, these intelligent building façades signify a substantial advancement in the development of structures that are more adaptable, efficient, and visually appealing. The term "technology" encompasses the utilization of intelligent and responsive building façades that can dynamically adjust to fluctuating environmental conditions and occupant needs. The concept of kinetic façade technology has been recognized since the 1980s and has gained importance due to the rising demand for energy-efficient buildings that enhance interior comfort (Böke et al., 2018).

A diverse array of technological mechanisms and materials is employed to effectively regulate heat, light, ventilation, and solar radiation. Smart façades in architectural design contribute to reduced energy consumption, foster a comfortable indoor environment, allow for customization of the building's appearance, and enhance interaction with the surrounding environment and its inhabitants. These façades exhibit responsiveness, thereby improving efficiency and flexibility by dynamically adapting to environmental factors such as sunlight, temperature, and wind. This optimization seeks to enhance both energy efficiency and occupant comfort (Kaluarachchi & Jones, 2007). By leveraging advanced materials and technologies, building façades can modify attributes such as transparency, insulation, and ventilation, significantly contributing to a building’s sustainability and energy efficiency (Ochoa et al., 2012).

The concept of kinetic façades extends beyond mere energy conservation to improve living and working conditions within buildings. These façades automatically adjust to maintain a stable internal climate, thereby reducing reliance on energy-intensive HVAC systems. This adaptability not only enhances building efficiency but also improves occupant comfort and productivity (Turner, 2019). From a technological perspective, kinetic façades utilize elements such as electrochromic glass to manage solar radiation and heat transfer while preserving external views (Deb et al., 2001).

Various technologies emulate natural processes in biomimetic façades, such as ventilation systems inspired by termite mounds or kinetic systems designed for self-reconfiguration to enhance shading or wind protection (Clark et al., 2020). The integration of kinetic façades is crucial for urban development to address the increasing

demand for energy-efficient building solutions. This technology plays a significant role in reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions in rapidly growing urban areas (Perino & Serra, 2015). Research indicates that kinetic façades can lower total energy consumption in buildings by 10-30%, contingent upon climatic and architectural variables (Hoseini et al., 2016).

Kinetic façades, a specific category within this field, introduce a dynamic aspect to building design by altering shape or position in response to environmental stimuli or occupant requirements. This adaptability encompasses features such as rotating louvers for controlling light and air or shifting panels for shading. In contrast to kinetic façades that modify material properties, kinetic façades physically transform to achieve designated outcomes (Fournier et al., 2014).

2.2 Kinetic Facade Systems and Types

Kinetic facade systems are revolutionizing architectural design by enabling buildings to adapt dynamically to environmental conditions and user interactions. Unlike traditional static facades, kinetic facades feature components that move or change configuration in response to external stimuli, such as sunlight, wind, temperature, or human activity. This adaptability offers several benefits, including enhanced energy efficiency, improved occupant comfort, and the creation of visually engaging structures that interact with their surroundings.

Kinetic façade systems represent cutting-edge architectural design methodologies that harmoniously blend aesthetic appeal with functional performance. These systems empower buildings to adapt to fluctuating environmental conditions, thereby enhancing energy efficiency and occupant comfort. While both kinetic and static façades exhibit responsive behaviours to external stimuli, they diverge in their operational mechanisms, functionalities, and specific applications.

The development and implementation of kinetic facades involve various design strategies and technologies. Parametric design tools are often employed to simulate and optimize facade performance under different conditions. For example, a

methodology developed for designing interactive motion facades utilizes parametric strategies combined with simulation tools to create designs that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also perform efficiently in terms of light and energy management (Panya et al., 2020). This approach allows designers to explore a wide range of design possibilities and select the most effective solutions for specific building contexts.

Environmental and economic benefits of kinetic facade systems are substantial. By reducing the energy needed for heating, cooling, and lighting, these systems contribute to lower operational costs and reduced carbon emissions, aligning with global sustainability goals. In educational buildings, for example, integrating interactive facades that balance natural and artificial lighting can create energy-efficient environments that enhance user comfort and performance (Elfakharany et al., 2018).

Moreover, kinetic facades offer aesthetic flexibility and can enhance the architectural identity of a building. They provide architects with tools to create dynamic, living structures that change throughout the day or in response to seasonal variations. This dynamism not only improves the functional aspects of the building but also adds a layer of expressiveness that can make structures more engaging and memorable.

The integration of kinetic facade systems into building design represents a significant shift towards adaptive and responsive architecture. As technology continues to advance, the capabilities and applications of kinetic facades are expected to expand, providing architects and engineers with new opportunities to design buildings that are more sustainable, interactive, and attuned to the needs of their occupants and the environment.

Kinetic façades can be categorized into two primary types: responsive and interactive. Each category employs distinct technologies to achieve specific functional and aesthetic goals. Responsive façades typically adjust in response to environmental changes, optimizing energy efficiency and occupant comfort through adaptive mechanisms such as shading devices or light control systems (Elfakharany et al., 2018). Interactive façades, on the other hand, are designed to actively engage with

users or their surroundings, incorporating elements like media displays or moving components to create dynamic visual effects and convey information (Panya et al., 2020).

2.2.1 Responsive kinetic façades. Responsive kinetic façades represent a significant advancement in contemporary architectural practices, merging functionality with dynamic aesthetics to transform building exteriors. These systems are designed to adapt to environmental changes and user needs, thereby fostering a harmonious relationship between structures and their surroundings. By integrating dynamic components that respond to stimuli such as light, temperature, and wind, kinetic façades contribute to enhanced energy efficiency and a reduced ecological footprint of buildings (Smith & Taylor, 2022).

Equipped with movable or adjustable components, responsive façades can be operated either mechanically or manually to achieve various objectives, including the optimization of sunlight exposure, improvement of natural ventilation, and provision of effective shading. Typically, these adjustments are facilitated by automated systems equipped with sensors that monitor environmental conditions, prompting necessary adaptations to maintain optimal internal climates and decrease dependence on energy-intensive HVAC systems (Smith & Taylor, 2022).

Advanced responsive façades utilize technologies such as shape-memory alloys, bi-metallic strips, or fluid-driven surfaces. These materials possess the ability to alter their shape, opacity, or rigidity in response to environmental stimuli without the need for external power sources, relying instead on their inherent physical properties. Such innovations not only enhance energy efficiency but also present new opportunities for creative architectural expression (Jones, 2021).

Responsive façades present challenges, including higher initial costs and maintenance complexities. Nevertheless, the long-term advantages in terms of energy savings, reduction of environmental impact, and enhancement of user comfort render these systems a compelling option for future-proof building designs. As technology

continues to advance, it is anticipated that these systems will become increasingly accessible, facilitating their integration into mainstream architectural practices (Green Building Council, 2022).

2.2.2 Interactive kinetic façades. Interactive kinetic façades represent a convergence of architecture, technology, and user engagement, fundamentally altering the way buildings interact with their environments and occupants. These dynamic systems elevate façades beyond their traditional roles as mere protective or aesthetic features, transforming them into active, kinetic elements within urban landscapes. They respond to environmental conditions and engage with users, thereby offering a distinctive, responsive experience that enhances both functionality and visual appeal (Fischer & Herr, 2021).

Equipped with sensors, actuators, and digital control systems, interactive kinetic façades possess the capability to alter their structure in response to various data inputs, including weather conditions, daylight levels, movement, and human presence. This adaptability promotes energy efficiency by optimizing natural light and heat gains, thereby reducing dependence on artificial climate control and lighting. Consequently, these façades contribute to sustainable urban development by adjusting to environmental conditions in real-time (Kroner, 2022).

A particularly noteworthy aspect of interactive kinetic façades is their potential to transform architectural spaces into immersive environments that engage and communicate with the public. For example, façades may feature panels that move or change colour in response to external stimuli or interactive inputs, effectively converting buildings into large-scale interactive displays. This not only enhances the urban experience but also allows buildings to fulfil broader functions, such as serving as platforms for art exhibitions or disseminating public information (Bates & Johnson, 2020).

These façades employ a variety of mechanisms, including mechanical and electronic components, to facilitate motion and interactivity. Mechanical technologies

may encompass rotating or sliding panels, while electronic technologies could involve LED systems or digital screens integrated into the façade to create visually striking and interactive patterns. The incorporation of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies further enhances these functionalities, enabling buildings to communicate with other intelligent devices and systems within the urban environment, thereby fostering a more interconnected and dynamic urban setting (Omar & Davidson, 2021).

Both responsive and interactive forms of kinetic façades epitomize the forefront of architectural innovation, merging advanced technology with thoughtful design to create buildings that function not merely as static structures but as dynamic participants in their environments. Responsive façades adapt to environmental changes, such as sunlight, temperature, and wind, by adjusting their elements to optimize energy efficiency, control glare, and maintain indoor comfort. Interactive façades take this concept a step further by incorporating sensors and intelligent systems that respond to real-time data and user input, allowing the building to actively engage with its occupants and surroundings.

As the field progresses, these systems are poised to redefine the relationship between architectural spaces and their users, envisioning a future where buildings provide more than mere shelter. Instead, they become integral components of urban life, contributing to sustainability initiatives by reducing energy consumption, enhancing air quality, and promoting natural light. By integrating smart technologies, kinetic façades have the potential to improve the overall well-being of occupants, fostering healthier, more comfortable living and working environments. Moreover, these innovative systems can play a crucial role in mitigating the environmental impact of buildings, making them a vital element in the pursuit of sustainable urban development and the fight against climate change. As such, kinetic façades represent a transformative approach to architecture, one that blurs the boundaries between nature and the built environment, creating a more harmonious and resilient future for cities and their inhabitants (Kolarevic & Parlac, 2015).

2.3 Kinetic Façade and Dynamic Shading

Kinetic façade and dynamic shading are innovative solutions that contribute to the sustainability of educational buildings. These technologies improve energy efficiency, enhance indoor comfort, and promote a healthier learning environment. By integrating kinetic façades and dynamic shading systems, educational institutions can significantly reduce their energy consumption, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and foster a more sustainable future.

Kinetic façades are building exteriors that can change their appearance and behavior in response to environmental conditions. These façades utilize various mechanisms such as rotating panels, sliding screens, and folding elements to adapt to changes in sunlight, temperature, and wind. The primary goal of kinetic façades is to optimize the building's performance by controlling the amount of natural light and ventilation entering the interior spaces. This adaptability leads to reduced reliance on artificial lighting and mechanical cooling systems, thereby lowering energy consumption and operational costs (Attia, Evrard, & Gratia, 2018). Dynamic shading systems, on the other hand, are designed to regulate the amount of solar radiation entering a building. These systems include motorized blinds, louvers, and smart glass that can adjust their opacity or orientation based on real-time weather data and occupant preferences. By controlling the penetration of sunlight, dynamic shading helps maintain optimal indoor temperatures and reduces the need for air conditioning. This not only enhances energy efficiency but also improves the thermal comfort and well-being of occupants (Ochoa, Aries, & Hensen, 2012).

One of the key benefits of kinetic façades and dynamic shading in educational buildings is their ability to create a comfortable and productive learning environment. Studies have shown that natural light and appropriate indoor temperatures positively impact students' cognitive functions, mood, and overall academic performance (Schulte-Markwort, Legenbauer, & Kelb, 2016). By incorporating these technologies, educational institutions can provide well-lit, thermally balanced, and visually appealing spaces that enhance the learning experience. Moreover, kinetic façades and

dynamic shading systems contribute to the aesthetic value and architectural identity of educational buildings. These technologies offer designers and architects the flexibility to create visually dynamic and engaging façades that reflect the institution's commitment to sustainability and innovation. The ever-changing appearance of kinetic façades can also serve as an educational tool, demonstrating to students the importance of environmental responsiveness and sustainable design (Perino & Serra, 2015).

From an environmental perspective, the adoption of kinetic façades and dynamic shading systems in educational buildings supports the reduction of carbon footprints. By minimizing the reliance on artificial lighting and mechanical cooling, these technologies decrease the consumption of fossil fuels and the emission of greenhouse gases. This aligns with global efforts to combat climate change and promotes the responsible use of natural resources (Li, Song, & Liu, 2018). In conclusion, kinetic façade technology and dynamic shading are effective sustainable solutions for educational buildings. They enhance energy efficiency, improve indoor comfort, support academic performance, and contribute to environmental sustainability. By embracing these innovative technologies, educational institutions can lead the way in creating greener and more sustainable built environments.

2.4 Kinetic Façade Characteristics and Parameters

The evaluation of various kinetic façade systems is undertaken with an emphasis on movement as the primary distinguishing characteristic (see Table 1). This analytical framework classifies movement into five distinct categories: rotation, deformation, folding, sliding, and hybrid. Additionally, the framework incorporates six other essential factors: the type of system (active or passive), the nature of the control system (manual or centralized), the method of element control (individual or collective), the intended function of the façade (daylighting, thermal regulation, or airflow management), response time (measured in seconds, minutes, or hours), and the degree of visibility (low, medium, or high) (Loonen et al., 2013; Fox & Yeh, 2000).

Table 1

Type of Systems - Proposed Comparison Matrix

Type of System	Passive	
	Active	
Type of Movement	Rotation	Full rotation
		Oscillatory motion
	Deforming	
	Folding	
	Sliding	
	Hybrid	
Type of Control System	Hand-Operated Control	
	Central Control	
Control Type of Elements	Individually	
	Total Movement	
Function of the Façade	Daylight Control	
	Thermal Control	
	Airflow	
Response Time	Seconds	
	Minutes	
	Hours	
Visibility	Low	
	Medium	
	High	

Responsive façades can be classified into two principal categories: active systems and passive systems. Active systems utilize mechanical configurations to enable the movement of façade components in response to environmental conditions or user demands. These systems depend on actuators, sensors, and control mechanisms for their functionality (Loonen et al., 2013). In contrast, passive systems autonomously modify their configuration by harnessing natural forces such as wind, sunlight, or temperature variations to induce movement, thereby underscoring the fundamental operational differences between active and passive systems in achieving kinetic façade performance (Fox & Yeh, 2000).

The movement of components within responsive façade systems can be categorized into five primary types: rotation, deformation, folding, sliding, and hybrid. (see Table 2). Rotation involves elements pivoting around an axis, either in a complete or oscillatory manner, allowing them to traverse along an arc. Deformation refers to the change in shape of elements induced by external forces, while folding encompasses the inward and outward motion of rigid panels. Sliding describes the movement of elements along a defined axis, and hybrid systems combine multiple forms of movement.

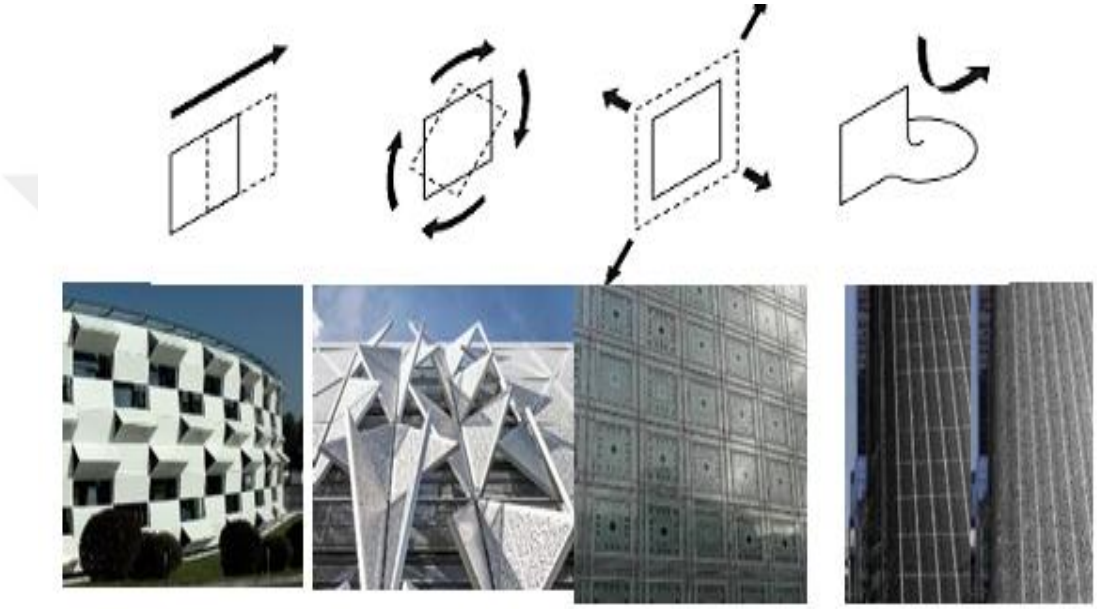


Figure 3. Forms of geometric transitions for kinetic facades
(Moloney, 2011)

The type of control system is a critical factor in facilitating movement within responsive façades. These systems can be categorized into two types: hand-operated control, which requires manual intervention, and central control, which is automated (see Table 2). Furthermore, the assessment of element control involves examining the capacity for independent or collective movement. Individual control allows for autonomous operation, whereas total control ensures synchronized motion among all components (Beesley, 2010; Picon, 2013). These systems fulfil various functional roles, including the regulation of daylight to manage the entry of natural light, the adjustment of thermal conditions to control heat retention and dissipation, and the management of airflow to ensure proper ventilation (Hosseini et al., 2014).

Table 2

Comparison of Types of Movement in Responsive Facades.

Type of Movement	Description	Control System	Control of Elements	Function of the Facade
Rotation	Elements rotate around an axis (full or oscillatory)	Hand-operated/Central	Individual/Total	Daylight/Thermal/Airflow
Deforming	Elements deform in shape under applied forces	Hand-operated/Central	Individual/Total	Daylight/Thermal/Airflow
Folding	Rigid panels fold in and out	Hand-operated/Central	Individual/Total	Daylight/Thermal/Airflow
Sliding	Elements move back and forth along a defined axis	Hand-operated/Central	Individual/Total	Daylight/Thermal/Airflow
Hybrid	Combines more than one type of movement	Hand-operated/Central	Individual/Total	Daylight/Thermal/Airflow

2.4.1 Folding category. The classification of folding systems within kinetic façades encompasses mechanisms that utilize foldable components to enhance daylighting and thermal regulation. For instance, folding kinetic façades are capable of dynamic adjustments, allowing for the control of solar heat gain and glare, which in turn improves indoor thermal comfort and creates a more favorable lighting environment (Wu, 2023; Al-Masrani, Al-Hafiz, & Al-Mohanna, 2024) (see Figure 4).

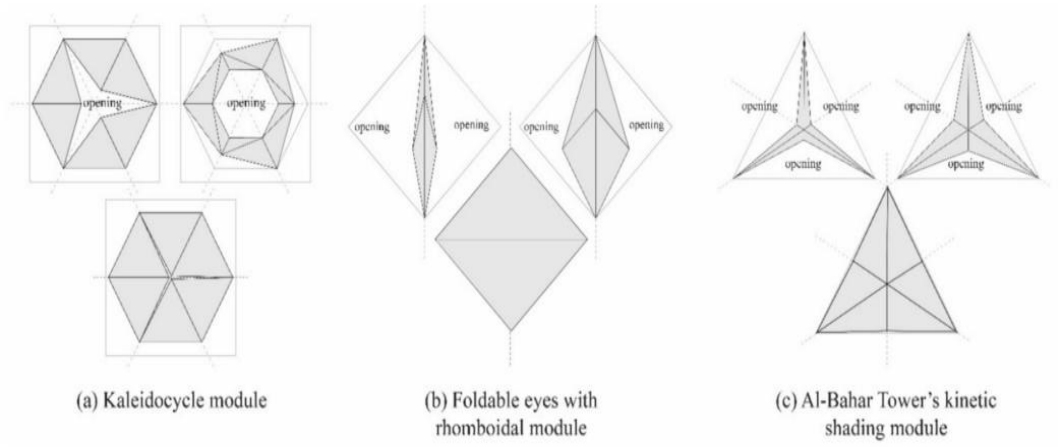


Figure 4. Operation of kinetic fold element.
(Elghazi, Y., Wagdy, A., & Abdalwahab, S., 2015)

Numerous architectural structures exemplify the innovative application of folding categories within kinetic façades, which aim to enhance daylighting and

thermal regulation through the integration of advanced technology, thereby creating responsive and adaptable building envelopes.

The Al-Bahr Towers in Abu Dhabi serve as a pioneering illustration of the convergence of innovative design and sustainable architecture. The façade system of the Al-Bahr Towers signifies a substantial advancement in adaptive architecture, particularly in the context of sustainable building design in arid climates. This dynamic and responsive façade is meticulously engineered to improve energy efficiency by controlling the influx of solar radiation into the building. This is achieved through a series of operable shading elements that adjust their orientation in accordance with the sun's trajectory throughout the day (Alotaibi, 2015) (refer to Figure 5.B). These twin towers, each standing at a height of 145 meters, are iconic landmarks in the UAE's skyline, symbolizing modern engineering and environmental stewardship. Designed by Aedas Architects and completed in 2012, the towers function as the headquarters for the Abu Dhabi Investment Council.

A particularly noteworthy feature of the Al-Bahr Towers is their dynamic façade. Inspired by the traditional Islamic Mashrabiya, this kinetic skin consists of over 2,000 honeycomb-like elements that open and close in response to the sun’s movement. This innovative design effectively reduces solar gain by up to 50%, thereby significantly decreasing reliance on air conditioning and overall energy consumption. The façade not only provides shade but also facilitates the entry of natural light into the office spaces, creating a comfortable and energy-efficient working environment (Attia, 2016). The towers incorporate a range of sustainable technologies to enhance their eco-friendly characteristics, including a rooftop solar array for renewable energy generation, a rainwater harvesting system to minimize water usage, a high-efficiency cooling system, and LED lighting to further reduce energy consumption (Attia, 2016).

In addition to their functional attributes, the Al-Bahr Towers possess significant aesthetic appeal, seamlessly blending sleek modern design with traditional elements. The innovative sustainable design of the towers has received recognition, including

the 2012 CTBUH Innovation Award (Attia, 2016) (see Figure 5.A). The building features 1,049 hexagonal panels that are controlled by four linear actuators, all managed by a central Building Management System (BMS) to optimize daylight utilization and thermal conditions. This system enhances energy efficiency, mitigates glare and solar heat gain, and promotes sustainability (Cilento, 2012).

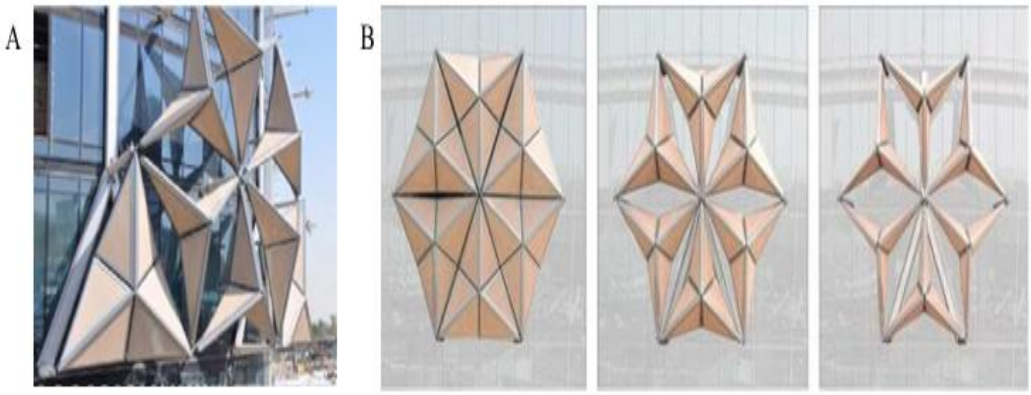


Figure 5. A: Al-Bahr Tower in Abu Dhabi (Attia, 2015), B: Different possible configurations of the Al-Bahr façade system (Alotaibi, 2015).

The second example, the Kiefer Technic Showroom located in Bad Gleichenberg, Austria, was designed by Giselbrecht + Partner in 2007 and exemplifies innovative modern architecture (see Figure 6). A prominent characteristic of this structure is its dynamic facade system, which incorporates adjustable white panels that modulate light intake. This kinetic facade adapts to environmental variations, thereby enhancing energy efficiency and interior comfort by tracking the sun's trajectory to minimize glare and heat (Giselbrecht, 2010). The architectural design emphasizes transparency and openness, featuring extensive glass surfaces that create a seamless connection between the interior and exterior, thereby augmenting its aesthetic appeal (Giselbrecht, 2010). The showroom is designed with a flexible layout that accommodates a diverse array of displays and functions, effectively showcasing a wide range of products and services. The implementation of sustainable architectural practices is evident in the dynamic facade, which contributes to energy conservation through the utilization of natural light and ventilation (Soltani & Atashi, 2023).

Advanced technologies are employed to manage the facade, lighting, and climate control systems, ensuring efficient operation and occupant comfort (Sharma & Kaushik, 2023).

The Kiefer Technic Showroom has garnered international recognition for its innovative design, serving as a benchmark for future projects that harmoniously integrate aesthetics with functional and sustainable solutions (Engin & Dincer, 2023). The building is equipped with 112 folding panels, each operated by 56 motors, which regulate daylight and thermal conditions to foster a comfortable indoor environment while minimizing energy consumption. The design prioritizes high visibility, contributing to an open and inviting atmosphere (Ahmad & Alibaba, 2019).

Figure 6. The Kiefer Technic Showroom by Ernst Giselbrecht, Steiermark, Austria. (Ernst Giselbrecht + Partner, 2010)

The third example, The OPEN Café-Restaurant, conceived by Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme in 2019, serves as a notable example of the innovative application of kinetic façade technology through its distinctive glazed façade. Situated in an undisclosed location, this groundbreaking design features façade elements that can move independently, operated by motors. This functionality allows the windows to fold, thereby facilitating natural cross-ventilation within the dining area (see Figure 7). The dynamic nature of this façade not only enhances its visual appeal but also enriches the dining experience by seamlessly merging indoor and outdoor environments.

A significant advantage of this kinetic façade system is its adaptability. The capacity to control specific components of the façade permits precise regulation of daylight and airflow, enabling adjustments to varying environmental conditions. This

adaptability guarantees a comfortable and pleasant atmosphere for diners, irrespective of external weather conditions (Johnson, 2020). By allowing the windows to fold and unfold as necessary, the design promotes a natural airflow, thereby diminishing the reliance on artificial cooling systems. This not only bolsters the sustainability of the restaurant but also creates a unique and engaging environment for patrons. The OPEN Café-Restaurant exemplifies the potential of kinetic façades in contemporary architecture, demonstrating how such technology can significantly enhance both the functionality and user experience of a building (Ahmad & Alibaba, 2019).

Figure 7. The OPEN Café-Restaurant
(Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme, 2019)

In contrast, the fourth example, the Mokyeonri Wood Culture Museum situated in South Korea, features a unique façade distinguished by hexagonal leaves arranged in pairs on a black metal framework (see Figure 8). This façade is equipped with a mechanism that enables the movement of the leaves, allowing them to fold within a few minutes. The primary function of this façade is to control the amount of daylight entering the museum, thereby protecting the wooden exhibits from excessive sunlight while simultaneously enhancing the visual appeal of the exterior. However, it is important to note that visibility is somewhat reduced in this instance compared to other examples, due to the dense configuration of the hexagonal modules (Cilento, 2012).

The varying degrees of visibility among these structures highlight the diverse design strategies and functional priorities that characterize their architectural approaches. In conclusion, the Kiefer Technic Showroom and the Open-Café

Restaurant emphasize high visibility to create an open and interactive atmosphere. Conversely, the Al-Bahr Towers successfully strike a balance between visibility and shading, thereby enhancing energy efficiency. The Mokyeonri Wood Culture Museum, however, prioritizes the management of daylight to safeguard its exhibits, resulting in diminished visibility. These examples collectively demonstrate the substantial potential of kinetic façades to markedly improve the environmental sustainability of buildings (Sung, 2017; Lee & Kim, 2018; Smith & Wigginton, 2019).

Figure 8. Mokyeonri Wood Culture Museum
(Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme, 2019).

Summarizes four architectural projects that utilize fold category kinetic façades, each designed to achieve specific functional and aesthetic goals (see Table 3). These projects illustrate diverse applications of fold kinetic façades across different building types, emphasizing their role in energy efficiency, climate control, user comfort, and environmental adaptability.

Table 3

Examples of Fold Category

Project	Designer	Build	When	What They Achieved
Kiefer Technic Showroom	Matin, Eydgahi, and Shyu	Showroom	2017	Innovative use of kinetic facade elements for energy efficiency and aesthetics
Al-Bahr Towers	Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme	Towers	2019	Improved building climate control through an adaptive shading system
OPEN Cafe-Restaurant	Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme	Cafe-Restaurant	2019	Flexible and responsive facade for varying environmental conditions and enhancing user experience
Mokyeonri Wood Culture Museum	Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme	Museum	2019	Aesthetic and functional integration of kinetic facade for natural ventilation and light control

2.4.2 Rotational category. The rotational active façade exemplifies an advanced kinetic façade system characterized by its rotating components, which are designed to optimize both daylight and thermal performance. This cutting-edge façade technology enables building envelopes to respond dynamically to environmental changes, thereby improving indoor conditions. The rotational active façades can adjust the angle and position of their elements, allowing for precise control over sunlight penetration, shading, and ventilation. This level of adaptability significantly enhances energy efficiency, reduces glare, and promotes occupant comfort by decreasing dependence on artificial lighting and HVAC systems. Numerous buildings have successfully integrated rotational active façades, achieving a harmonious balance between aesthetic appeal and environmental sustainability. These systems not only enhance the visual attractiveness of the structure but also play a crucial role in creating energy-efficient and comfortable indoor environments (Sung, 2017; Smith & Wigginton, 2019). (see Figure 9).

A prominent example illustrating this concept is the Q1 ThyssenKrupp Headquarters in Essen, Germany. This building serves as an exemplary model of contemporary corporate architecture that effectively combines sustainability with advanced building technologies. Designed by JSWD Architekten in collaboration with Chaix & Morel et Associés (see Figure 9), the project features a rotating kinetic façade, integrated green spaces, and adaptable office environments, all of which have received considerable acclaim within the architectural community. The façade consists of stainless-steel elements that resemble feathers, which dynamically adjust their orientation throughout the day to align with the sun's path (Loonen et al., 2013). This system efficiently performs its rotational movements, regulating the amount of light entering the interior and minimizing undesirable solar heat gains. Such adaptability not only enhances occupant comfort but also contributes to improved energy efficiency by reducing the demand for artificial lighting and cooling systems.

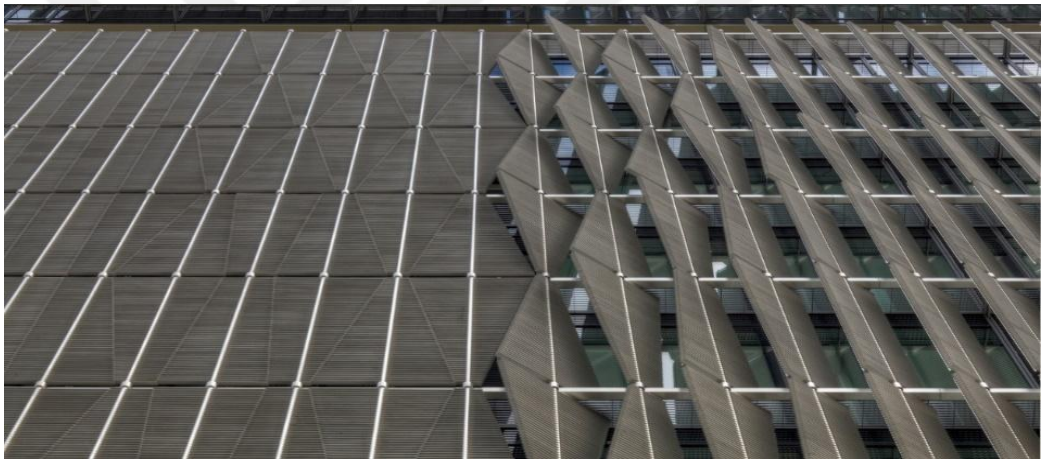


Figure 9. Q1, ThyssenKrupp Quarter Essen / JSWD Architekten + Chaix & Morel et Associés. (Christian Richters, Günter Wett, Michael Wolff photographers, 2010)

The second example of an active kinetic façade can be observed at the Sebrae Headquarters. The Sebrae Headquarters, designed by Gruposp and Luciano Margotto, is a significant architectural project located in Brasília, Brazil (see Figure 10). Completed in 2010, the headquarters emphasizes integration with the natural and built environment, offering a flexible and environmentally efficient workspace. Here, the façade elements consist of metal panels that rotate around a vertical axis situated along the extended edge of each panel. The panels possess the capability to be opened separately, providing flexibility in managing solar exposure and preventing

overheating. The primary goal of this design is to shield the building against excessive heat, reduce the cooling demand, and consequently improve energy efficiency and occupant comfort (Loonen et al., 2013; Picon, 2017).

Figure 10. The Sebrae Headquarters
(archello website, Sebrae National Headquarters, 2010)

In a similar way, the third example, the Mpavilion, introduced in 2014 and designed by architect Sean Godsell, presents an alternative approach to active kinetic façades. Located in Melbourne, Australia, the outer surface of the structure is composed of metal panels that can be adjusted into various configurations using an electric actuator. The panels can rotate up to 90 degrees, creating diverse spatial experiences and enabling accurate management of daylight and ventilation. The hinge mechanism on the shorter sides of the panels facilitates this movement, allowing rapid alterations to the building's appearance and utility within minutes (Bingham-Hall, 2014; Godsell, 2014) (see Figure 11).

Moreover, the design of the Mpavilion emphasizes the relationship between built structures and their natural surroundings. By allowing the panels to rotate, the structure can modulate natural light and ventilation, reducing reliance on artificial climate control systems. This adaptability enhances the user experience by creating comfortable interior environments while also contributing to energy efficiency. The pavilion's design aligns with contemporary architectural trends that prioritize sustainability, flexibility, and user interaction (Smith, 2016).

Figure 11. Mpavilion.

(Sean Godsell Architects, 2014)

The Ballet Mécanique, designed by Andrew Kudless of Matsys and completed in 2014 in Houston, Texas, exemplifies an innovative approach to active kinetic façades. This installation features a dynamic outer surface composed of aluminum panels that can rotate up to 90 degrees using a system of electric actuators and hinge mechanisms (see Figure 12). These adjustments allow for diverse spatial experiences and precise management of daylight and ventilation, altering the installation's appearance and functionality within minutes (Kudless, 2014; Rosenfield, 2015).

In addition to its technical innovation, the Ballet Mécanique integrates art and architecture, demonstrating a deep understanding of structural and aesthetic considerations. The rotating panels interact with natural light, casting dynamic shadows and creating a constantly changing visual experience. This adaptability enhances the installation’s engagement with its surroundings and audience, making it a living piece of architecture that responds to the passage of time and environmental changes (Jones, 2015).

Figure 12. Ballet Mechanique
archdaily.com/Ballet Mechanique / Manuel Herz Architects

In such kinetic facades, active systems frequently integrate mechanical movements, whereas passive kinetic façades attain adaptability through innovative design and material selection. These systems are typically simpler and require less maintenance compared to their active counterparts (Scavée, Triantafyllidis, & Palamas, 2022). However, they can still significantly enhance a building's performance by responding to environmental changes.

The Chicken Point Cabin in Northern Idaho, USA, is celebrated for its innovative integration with the natural environment. A large pivoting window serves as both a functional and aesthetic feature, allowing the living area to fully open to the outdoors, maximizing natural light and ventilation while framing scenic views of the lake and forest (Smith, 2016).

Architect Tom Kundig's use of a manual hand-cranked mechanism emphasizes tactile, interactive design, encouraging occupants to physically engage with the building to adjust its configuration. This design reflects Kundig's focus on simplicity, durability, and a strong connection to the environment (Brown, 2014).

The cabin demonstrates the potential of kinetic architecture in creating adaptable living spaces. The pivoting window not only enhances functionality but also transforms how the cabin interacts with its surroundings, showcasing the value of movement and adaptability in sustainable residential design (Jones, 2015).

Figure 13. The Chicken Point Cabin
(Tom Kundig, 2003)

2.4.3 Sliding Category. The incorporation of slide kinetic systems involves movable panels or elements that can slide, rotate, or pivot, enabling real-time adaptation to changing environmental conditions or occupant requirements. The motion can be either manual or automated, typically controlled by sensors that react to variables such as sunlight, wind, or temperature. These systems assist in regulating daylight, enhancing energy efficiency, ensuring privacy, and improving the overall aesthetic appeal of the building (Schumacher, 2015). incorporation integration sliding motion is a prominent key characteristic various kinetic façade, offering both aesthetic appeal and functional benefits advantages through the incorporation of mechanical systems.

The first example is, The Brisbane Airport Parking Garage in Queensland, Australia, features an innovative kinetic facade designed by American artist Ned Kahn, in collaboration with Hassell architecture, UAP, and the Brisbane Airport Corporation. Constructed in 2011, this eight-story, five-thousand-square-meter facade comprises

approximately 250,000 aluminium panels that move independently in response to wind, creating an effect reminiscent of a vertical water body or calm waves (Delana, 2015) (see Figure 14).

This dynamic, sliding kinetic system not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the structure by visually connecting it to natural wind patterns but also offers substantial environmental benefits. As daylight filters through the moving panels, it casts intricate light patterns and shadows inside the car park, reducing the need for artificial lighting and contributing to energy efficiency. The facade also provides shade and natural ventilation, which help lower interior temperatures and mitigate the heat island effect, as noted by Johnson in 2016. This project exemplifies the potential of interdisciplinary collaboration, combining Kahn's expertise in environmental and kinetic art with Hassell's architectural proficiency and UAP's innovation in public art, to create a visually engaging and environmentally responsible urban space. The Brisbane Airport Parking Garage stands as a testament to the integration of art, architecture, and environmental design, setting a benchmark for future architectural endeavours (Smith & Brown, 2013).

Figure 14. Brisbane Airport Parking Garage facade, Queensland, Australia (Brisbane Airport Kinetic Parking Garage Facade by Ned Kahn + UAP, 2012).

The California Gallery, designed by Tom Kundig of Olson Kundig Architects and completed in 2018, exemplifies innovative architectural principles by blending industrial elements with natural landscapes. Located in Northern California, the gallery reflects Kundig's philosophy of integrating indoor and outdoor spaces through

dynamic, operable façades, similar to his earlier project, the Chicken Point Cabin in Idaho (Schumacher et al., 2019) (see Figure 15).

The gallery's façade features a complex system of gears and pulleys that allows for the seamless opening of a large glass wall. This mechanism serves both functional and aesthetic purposes, facilitating ventilation and outdoor access while acting as a sculptural element. The design promotes a smooth transition between the interior and the natural surroundings, reinforcing Kundig's emphasis on creating architecture that engages with its environment (Kundig, 2016).

Kundig's work on the California Gallery demonstrates his belief that architecture should be an experiential medium that connects people with their surroundings. By incorporating adaptable façades, Kundig enhances the building's functionality and fosters a deep connection with the natural environment, making the gallery a standout example of innovative and responsive design (Schumacher et al., 2019).

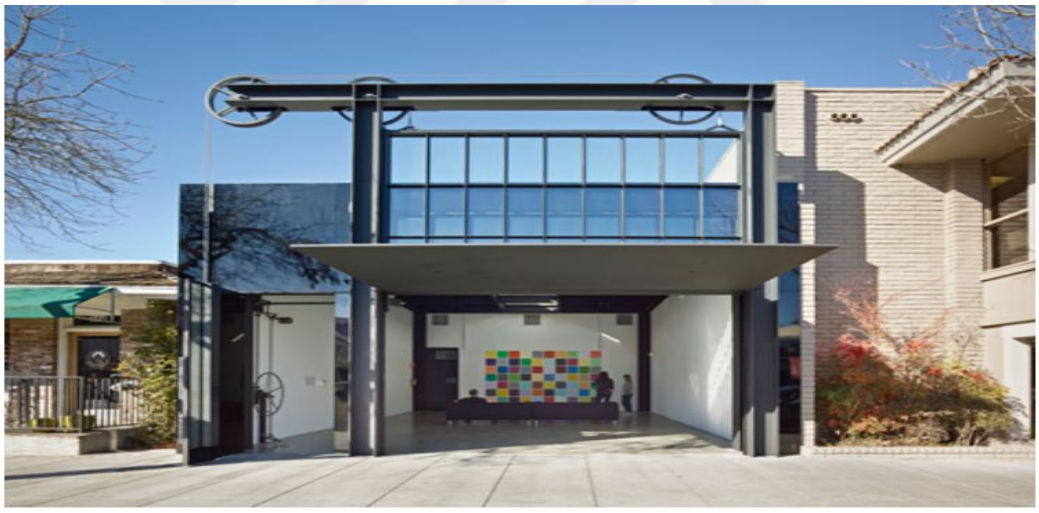


Figure 15. California Gallery.
(Matin, Eydgahi, and Shyu, 2017)

The Duke of York Restaurant in London, designed by the Swiss architecture firm Herzog & de Meuron, is a notable example of innovative design that integrates seamlessly with its environment. Completed in 2018 as part of the redevelopment of Duke of York Square in Chelsea, the restaurant features a modernist circular structure

with a glass façade that offers unobstructed views of the square and the surrounding area (Schumacher, Vogt, & Cordón Krumme, 2019).

A key feature of the restaurant is its green, domed roof, which helps it blend with the natural surroundings and reduces its visual impact in the square. The extensive use of glass enhances transparency and connection between indoor and outdoor spaces while maximizing natural light, creating a bright and spacious atmosphere (Matin, Eydgahi, & Shyu, 2017).

Herzog & de Meuron's design balances functionality and aesthetics, emphasizing the relationship between the building and its environment. The restaurant's interior complements the modern exterior with minimalist decor and high-quality materials, offering a luxurious yet comfortable dining experience. The strategic layout provides guests with views of the square and a sense of privacy, integrating the restaurant seamlessly into the daily life of the square (Schumacher et al., 2019) (see Figure 16).

Figure 16. The Duke of York Restaurant
(Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme, 2019)

2.4.4 Deforming Category.

A deforming kinetic façade system belongs to the category of kinetic architecture, characterized by components that are engineered to alter their shape or arrangement in reaction to environmental stimuli, user engagement, or particular design specifications. Such façades serve to improve the functionality and visual attractiveness of structures by offering dynamic, adaptable surfaces capable of real-time adjustments in response to diverse factors (Schumacher et al., 2019).

The first example, The One Ocean Pavilion, showcased at Expo 2012 in Yeosu, South Korea, stands out as a notable instance of modern architecture that underscores the connection between human society and the ocean. Created by the Austrian architectural firm Soma, the pavilion was envisioned as a vibrant and engaging environment that mirrors the theme of the Expo, "The Living Ocean and Coast" (Soma, 2013) (see Figure 17).

The One Ocean Pavilion, completed in 2012, is both a visually striking structure and a symbol of sustainability and marine conservation. The pavilion features an innovative kinetic façade made of flexible lamellas that adjust to environmental stimuli, such as wind and light. This dynamic design allows the building to adapt to its surroundings, providing a continuously changing visual experience while enhancing ecological efficiency (Soma, 2013).

The pavilion emphasizes sustainability through the use of renewable energy, rainwater harvesting, and energy-efficient systems. It serves as a model of eco-friendly architecture, aiming to reduce environmental impact and promote ocean conservation awareness (Schumacher et al., 2019).

Overall, the One Ocean Pavilion exemplifies the potential of sustainable design, combining advanced technology with environmental respect to create a lasting symbol of international cooperation for marine ecosystem preservation (Soma, 2013).

Figure 17. The One Ocean Pavilion.
(Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordón Krumme, 2019)

Various systems classified as deforming utilize smart materials to achieve kinetic functionalities. The Homeostatic Façade System serves as an example of an advanced passive design that automatically adapts to environmental conditions such as sunlight and temperature variations to ensure optimal comfort for building occupants (see Figure 18). This innovative system integrates dielectric elastomers within a double-skin glass façade. These elastomers, which are coated with a reflective silver layer, undergo deformation in response to electric charges, enabling the façade to adjust without the reliance on external mechanical systems. This design facilitates efficient thermal regulation and energy conservation by autonomously responding to environmental stimuli (Cao, Hill, & Conn, 2019).

The façade system comprises engineered ribbons constructed from dielectric elastomers that are embedded within a double-skin glass façade. The dielectric elastomers, coated with silver for light reflection, contribute to improved energy efficiency. These materials deform in the presence of electric charges, allowing the façade to autonomously adapt without the need for external mechanical systems.

Figure 18. Homeostatic Façade System.
(Matin, et al., 2017)

The described façade system utilizes engineered ribbons made from dielectric elastomers integrated into a double-skin glass façade. These elastomers, coated with silver for enhanced light reflection, deform when subjected to electric charges, allowing the façade to adapt autonomously without external mechanical systems. This innovative use of smart materials enables the façade to respond effectively to environmental stimuli, ensuring thermal comfort and promoting energy efficiency (Fox & Kemp, 2009).

The flexibility and adaptability of deformable façades open up new possibilities for architectural expression, allowing buildings to harmonize more seamlessly with their environment. Deformable façades represent a significant advancement in architecture, blending aesthetic creativity with functional efficiency. Examples like the One Ocean Pavilion and the Homeostatic Façade System illustrate how these systems can revolutionize building design by enhancing a structure's flexibility and responsiveness to its surroundings. As technology continues to evolve, the potential for deformable façades is expected to expand, leading to more sustainable and dynamic architectural solutions.

2.4.5 Hybrid category. A hybrid kinetic façade system refers to a type of building envelope that combines both passive and active elements to achieve adaptability and responsiveness to environmental conditions or user requirements. In this system, passive elements might include fixed shading devices or materials with inherent thermal properties, while active components could consist of movable panels, louvers, or other mechanisms that can be adjusted in real-time. The hybrid nature of these façades allows for enhanced control over light, ventilation, and thermal performance, providing a balance between energy efficiency and dynamic architectural expression (Schumacher, Vogt, & Cordón Krumme, 2019).

The Institute du Monde Arabe (IMA) in Paris, designed by Jean Nouvel in partnership with Architecture-Studio and completed in 1987, is a prominent example of contemporary architecture that merges traditional Arab culture with modern design. The IMA aims to promote awareness of Arab culture and strengthen connections between France and the Arab world (Nouvel, 2002).

A key feature of the IMA is its innovative kinetic façade, which consists of 240 photo-sensitive, motor-controlled apertures known as "moucharabiehs." Inspired by traditional Arab latticework, these apertures open and close in response to changing light conditions, controlling the amount of sunlight entering the building. This dynamic system optimizes natural lighting, reduces the need for artificial light, and serves as a thermal regulator, enhancing energy efficiency (Schumacher, Vogt, & Cordón Krumme, 2019).

The façade's design combines traditional Islamic architectural elements with advanced technology, linking the building to its cultural heritage while allowing it to respond to its environment in real-time. This blend of tradition and innovation results in a functional and visually striking structure (Nouvel, 2002).

Passive façade systems present a distinct approach compared to active systems by operating without requiring actuators, motors, or sensors (Cordón Krumme, 2019).

Figure 19. Institute Du Monde Arabe.
(Schumacher, Vogt, and Cordon Krumme 2019)

The second example, Wind Arbor, a project by Matin, Eydgahi, and Shyu in 2017, is characterized by its intricate façade that interacts with natural elements (see Figure 20). The design features a series of vertical fins that respond to wind and light, creating a kinetic and visually engaging experience. This project serves as a prime example of how sustainable design principles can be seamlessly integrated with aesthetic considerations (Matin, Eydgahi, & Shyu, 2017). The system comprises 260,000 aluminum metal fins that are mounted on the glass façade of a hotel lobby. These fins effectively provide shade to the interior, thereby preventing excessive sunlight and heat from entering the building (Purwanto, 2023). This design plays a critical role in maintaining comfortable indoor temperatures and reducing the need for air conditioning systems, consequently decreasing energy consumption and improving the building's overall energy efficiency (Alhuwayil et al., 2023).

Furthermore, the fins generate a dynamic interplay of light and shadow in the lobby, which changes according to the wind's intensity and direction. This feature not only enhances the visual appeal of the building's architecture but also enriches the overall experience of the visitors by establishing a constantly evolving atmosphere that mirrors the external natural elements (Xu, 2021). Incorporating such dynamic components in architectural design has the potential to greatly improve the aesthetic and sensory journey for the inhabitants, rendering the space more interactive and

pleasurable (Jin, 2023). In addition, the integration of 260,000 aluminum fins on the glass façade of the hotel lobby showcases a sophisticated fusion of technology, sustainability, and design.

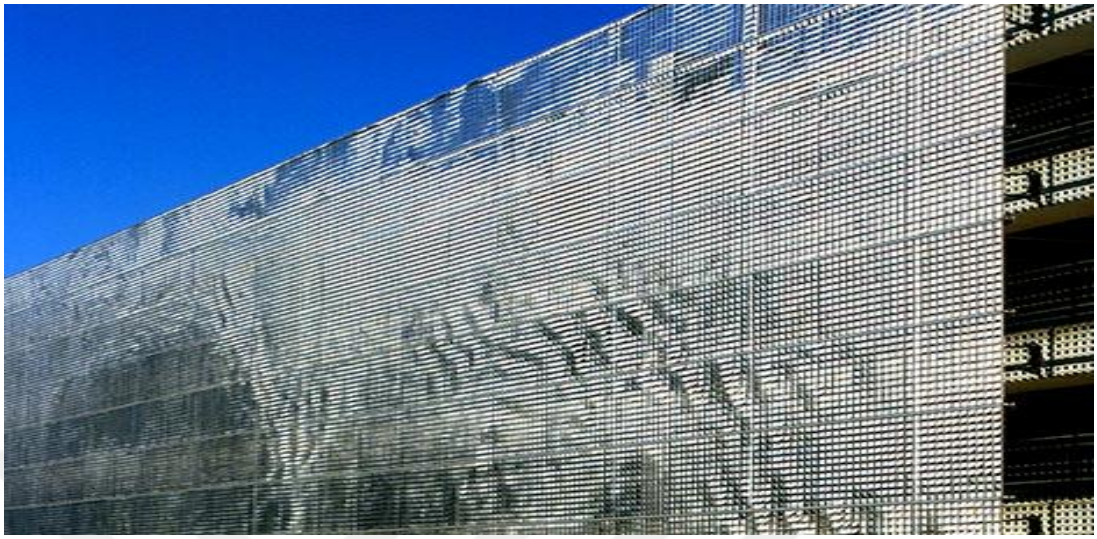


Figure 20. Wind Arbor
(Kahn, 2012)

The Breath Box Waterfront Pavilion, designed by NAS Architecture for the 2015 Festival of Lively Architecture in La Grande Motte, France, is a striking example of the convergence of art, architecture, and environmental engagement. This temporary structure was crafted to interact with natural elements, particularly wind, to create a vibrant and immersive experience for visitors (Walker, 2015; Fortmeyer & Linn, 2014).

The pavilion's design features a kinetic façade composed of reflective aluminum panels attached to a flexible framework. These panels move independently in response to wind, creating a shimmering, undulating effect that visually mimics the act of breathing, hence the name "Breath Box." This dynamic interaction with the wind not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also responds directly to the pavilion's waterfront setting (Walker, 2015).

As wind flows across the pavilion, the reflective panels sway, capturing and reflecting light and the surroundings in constantly shifting patterns. This creates a captivating visual effect that blurs the lines between the pavilion and its environment, making it appear almost alive (Walker, 2015; Fortmeyer & Linn, 2014).

The Breath Box Pavilion embodies sustainable design by using the natural force of the wind to animate its façade, minimizing reliance on mechanical systems and reducing energy consumption. This approach aligns with contemporary architectural trends that emphasize environmental responsiveness and sustainability (Walker, 2015; Fortmeyer & Linn, 2014).

Overall, the Breath Box Waterfront Pavilion is an exemplary project that demonstrates the potential of kinetic architecture to create visually engaging and environmentally adaptive spaces. Its innovative design not only interacts with natural elements but also offers a thoughtful reflection on the relationship between architecture and nature (Walker, 2015).

Figure 21. The Breath Box Waterfront Pavilion
(Walker, 2015)

According to the comparison matrix, the prevailing method in implemented responsive façades predominantly relies on active systems (see Table 4). These active systems utilize actuators, motors, or sensors to provide immediate responses to changing environmental conditions. Passive systems, on the other hand, are frequently utilized in pavilions or exhibition structures, prioritizing aesthetic and functional aspects rather than thermal or daylight control (Fortmeyer & Linn, 2014).

Table 4

Facade Systems Projects

Project	Project Location Year	Type of System	Control Type of System	Function of the Façade	Response Time	Visibility
Chicken Point Cabin	USA 2002	Folding	Manual	Shading	Medium	High
Ducking Pavilion	BR 2016	Folding	Semi-automatic	Daylight optimization	Fast	Medium
Livraria da Vila	BR 2007	Rotation	Manual	Ventilation	Slow	High
California Gallery	USA 2012	Sliding	Fully automatic	Thermal regulation	Medium	Medium
Duke of York Restaurant	UK 2019	Folding	Semi-automatic	Shading	Fast	Medium
One Ocean Thematic Pavilion	KR 2012	Folding	Fully automatic	Daylight optimization	Fast	Medium
Institute Du Monde Arabe	FR 1989	Rotation	Manual	Shading	Slow	High
Homeostatic Façade System	USA 2013	Sliding	Fully automatic	Daylight optimization	Fast	Medium
Pittsburgh Children's Museum	USA 2004	Sliding	Semi-automatic	Thermal regulation	Medium	High
Wind Arbor	SGP 2010	Rotation	Manual	Shading	Medium	Low
Breath Box Waterfront Pavilion	FR 2014	Sliding	Fully automatic	Thermal regulation	Fast	Medium
Windswept	USA 2011	Folding	Semi-automatic	Ventilation	Medium	Medium
Latvia Pavilion Expo 2010	CN 2010	Folding	Fully automatic	Daylight optimization	Fast	High
Keifer Technic Showroom	AUT 2007	Rotation	Fully automatic	Shading	Fast	Medium
Al-Bahr Towers	UAE 2012	Folding	Semi-automatic	Daylight optimization	Medium	Medium
OPEN café Restaurant	NLD 2008	Folding	Manual	Ventilation	Slow	Medium

Mokyeonri Wood Culture Museum	KOR 2017	Rotation	Fully automatic	Shading	Fast	Medium
ThyssenKrupp Headquarters	DEU 2010	Sliding	Semi-automatic	Thermal regulation	Medium	Medium
Sebrae Headquarters	BRZ 2010	Folding	Fully automatic	Daylight optimization	Fast	Medium
Mpavilion 2014	AUS 2014	Folding	Manual	Shading	Slow	Medium
Ballet Mécanique	CHE 2017	Rotation	Semi-automatic	Thermal regulation	Medium	Medium
Council House 2 Building	AUS 2006	Folding	Fully automatic	Ventilation	Fast	Medium

This literature review provides a comprehensive overview of different kinetic façade implementations across various building types and geographical locations, showcasing the diversity and adaptability of kinetic systems in architecture.

The table highlights a range of kinetic façade systems, such as folding, rotation, and sliding mechanisms, each tailored to meet specific functional requirements like shading, thermal regulation, and daylight optimization. It also details the control types of these systems, from manual and semi-automatic to fully automatic operations, emphasizing the versatility and advanced technology integration in modern architectural design.

Chapter 3

Sustainable Design and Daylight Optimization with Kinetic Façades

Kinetic facades represent an innovative strategy in sustainable design, offering various benefits that enhance the functionality of buildings and the well-being of inhabitants. Through the integration of advanced technologies and adaptable materials, kinetic facades have the potential to greatly enhance the energy efficiency and ecological sustainability of buildings. One of the primary advantages of kinetic facades is their capacity to significantly reduce energy consumption. These facades improve thermal comfort by optimizing solar radiation through automatic adjustments that align with the sun's path throughout the day. This kinetic feature enables a harmonious balance between maximizing natural light and minimizing heat gain, resulting in energy-efficient buildings (Attia, 2016; Nielsen et al., 2011). During peak sunlight hours, kinetic facades can reduce the heat entering the building, thereby reducing the reliance on air conditioning. Conversely, in cooler periods, these facades can increase sunlight penetration to naturally warm the interior, reducing the need for heating.

Kinetic facades demonstrate exceptional effectiveness in utilizing natural daylight, offering numerous advantages over artificial lighting. Natural daylight not only showcases superior energy efficiency but also contributes positively to the well-being of occupants. The exposure to natural light has been associated with enhanced mood, heightened productivity, and overall improved health. Kinetic facades play a crucial role in reducing the dependence on artificial lighting by effectively regulating the amount and quality of natural light entering the building. This approach results in decreased energy usage and fosters the creation of a more pleasant and healthier indoor setting (Attia, 2016).

The energy efficiency achieved through kinetic façades plays a crucial role in reducing environmental impact. By lowering energy consumption, emissions from power plants are reduced, thus aiding in decreasing the carbon footprint. This is especially significant in the global initiatives to combat climate change and minimize

greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, building owners benefit from decreased operational costs as a result of lower energy usage. Eventually, the savings on energy costs can offset the initial investment in kinetic façade technology, making it a financially viable option for sustainable architectural design (Nielsen et al., 2011).

Kinetic facades provide architects with significant flexibility in design and aesthetics. The ability to experiment with various shading techniques and materials allows for the development of innovative and visually appealing facade designs. This adaptability not only improves energy efficiency but also empowers architects to create buildings that are both functional and visually pleasing (Aksamija, 2013). For example, incorporating dynamic shading systems into facade designs can generate changing patterns and textures in response to the sun's movement, adding a distinctive visual element to the structure. Kinetic facades are crucial for enhancing indoor comfort by regulating temperature and lighting conditions. Facades play a critical role in managing the entry of solar radiation into buildings. By effectively controlling solar heat gain, facades help stabilize indoor temperatures, thereby reducing the need for HVAC systems (Ahriz et al., 2022). The incorporation of double-skin facades (DSFs) has been proven to significantly decrease energy consumption in tall office buildings, especially in hot, arid climates. Research indicates that DSFs can lower heating energy usage by up to 28% and cooling energy consumption by 53.5% (Ahriz et al., 2022). Furthermore, the visual intricacy and appeal of architectural facades can impact their effectiveness in regulating solar radiation and preserving thermal comfort within buildings (Lee & Ostwald, 2022). This leads to a more comfortable environment for occupants, potentially enhancing productivity and overall satisfaction. Additionally, by optimizing natural daylight, kinetic facades reduce glare and offer a more even distribution of light, contributing to visual comfort (Ochoa et al., 2012).

To assess the effectiveness of kinetic façades, integrated simulations play a crucial role. These simulations allow architects and designers to analyze the interactions among various factors such as solar radiation, heat gain, and occupant comfort. By simulating different scenarios and environmental conditions, designers can gain valuable insights into the behavior of the façade and its impact on energy

usage and occupant satisfaction (Attia, 2016). Through the use of integrated simulations, architects can efficiently evaluate the performance of kinetic façades in terms of energy consumption, solar radiation control, and occupant well-being. This process facilitates the creation of building exteriors that meet the criteria for energy efficiency and comfort, thereby ensuring the development of sustainable and high-performance architectural designs (Nielsen et al., 2011; Attia, 2016). For example, simulations can help determine the optimal orientation and layout of shading devices to maximize energy conservation and enhance indoor comfort.

Integrated simulations play a crucial role in enabling scenario planning and optimization, allowing designers to evaluate and enhance various design strategies before implementation. This iterative approach aids in pinpointing the most effective solutions for enhancing energy efficiency and enhancing occupant comfort. Taking into account diverse factors such as local climate, building orientation, and occupancy patterns, designers can create kinetic façades tailored to address the unique requirements and circumstances of each project (Tzempelikos & Athienitis, 2007).

The knowledge acquired through integrated simulations plays a crucial role in enabling informed decision-making throughout the design process. Architects and engineers can leverage simulation data to justify design decisions and convey the benefits of kinetic façades to stakeholders. This data-driven methodology guarantees that design choices are in harmony with sustainability goals and performance criteria, ultimately resulting in improved outcomes for both the environment and occupants of the building (Attia, 2016).

3.1 Daylighting and Light Quantity

Daylighting and light quantity play crucial roles in architectural design, particularly in the context of establishing a sustainable and comfortable indoor environment. The utilization of a kinetic façade to optimize daylighting is paramount for improving visual comfort, reducing reliance on artificial lighting, and ultimately decreasing energy consumption. Daylighting involves the deliberate introduction of

natural light into a structure to diminish the necessity for artificial lighting during daylight hours. This practice offers various advantages, such as enhancing occupant well-being, boosting productivity, and cutting down on energy expenses. By strategically configuring the kinetic façade to facilitate optimal daylight penetration while mitigating issues like glare and heat accumulation, a building can strike a harmonious balance between natural light and thermal comfort. Conversely, light quantity pertains to the level of illumination present in a given space, typically quantified in lux or foot candles.

Maintaining appropriate light quantity levels across the building is essential for establishing a pleasant and functional indoor setting. Through the utilization of parametric design and optimization tools to assess and refine the façade design of a structure, architects can proficiently regulate the influx of natural light into the space and optimize light distribution to various areas within the building. Light, in this context, denotes the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum perceptible to the human eye. The sun serves as the primary source of light energy for buildings, encompassing both direct and indirect sunlight over the course of a day. The diagram illustrates that most scenarios involve a combination of direct and diffused light (see Figure 22).

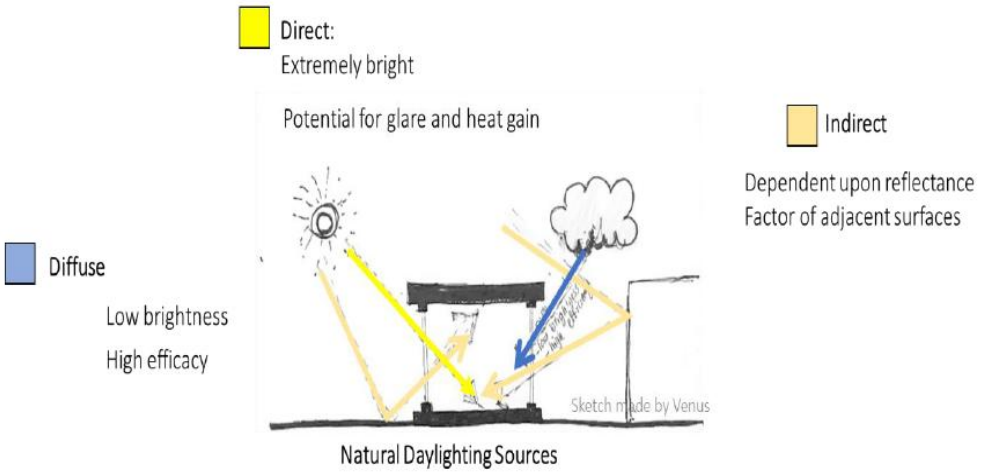


Figure 22. Illustration of natural daylighting sources

(Lechner, 2009)

Providing adequate natural light in educational facilities can enhance productivity by creating a well-lit indoor environment. However, direct sunlight entering the workspace may lead to discomfort due to excessive heat and glare. Discomfort caused by low or high light intensity can be assessed by measuring illuminance on a grid-based work plane. Hourly weather data is essential for calculating illumination-based metrics to ensure timely outcomes (Tabadkani, 2020). Environmental elements such as climate, latitude, site obstructions, building geometry, windows, skylights, glass properties, transmittance, and shading can influence the performance of daylighting (VELUX, 2010). The utilization of natural daylight is crucial for user comfort and satisfaction, as well as for reducing the reliance on artificial lighting. Daylighting strategies primarily involve passive measures, which significantly improve circadian rhythms, overall health, well-being, and occupant satisfaction. Research indicates that proper daylighting can reduce absenteeism and enhance students' productivity. Moreover, effective solar control can reduce cooling loads by managing solar heat gain in warm periods and utilizing it in colder periods, thereby decreasing energy consumption for both heating and cooling. Consequently, appropriate daylighting practices result in substantial energy savings by reducing the need for artificial lighting and cooling systems (Edwards & Tortellini, 2002; Boyce, 2003).

This thesis approach es the sustainability issue through the exploration of facade and interior lighting conditions. In this context, luminance and illuminance, which are critical in the development of efficient lighting design and extensive applications across diverse fields, is explained below. Proficiency in these principles can result in creating environments that not only fulfill practical requirements but also improve comfort, productivity, and overall welfare.

3.1.1 Illuminance. Illuminance, measured in LUX, denotes the quantity of light that illuminates a surface. It plays a crucial role in the architectural planning of educational facilities, with a particular emphasis on libraries. Effective lighting within libraries is essential to provide users with sufficient light levels for reading, studying, and other tasks demanding visual accuracy. Appropriate illuminance levels contribute to diminishing eye strain and fatigue, thereby improving the learning environment and productivity.

In library settings, different sections necessitate distinct levels of illuminance depending on the activities carried out in those zones. For example, reading spaces, computer workstations, and stack areas each have unique lighting requirements. As per the guidelines provided by the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES), a minimum of 300 lux is advised for general reading and study zones to promote visual comfort and productivity (IES, 2011). Computer workstations may demand similar or slightly higher illuminance levels, while stack areas can operate effectively with lower levels of illuminance, typically around 200 lux, given that the primary task involves book retrieval rather than extended reading sessions.

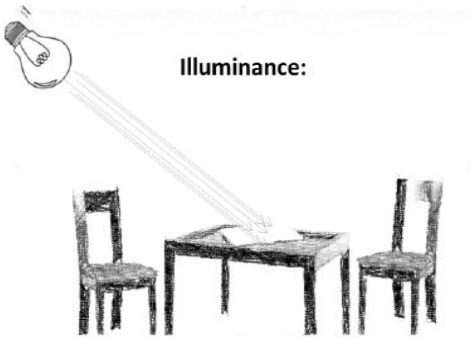
Furthermore, libraries frequently derive advantages from a blend of natural and artificial lighting. The efficient utilization of daylight can notably improve light quality and decrease energy usage. Nonetheless, it is crucial to control glare and guarantee consistent light dispersion to prevent the formation of overly bright or dark areas.

3.1.2 Luminance. Luminance refers to the intensity of light emitted or reflected from a surface.
It quantifies the brightness of a surface as perceived by the human eye and is typically measured in candelas per square meter (cd/m^2). In educational facilities like libraries, maintaining suitable luminance levels is crucial for improving visual comfort, optimizing natural light utilization, and reducing glare (Boyce, 2003) (see Figure 23).

Luminance is a crucial factor that determines the perceived brightness of a surface to the human eye, playing a significant role in visual perception and comfort.

Maintaining appropriate luminance levels in libraries is essential for fostering an environment that is conducive to reading, studying, and engaging in educational activities. Excessive luminance can result in glare, leading to discomfort and decreased visual acuity, whereas insufficient luminance may contribute to eye strain and fatigue (Veitch & Newsham, 2000). Hence, achieving a balance in luminance levels is imperative to establish optimal visual conditions.

Libraries necessitate meticulous examination and calibration of luminance levels to optimize visual comfort and effectiveness. Various sections within a library exhibit diverse luminance requirements, underscoring the importance of customizing the lighting scheme accordingly (Cuttle, 2003). Different areas in a library require specific lighting solutions tailored to their functions to optimize comfort and usability. Reading areas need consistent luminance levels to prevent excessive brightness variations that can cause glare. This can be minimized by reducing reflective surfaces and direct light sources, thereby enhancing the reading experience (Fox & Kemp, 2009). For computer stations, it is important to control luminance levels to avoid screen glare and reflections, which can be distracting and lead to eye strain. Proper lighting design in these areas focuses on minimizing direct light sources and reflections on screens to create a comfortable and productive work environment (Matin, Eydgahi, & Shyu, 2017). Stack areas require adequate illumination for users to read book titles and navigate the shelves safely, but they do not need the same brightness levels as reading areas. Effective lighting in stack areas ensures safety and ease of access without unnecessary intensity (Matin, Eydgahi, & Shyu, 2017).



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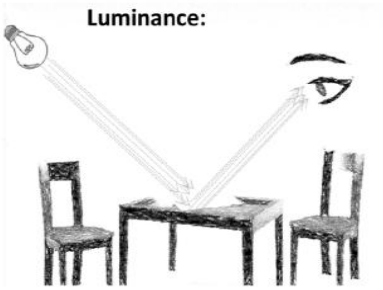
Illuminance	LUX (SI), Foot candle (I-P) 1 fc =10 lux	lx(SI), Fc(I-P)



	Units	Symbol
Luminance:	Candela per square meter (SI) Candela per square foot(I-P)	cd/m2 cd/ft2

Figure 23. Understanding of Luminance and Illuminance
(Abdollahi, Venus, 2021)

3.2 Daylight Metrics

Daylight metrics are pivotal in evaluating the effectiveness of natural light in architectural design. These metrics are indispensable for assessing the level of illumination in a space provided by daylight, which significantly impacts energy consumption, occupant contentment, and overall well-being. The primary daylight metrics include Daylight Factor (DF), Daylight Autonomy (DA), Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI) and Spatial Daylight Autonomy (SDa).

3.2.1 Daylight factor (DF). The Daylight Factor (DF) serves as a quantitative measure in the realm of architecture and building design to assess the level of natural daylight present in a specific area. It represents the ratio of the illuminance at a particular point on a designated plane (typically the work plane or desk surface) indoors to the illuminance on an outdoor horizontal plane under overcast sky conditions (Reinhart & Walkenhorst, 2001).

The Daylight Factor is commonly represented as a percentage and serves as a measure of the extent to which a space receives natural light during daylight hours. A higher DF value signifies a larger influx of natural light into space, which can lead to energy conservation, enhanced visual comfort, and improved well-being for occupants (Tregenza & Wilson, 2011).

The Daylight Factor (DF) stands as one of the earliest and most straightforward daylight metrics. It is characterized as the indoor illuminance at a specific point divided by the outdoor illuminance under overcast sky conditions, typically presented as a percentage. DF is calculated using the formula:

$$DF\ (\%) = (EinsideEoutside) \times 100 \text{DF (\%) = (EoutsideEinside)×100}$$

Where $Einside$ is the indoor illuminance and $Eoutside$ is the outdoor illuminance (Energy, 2012). Despite its simplicity, DF does not account for direct sunlight or varying sky conditions, limiting its applicability in dynamic daylight environments (Tregenza & Wilson, 2011). However, it remains useful for initial design considerations, particularly in regions with predominantly overcast skies.

DF was utilized to calculate the daylight value in space. It defines the ratio of outdoor illuminance to interior space illuminance, as indicated in percentage, as shown in Figure. The greater the number of DF, the more natural light is accessible in space (see Figure 24).

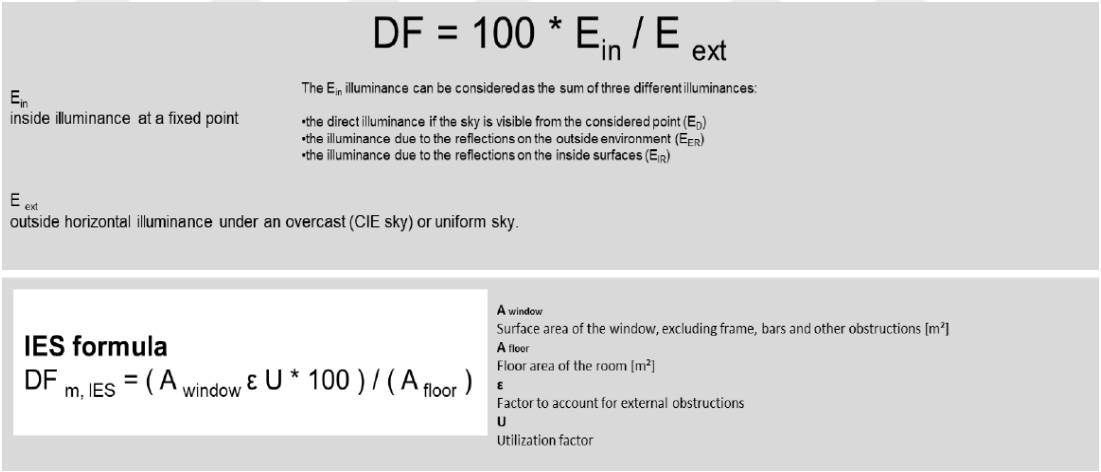


Figure 24. Daylight factor (DF) formula.

(Energy, 2012)

According to Energy 2012, spaces with a daylight factor (DF) of less than 2% necessitate electric lighting for the majority of the year. Spaces that maintain an average DF ranging from 2% to 5% strike a favorable equilibrium between thermal

considerations and lighting requirements. Conversely, spaces with a DF exceeding 5% rarely need electric lighting, but they may lead to thermal challenges due to heat dissipation in winter and excessive heat accumulation in summer. (Energy, 2012).

DF serves as a widely utilized metric for evaluating daylight performance in buildings (DiLaura, 2011). It represents the ratio of the internal light level at a specific point within a building to the unshaded external light level under the Standard CIE overcast Sky conditions (Trezenga & Loe, 1998; Pollock, 2009; Cantin & Dubois, 2011). The daylight factor is a static simulation, conducted at a single time step, commonly employed in architecture and building design to assess the availability of internal daylight as perceived on the working plane or surface, considering the occupants' work activities.

3.2.2 Daylight Autonomy (DA). A commonly used annual metric in architectural design that is relatively straightforward. It is typically defined as the proportion of occupied hours in a year during which a space exceeds a minimum daylight threshold, indicating that the space is sufficiently illuminated by natural daylight without the need for artificial lighting (Reinhart et al., 2006). This metric, such as DA, can be utilized to assess performance at specific locations and analyze the distribution of daylight within space (Reinhart, 2006; DiLaura, 2011). One key advantage of daylight autonomy compared to the daylight factor is its consideration of facade orientation, user occupancy patterns, and the full range of sky conditions throughout the year (Reinhart, 2002).

Daylight Autonomy (DA) is a quantitative measure utilized in architectural design and analysis to assess the duration of time during which a space is sufficiently illuminated by natural daylight without the necessity of artificial lighting. It is quantified as the percentage of annual occupied hours during which a space achieves a predetermined illuminance level solely through natural daylight (Reinhart et al., 2006).

While proposing for a sustainable library building in BAU Future Campus in Istanbul, the evaluation of the kinetic façade design will consider Daylight Autonomy as a crucial factor. The optimization of the façade aims to maximize useful daylight illuminance, with the objective of decreasing the dependence on artificial lighting, enhancing visual comfort for occupants, and improving energy efficiency within the building.

Utilizing parametric design tools and environmental analysis software including Ladybug and Honeybee, the study endeavors to enhance Daylight Autonomy within the internal areas of the structure. Through the simulation and optimization of the design variables of the dynamic façade, this research aims to amplify the proportion of hours during which the space is occupied and adequately illuminated by natural light, thereby fostering a more sustainable and comfortable indoor setting. It quantifies the percentage of yearly daylight hours necessary to determine if a specific location receives a specified level of illumination. This designated illumination level is contingent upon the function of the building. For instance, in office structures, the threshold typically falls within the range of 350 to 750 lux (IES, 2021).

3.2.3 Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI). A metric employed to assess the quality of natural light in an indoor environment. It provides insights into the amount of daylight that is suitable for tasks requiring visual acuity, such as reading or working on a computer, while minimizing glare and discomfort. UDI considers both the levels of illuminance and the duration for which these levels are maintained throughout the day, offering a comprehensive evaluation of daylight quality in a space (Nabil & Mardaljevic, 2006).

This metric assesses the number of operational hours based on three distinct illuminance levels: 0-100 lux, 100-2000 lux, and exceeding 2000 lux. The concept of useful daylight is defined by illuminance levels within the range of 100 lux to 2000 lux (UDI100−2000_ {100-2000}100−2000), UDI fully recognizes values only within this range, indicating that horizontal illumination levels outside of 100 lux to 2000 lux are considered non-beneficial (DiLaura, 2011) (see Table 5).

Table 5

Comfort Range for Educational Building Spaces

Space Type	Comfort Range (UDI)	Reference
Classrooms	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Lecture Halls	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Laboratories	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Libraries	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Offices	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Study Areas	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Common Areas	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011
Hallways and Corridors	100-2000 lx	DiLaura, 2011

Through the utilization of parametric design and optimization techniques, this study aims to elevate the existing UDI levels to enhance visual comfort for occupants, reduce reliance on artificial lighting sources, and consequently lower energy consumption. By prioritizing UDI as a crucial performance metric, the research aims to synchronize illuminance daylight ranges with the duration a specific point receives illuminance levels within the desired range (IESNA, 2021). The specified illumination level is contingent upon the building's function.

3.2.4 Spatial Daylight Autonomy (sDA). A metric used in building performance assessment to determine the duration during which a specific location within a space receives adequate natural light levels, thus eliminating the need for artificial lighting. It is a crucial measure of how effectively a building's design allows natural light to penetrate indoors, enhancing visual comfort and promoting energy conservation. By evaluating sDA, designers can refine building designs to optimize daylight penetration, reduce glare, improve visual comfort, and decrease reliance on artificial lighting (Reinhart et al., 2006).

The incorporation of sDA analysis into the design optimization process can further elevate the sustainable and energy-efficient performance of kinetic facades, ultimately contributing to the project's overall success in terms of indoor comfort and energy consumption reduction.

Spatial Daylight Autonomy (sDA) is a metric used to quantify the proportion of a space that receives sufficient natural daylight, thereby potentially reducing energy consumption. Specifically, sDA represents the percentage of the floor area that receives at least 350 lux of natural light for a minimum of 50% of the total annual occupied hours. The sDA value ranges from 0 to 100%, where a value exceeding 75% indicates a high level of daylight sufficiency across the space, while values between 50% and 75% are considered moderate (IESNA, 2013).

3.3 Glare Definition and Types

Glare refers to visual discomfort or decreased visibility caused by excessive brightness or significant contrast in illumination within a visual field. It can originate from direct light sources, such as sunlight or artificial lighting, or from light reflected off surfaces like water, glass, or polished materials. (Vos, 2003)

3.3.1 Discomfort glare. Refers to a type of visual discomfort caused by intense light sources or high-contrast illumination within the visual field. Although it does not directly impair vision, it creates an uneasy sensation that often prompts individuals to squint, shield their eyes, or briefly close them. This type of glare can occur in various environments, including exposure to direct sunlight, bright artificial lighting, or reflections from surfaces like snow or water. Discomfort glare is a significant concern in lighting design, particularly in settings such as educational and professional environments where visual tasks are frequently performed (IESNA, 2011).

In academic settings, discomfort glare emerges as a significant concern that can impede students' ability to concentrate on visual tasks like reading, writing, or using digital devices, consequently leading to reduced productivity and performance. Discomfort glare, characterized by an unpleasant brightness that hampers visual comfort, is a notable issue in lighting design, particularly in academic and professional contexts where visual tasks are prevalent (Veitch & McColl, 2001).The origins of discomfort glare in these environments are diverse, including direct glare from

excessively bright light sources, reflected glare from glossy surfaces, or stark contrast between different visual areas (Liu et al., 2020). To mitigate discomfort glare in academic settings, it is crucial to address lighting design and management effectively. This may entail employing lighting fixtures equipped with suitable glare control mechanisms, such as shielding or diffusing the light source to diminish direct glare (Hamedani et al., 2019). Furthermore, careful consideration of the positioning and configuration of light sources is essential to minimize reflected glare. One potential strategy involves the use of blinds or window coverings to regulate the influx of natural light into the space, as excessive daylight can also contribute to discomfort glare (Boyce & Wilkins, 2018).

3.3.2 Disability glare. A phenomenon characterized by visual discomfort or impairment in individuals when exposed to bright or intense light sources. It often causes difficulty in seeing details or contrast and can significantly impact the visual performance of individuals with specific disabilities (Boyce, 2014).

This condition affects individuals with various disabilities such as cataracts, glaucoma, and light sensitivity, leading to symptoms like eye fatigue, difficulty in focusing, headaches, and reduced visual acuity. Addressing disability glare requires careful consideration of lighting conditions and spatial design (Wymelenberg, 2014). Strategies to reduce disability glare include adjusting lighting intensity and direction, using appropriate shading or filters, and ensuring adequate contrast between the light source and the environment. Moreover, it is essential to tailor lighting systems and fixtures to meet the unique needs and preferences of individuals with disabilities. By implementing these measures, individuals with disabilities can enhance their visual comfort and functionality in both indoor and outdoor settings (Fresteiro, 2005). The significant impact of disability glare on individuals with specific disabilities should not be overlooked.

3.3.3 Daylight Glare Index (DGI). A widely used quantitative measure that assesses discomfort glare caused by bright windows or intense light sources within a person's field of vision. This metric helps to determine the extent to which glare can disrupt visual comfort in indoor environments. DGI values range from imperceptible glare to intolerable glare, with lower values indicating higher levels of visual comfort and higher values indicating more severe glare. This index is particularly useful in the design of spaces with significant daylight exposure, as it allows architects and designers to optimize window placement and shading to minimize glare and enhance comfort (Osterhaus, 2005).

3.3.4 Glare Autonomy (GA). Inducates the percentage of occupied hours during which a space is free from glare. A GA value greater than 95% is considered desirable in educational settings, as it ensures that the majority of time spent in these spaces is glare-free. Incorporating metrics like GA in the design and assessment of educational buildings is crucial, as excessive glare can cause significant discomfort, reduce concentration, and increase eye strain for both students and educators (Jakubiec & Reinhart, 2012).

In educational spaces, minimizing glare is essential to maintain focus and reduce eye strain, thereby enhancing learning outcomes. Effective glare management requires thoughtful window placement, the use of shading devices, and the selection of appropriate glazing materials to control the amount and quality of natural light entering the space. By implementing these strategies, educators can create a visually comfortable environment that supports student concentration and productivity (Boubekri & Nocera, 2008).

These metrics provide a comprehensive understanding of visual comfort, guiding the design of spaces that support effective teaching and learning. Proper management of glare can significantly improve the indoor environment, contributing to better academic performance and overall well- being of occupants (Jakubiec and Reinhart, 2012; Wienold and Christoffersen, 2006; IESNA, 2021).

Integrating these metrics into building standards and design guidelines ensures that educational spaces are optimised for visual comfort (see Table 6), thereby supporting the cognitive and physiological needs of students and educators. By prioritizing metrics such as Glare Autonomy (GA) and Daylight Glare Probability (DGP), architects and designers can create environments that reduce visual discomfort and enhance overall well-being, leading to improved learning outcomes and productivity (Heschong et al., 2002).

Table 6

Comfort Range for Educational Building Spaces Based on Glare Metrics.

Glare Metric	Comfort Range	Impact on Educational Spaces	Reference
DGI	< 18 (Comfortable)	Reduces discomfort glare, improving focus and visual comfort	Jakubiec and Reinhart, 2012
DGP	< 0.35 (Comfortable)	Minimizes probability of discomfort glare, enhancing the learning environment	Wienold and Christoffersen, 2006
GA	> 95% (Comfortable)	Ensures the majority of occupied hours are glare-free, promoting sustained attention and comfort	IESNA, 2021

3.3.5 Daylight Glare Probability (DGP). A significant parameter in architectural design and building performance evaluation, particularly concerning occupant well-being in naturally illuminated spaces. It quantifies the likelihood of occupants experiencing discomfort or visual hindrance due to excessive luminance or contrast, mainly from direct sunlight or surface reflections. DGP plays a crucial role in helping designers create environments that maximize the benefits of natural light while minimizing glare-related problems, ensuring a comfortable and effective space for building users (Wienold & Christoffersen, 2006).

The concept of Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) was introduced to overcome the limitations of previous glare metrics, which often did not adequately account for the intricate interactions of light within a given space. Unlike traditional metrics that

focused on simplified models of glare, DGP considers various factors, including luminance levels and the distribution of light, to provide a more accurate assessment of potential glare discomfort. This allows for a better understanding of visual comfort in naturally lit environments and aids in designing spaces that optimize natural light while minimizing glare (Konis, 2014).

Traditional glare indices, such as the Daylight Glare Index (DGI) and the Unified Glare Rating (UGR), were limited in their ability to reliably predict glare in spaces with substantial daylight ingress. These indices primarily focused on artificial lighting conditions and did not fully account for the complex nature of daylight, which includes variations in light intensity, angle, and distribution throughout the day. As a result, they often failed to provide accurate assessments of discomfort glare in naturally lit environments (Van Den Wymelenberg & Inanici, 2015).

In contrast, DGP adopts a more holistic approach by taking into account variables such as the distribution of luminance in the field of view, the size and position of the glare source, and the kinetic capabilities of the human eye (Jakubiec & Reinhart, 2012).Discomfort Glare Probability (DGP) is determined through a calculation that incorporates vertical eye illuminance, the luminance of the glare source, and the solid angle subtended by the glare source. This method offers a comprehensive evaluation by taking into account both the intensity of light and its distribution within the visual field. The result is a probability value, usually expressed as a percentage, that indicates the likelihood of experiencing discomfort glare in a particular environment (Pierson et al., 2018).

Daylight Glare Probability is categorized into four levels: Intolerable Glare, which is less than 35%; Disturbing Glare, ranging between 35% and 40%; Perceptible Glare, falling between 40% and 45%; and Imperceptible Glare, exceeding 45% (Wienold & Christoffersen, 2006).

The utilization of Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) in architectural design is crucial in environments where natural light is a primary source of illumination, such as office buildings, schools, and residential areas. By accurately predicting the

likelihood of discomfort glare, DGP helps architects and designers optimize the placement of windows, shading devices, and other architectural elements to maximize the benefits of natural light while minimizing glare-related issues, thereby enhancing occupant comfort and productivity (Pierson et al., 2018).

Through the precise assessment of potential glare, architects and designers can make well-founded choices regarding the positioning of windows, implementation of shading mechanisms, and selection of interior materials to alleviate glare. This practice guarantees that spaces are energy-efficient by minimizing the need for artificial lighting, while also ensuring occupant comfort (Reinhart & Walkenhorst, 2001).

In conclusion, the Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) emerges as a sophisticated metric that holds significant importance in contemporary architectural design. Its capacity to predict glare potential with precision ensures that architectural spaces are planned to maximize natural light utilization while reducing discomfort. This, in turn, contributes to enhanced energy efficiency and increased occupant satisfaction.

Chapter 4

Case Study

This chapter combines the methodology and case study of the research, providing a comprehensive overview of the approaches and tools used to design, model, and evaluate a kinetic façade system for the BAU Future Campus Library Building. The aim is to illustrate the detailed steps involved in the parametric modelling process, the collection and analysis of data, and the application of these methods in a real-world context. By merging the methodology and case study, this chapter offers a seamless narrative that guides the reader from the theoretical framework through to practical application and analysis.

4.1 Methodology

After a thorough examination of the literature concerning parametric façade design, metrics for daylight performance, and strategies for reducing glare, the research employed a quantitative method that involved integrating a parametric-based facade design approach with computer-based simulation to evaluate glare, daylight autonomy (DA), and the preservation of outside views. It entails a case study, simulating the initial state of the building, implementing a kinetic façade, and analyzing the variations in daylight performance and glare reduction via parametric modeling and environmental analysis tools including Rhino, Grasshopper, Ladybug, Honeybee, and Honeybee Radiance (see Figure 25).

Initially, for a detailed site analysis, the model incorporates a climate assessment, investigation of building orientation, and evaluation of geometry, forms the basis for precise digital modeling using Rhino and Grasshopper. The initial model of the library building, representing the existing conditions without kinetic façade elements, is used as a reference for comparison. Ladybug, Honeybee, and Honeybee Radiance components are then employed to simulate the current daylight performance

and glare conditions, assessing metrics such as Daylight Autonomy (DA), Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI), and Daylight Glare Probability (DGP).

Later, to enhance daylight performance and mitigate glare, a kinetic façade system is incorporated into the foundational model through the application of parametric principles. The dynamic capabilities of Grasshopper's parametric modeling allowed for real-time adjustments to the kinetic façade based on environmental factors.

Finally, performance evaluations are carried out using Ladybug and Honeybee to measure the impact on daylight and glare metrics compared to the original setup. Subsequent comparative analysis examines variations in Daylight Autonomy (DA), Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI), and Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) metrics before and after the integration of the kinetic façade. Additionally, visual inspections of daylight distribution and glare patterns in critical interior zones supplement the assessment.

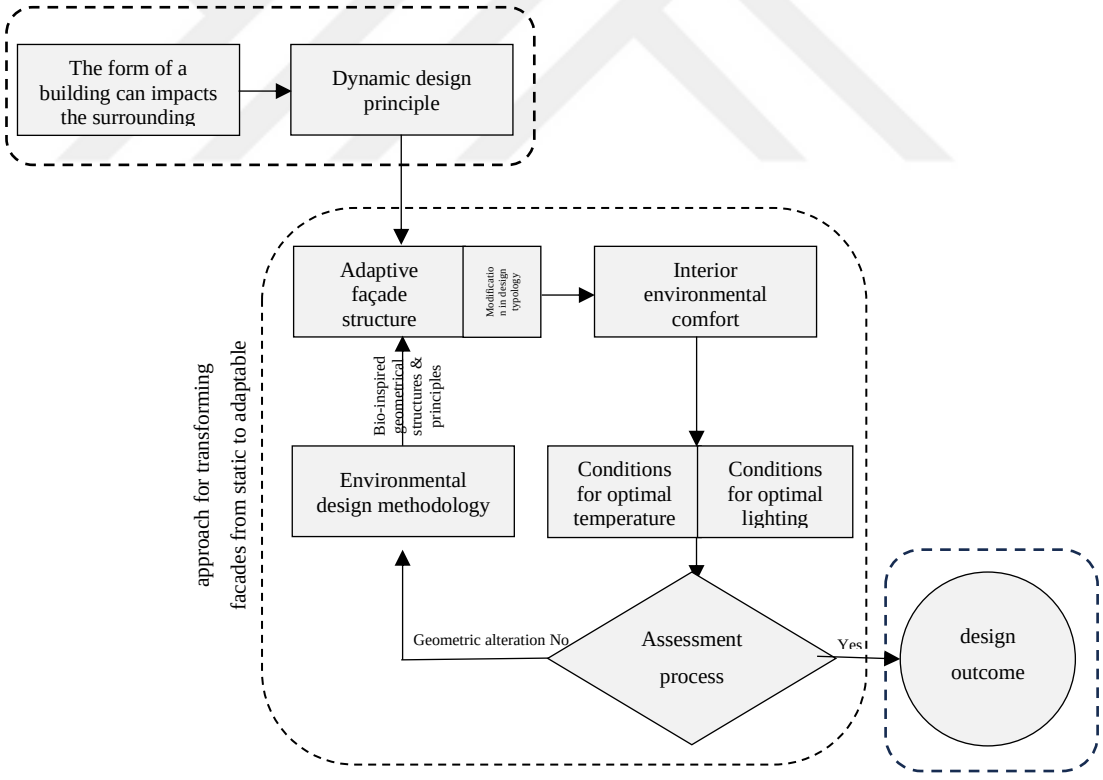


Figure 25. Transitioning to adaptable dynamic building envelopes (by author, 2024)

The workflow illustrated in Figure 26 for the case study commences with acquiring data related to the chosen building and its geographical location from the design team of the BAU Future Campus. Initially, the 2D CAD files are transformed into a 3D model using SketchUp. Following this, Rhino and Grasshopper software are employed to enhance the model, which acts as the foundation for assessing the dynamic façade performance of the building under natural conditions using Ladybug Tools. The design of the kinetic facade undergoes iterative refinement to enhance its performance, leading to a culmination in a summary of findings that highlights the effectiveness of the parametric approach.

The modelling process employs a blend of simulation tools and parametric design techniques. The initial step involves identifying environmental response strategies based on climatic conditions and establishing evaluation indicators for environmental lighting performance, such as Daylight Autonomy (DA), Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI), and Daylight Glare Probability (DGP).

Through the utilization of Rhino and Grasshopper, the fundamental parameters of the building model are defined, encompassing the building and room dimensions and configurations, which are then utilized to construct a parametric model of the building and its original skin. The dynamic skin units within the model are adaptable, enabling adjustments to their layout. Photo-thermal simulations of the building skins are conducted using Ladybug to scrutinize the building's interaction with sunlight and heat, with a specific emphasis on sunlight hours (Hour of Year) and daylight autonomy over the course of the year. The original skin design is subsequently altered using Grasshopper to generate diverse dynamic skins by modifying the morphology of the skin units, such as the dimensions of openings. These modifications are guided by hour-of-year data and daylight autonomy simulations to ensure optimal performance.

Subsequently, the overall lighting environment performance of the building is simulated using Ladybug Honeybee, where the outcomes from various skin configurations are juxtaposed and scrutinized to ascertain the most efficient design for enhancing light and environmental performance. This iterative approach facilitates the

development of building skins that augment energy efficiency, occupant comfort, and the seamless integration with natural environmental conditions.

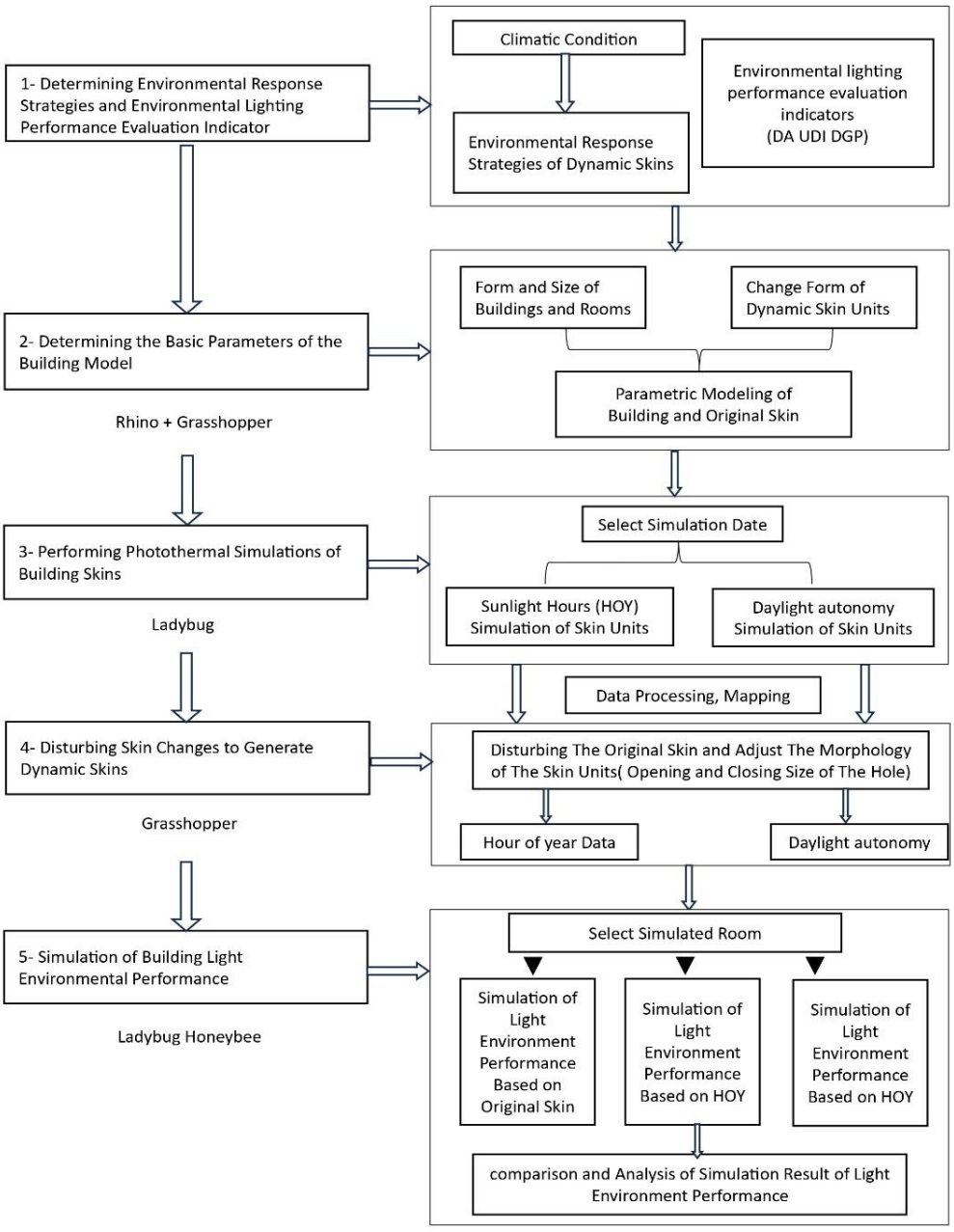


Figure 26. Case study workflow

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4.2 Case Study Area

The BAU Future Campus is situated in Istanbul, Turkey, experiences a unique climate characterized by hot summers and cold winters. The library, which is the focal point of this research, shares this semi-humid, temperate climate, marked by four distinct seasons. Average annual temperatures range from -8°C to 31.5°C, with January being the coldest month with temperatures between -8°C and 8°C, and June being the hottest with temperatures ranging from 19°C to 31.5°C.

Figure 27. Bahçeşehir Future Campus Location
(Google maps, 2024)

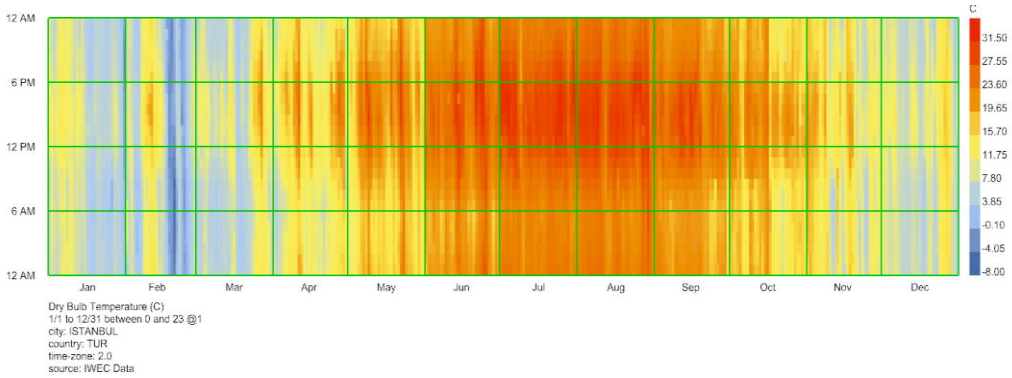

Figure 28. Map of the dry bulb temperatures
(Ladybugs – Tools)

By importing the EPW meteorological data file into the Ladybug Tools platform, the regional climate data for the building was visualized, particularly through a dry bulb temperature graph. Previously discussed, Istanbul's climate is characterized by cold winters, with temperatures dropping as low as -8°C, and hot summers, where temperatures frequently exceed 28°C and occasionally reach up to 35°C (see Figure 28). The EPW file also indicates that the annual average sunshine hours in Istanbul are approximately 2,179.65 hours. Furthermore, theses sunshine hours in Istanbul range between 1,595.6 and 2,179.8 annually. This study focuses on a building located on the second floor of the BAU university (see Figure 29).

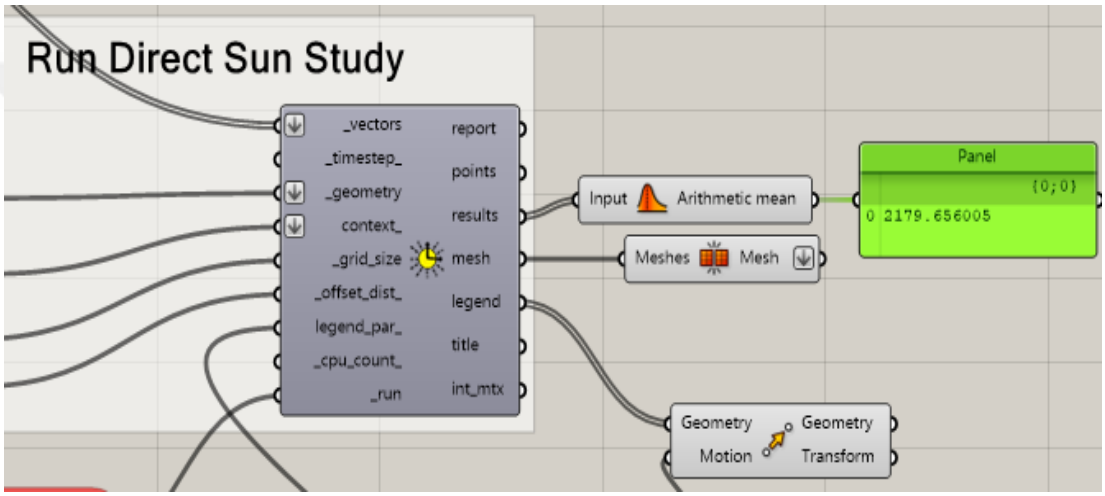

Figure 29. Direct Sun Hours

Focusing on the library building's south and east elevations. The study integrated an algorithmic and parametric-based kinetic facade design technique to develop a dynamic structure that responds to varying sun conditions. The research flow was organized into four consecutive phases, as follows:

4.2.1 **Phase 1.** Data Collection

Given Istanbul varying climate and its impact on the building's performance, the data collection phase focused on assessing the library's ability to adapt to fluctuating sunlight and temperature conditions, the library is a multifunctional space, ranging from quiet study areas to vibrant community hubs. Its flexible design accommodates different needs, with recommended illuminance levels ranging from 300 – 750 lux on

work surfaces to ensure visibility for reading and tasks. These varying lightening requirements, alongside the library's capacity to adjust to daily and seasonal changes in sunlight, were key factors in the design. To further enhance flexibility movable furniture and adjustable shelving systems were incorporated into the design (Asher, 2017).

The spatial dimensions within a building play a crucial role in its functionality. Elements such as room depth, ceiling height, and the overall building layout can impact the ingress of natural light into the internal areas. The space is characterized by dimensions of 45.7m in length, 15.6m in width, and 4m in height (see Figure 30).

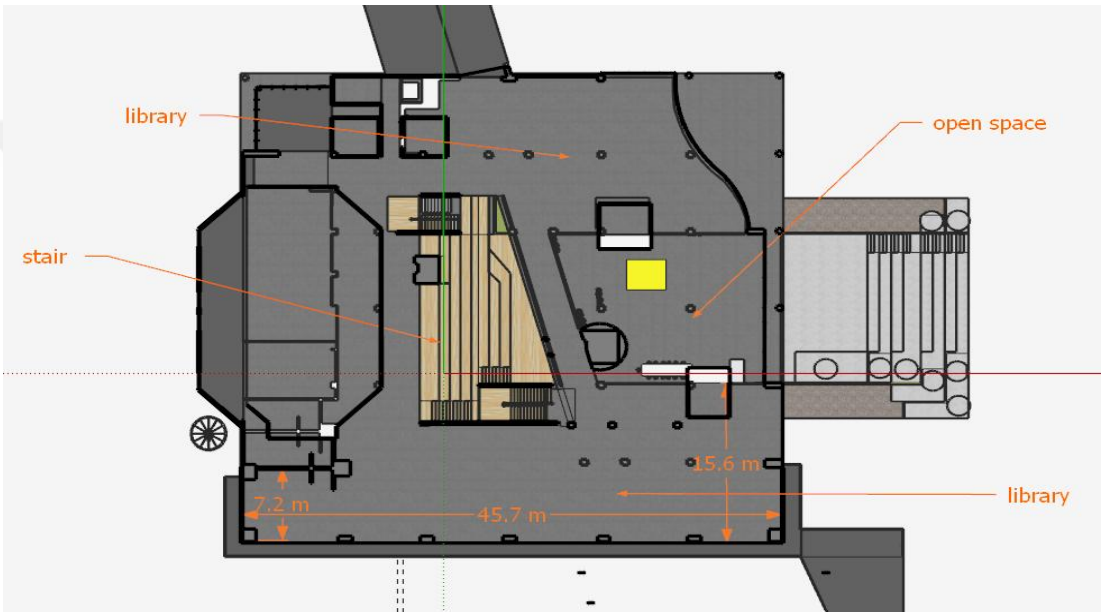

Figure 30. Space dimensions
(Screenshot from SketchUp 2023, Top View)

The west façade of a building, the structure appears to have a sleek, contemporary design with a flat roof and clean lines. The main building is rectangular with a dark, smooth surface, and it is accompanied by a prominent entrance canopy supported by several slender columns. The text "BAU Future Campus" is prominently displayed on the canopy above the entrance. The building has large glass windows along its sides, indicating an emphasis on natural light and possibly transparency in its design (see Figure 31). The South-east facade of the building is fully glazed, with a window wall ratio (WWR) representing the proportion of windows or glazed components in comparison to solid wall sections (see Figure 32). WWR stands as a pivotal factor in architectural planning, indicating the relationship between window

area and total wall area on a building's facade. It significantly influences the amount of natural light infiltration, as well as the potential for solar heat gain and loss. A higher WWR augments natural light exposure but may result in glare and overheating, whereas a lower WWR diminishes glare and solar heat gain but could lead to insufficient lighting levels indoors.

The size of windows plays a significant role in controlling the amount of glare and sunlight that enters a building, acting as a barrier between the interior and exterior environments. The window-to-wall ratio (WWR) of 96% holds particular importance in this context. The placement of openings in the façade of a building is crucial for managing the penetration of sunlight and heat. This management is influenced by the geographical location of the building and the path of the sun throughout the day. By considering the building's orientation relative to the sun's trajectory, designers can optimize natural light levels and reduce the need for artificial lighting during daylight hours.

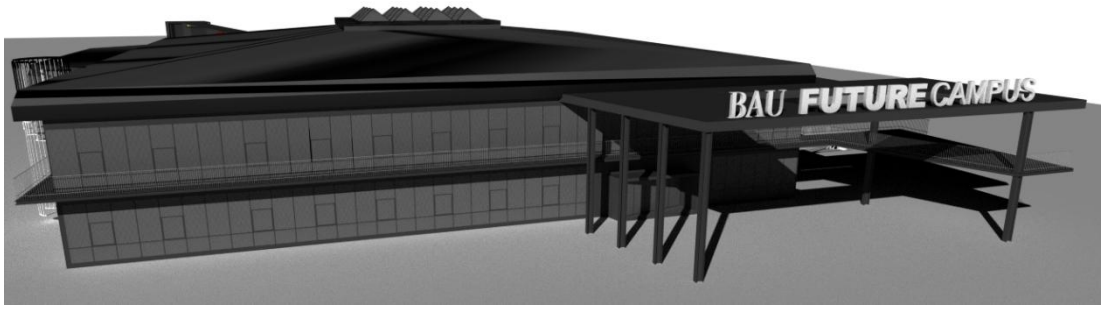

Figure 31. Western façade of BAU Future Campus building

(Screenshot from SketchUp 2023)

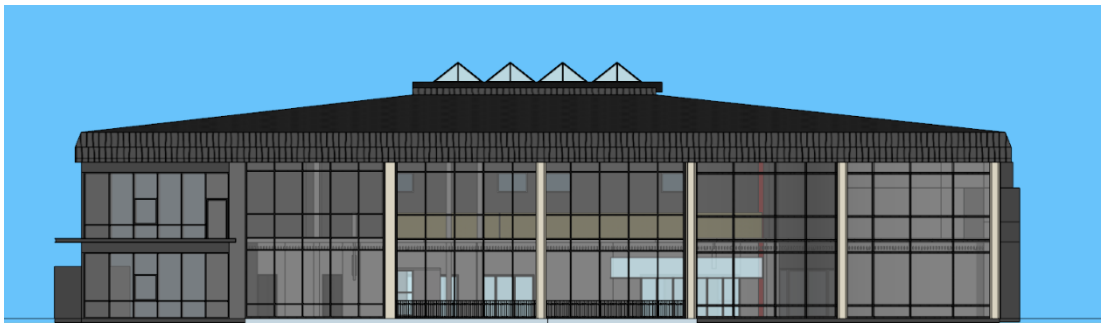

Figure 32. South façade of BAU Future Campus building.

(Screenshot from SketchUp 2023)

4.2.2 Phase 2. Parametric tools are employed to enhance the precision and flexibility of the daylight simulation and analysis process. Utilizing parametric design software like Grasshopper, which integrates seamlessly with Rhino, allows for the creation of dynamic models that can be easily adjusted based on various input parameters. These tools enable designers to explore a wide range of design options and configurations by adjusting parameters such as window-to-wall ratios, glazing types, shading devices, and building orientation.

Parametric tools facilitate iterative testing and optimization of the design, allowing for quick adjustments and immediate feedback on how changes impact daylight performance. For example, by adjusting a number slider, designers can instantly see how increasing or decreasing window size affects the amount of natural light entering the space. This capability is particularly useful for fine-tuning design elements to maximize daylight penetration while minimizing glare and energy consumption.

Additionally, parametric tools enable the integration of environmental data, such as sun path, solar radiation, and climate conditions, to create a more realistic simulation of how the building will perform under different scenarios. This integration helps in making informed decisions that enhance both the functionality and sustainability of the design. Overall, employing parametric tools in this phase allows for a more efficient and effective daylight analysis process, leading to optimized building designs that meet both aesthetic and performance criteria.

To enhance the model's precision and usability, the SketchUp mesh model was imported into Rhinoceros. Rhinoceros allows for the conversion of mesh geometry to NURBS (Non-Uniform Rational B-Splines), which is a more flexible and precise modelling system. Converting the mesh to NURBS is particularly beneficial for architectural modelling, as it provides smoother surfaces and more detailed control over the geometry.

The library building itself is a rectangular space measuring 45 meters in length, 15 meters in width, and 4 meters in height. By converting this simple geometry into a NURBS model. This conversion also facilitates better interoperability with other software, making the model suitable for various applications, such as structural analysis, environmental simulations, and high-quality visualizations.

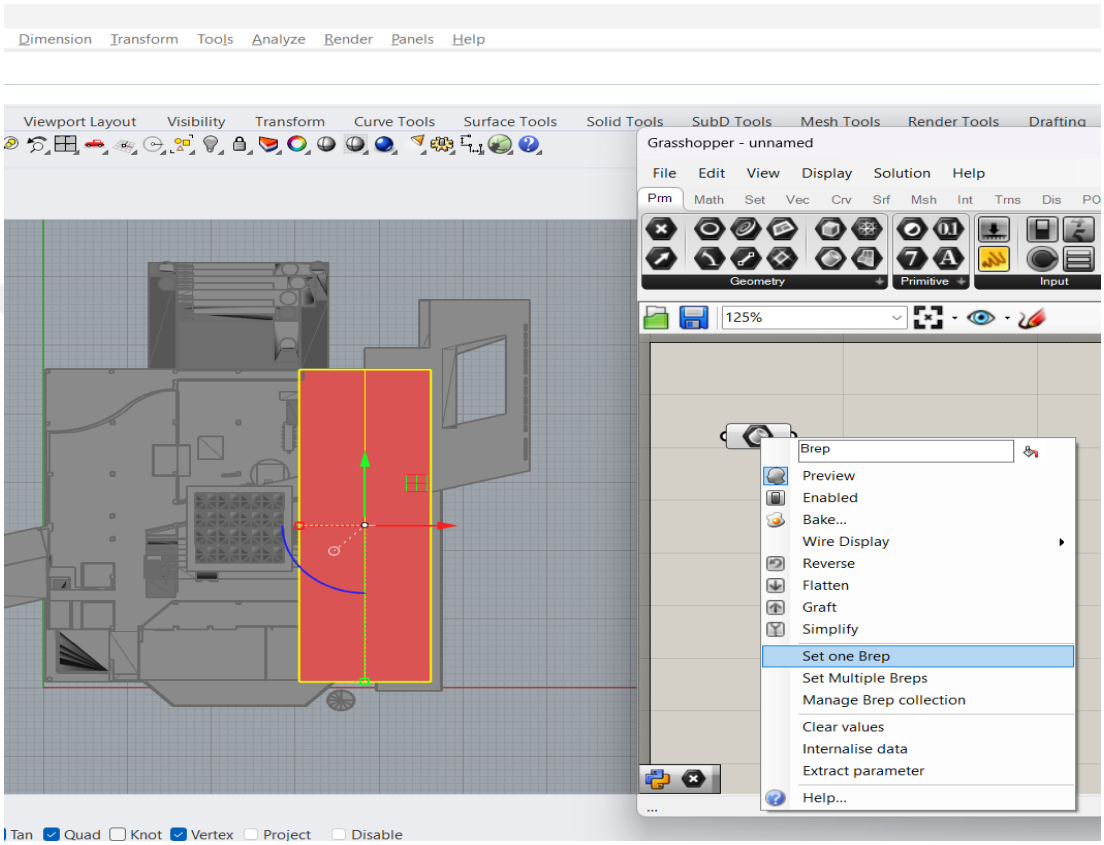

Figure 33. Modeling and importing library geometry into Grasshopper

Importing geometries into Grasshopper, the platform allows users to effectively integrate Rhino geometries by using specific components within the Grasshopper interface. One key component for this process is the <Brep> component, which helps allocate geometries within the Grasshopper environment. By right-clicking on <Brep>, users have the option to internalize data. This action embeds the geometries directly into the Grasshopper script rather than linking them from external sources, thus ensuring that the data remains intact and easily accessible within the Grasshopper project itself (see Figure 33).

For the design and simulation of a kinetic façade, it is crucial to begin by selecting an appropriate surface to serve as the foundation for integrating the kinetic elements. Typically, this surface is a rectangular area that provides a straightforward and versatile base for adding dynamic components. The geometry representation, as depicted (see Figure 34), serves as the initial model for the kinetic façade's development. This geometric foundation is essential for accurately simulating various daylight metrics, as it provides a flexible yet stable platform for exploring how different kinetic elements will interact with light throughout the day. The use of such a model not only facilitates the design process but also enhances the accuracy and reliability of daylight performance simulations, which are critical for optimizing the façade's functionality and aesthetic appeal.

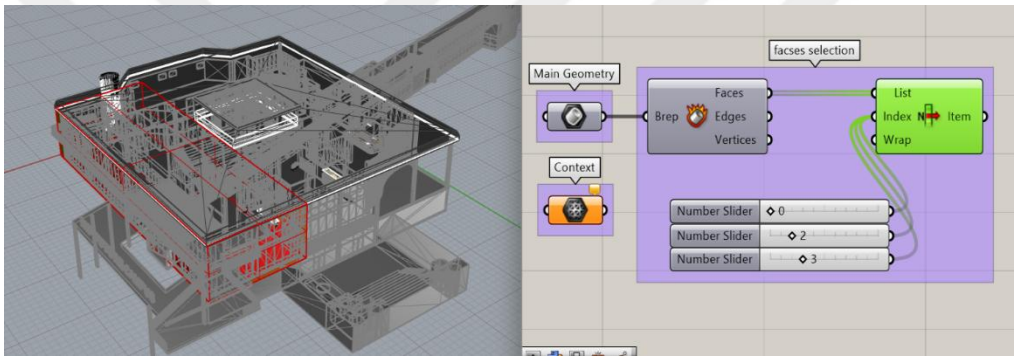

Figure 34. Selection of surfaces for kinetic façade application

At the beginning of the design process, the layout of the façade geometry is typically arranged across a vertical surface. Initially, the façade geometry is distributed on this plane to explore various design configurations and optimize the aesthetic and functional aspects of the design. To achieve this, the wall surface is divided into both vertical and horizontal segments, creating a structured grid that serves as the foundation for the kinetic façade elements.

In Grasshopper, the <Brep> component is used to stream geometry data into the <Deconstruct Brep> component. This deconstruction breaks down the Brep into its constituent parts (vertices, edges, and faces) allowing for precise manipulation of the façade's geometry. By breaking down these elements, each part of the façade can be

independently adjusted and optimized, ensuring flexibility and control over the kinetic design.

For this specific kinetic façade design, the surface area of the façade extends approximately 45 meters in length and 15 meters in height. A suitable configuration is selected using the <LunchBox> plugin, which offers various paneling patterns for surface subdivision.

In this instance, a diamond panel configuration is chosen due to its aesthetic appeal and functional properties. The diamond pattern effectively divides the surface into panels that can move independently, creating a dynamic and visually striking effect.

To implement the diamond pattern, the façade (south elevation) is segmented along both its shorter and longer dimensions. Vertically, the short direction is divided into ten segments (U count = 20), with each diamond representing a movable unit along the Y-axis. Horizontally, the length is divided into thirteen segments (V count = 10), representing movable units along the X-axis (see Figure 35).

This segmentation strategy ensures that each diamond panel operates independently, enhancing the kinetic functionality of the façade.

On the opposite side of the façade (west elevation), the same configuration is applied to maintain consistency and ensure uniform movement across the entire surface. The long direction of the façade is also segmented into ten divisions along the Y-axis (U count = 20) and thirteen divisions along the X-axis (V count = 5).

This uniform segmentation not only preserves the proportional integrity of the façade but also enables a cohesive and dynamic movement and responsiveness across the entire structure (see Figure 36).

By ensuring that both sides of the façade are segmented in the same manner, the overall design achieves a balanced and synchronized kinetic performance, maximizing both functionality and visual impact.

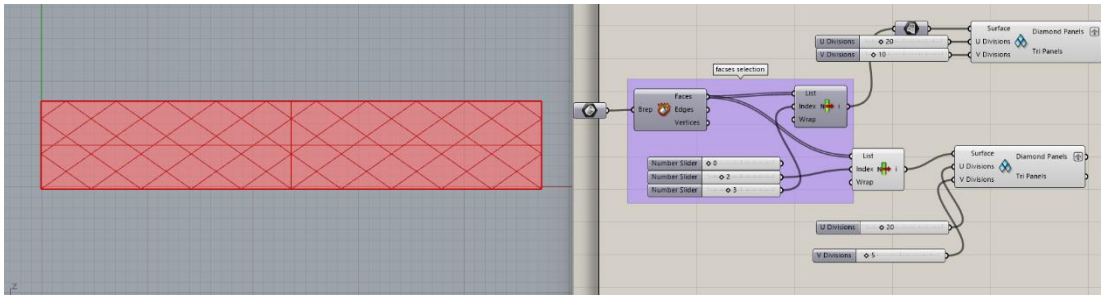

Figure 35. Long direction - surface 1 to create diamond panels on a surface.

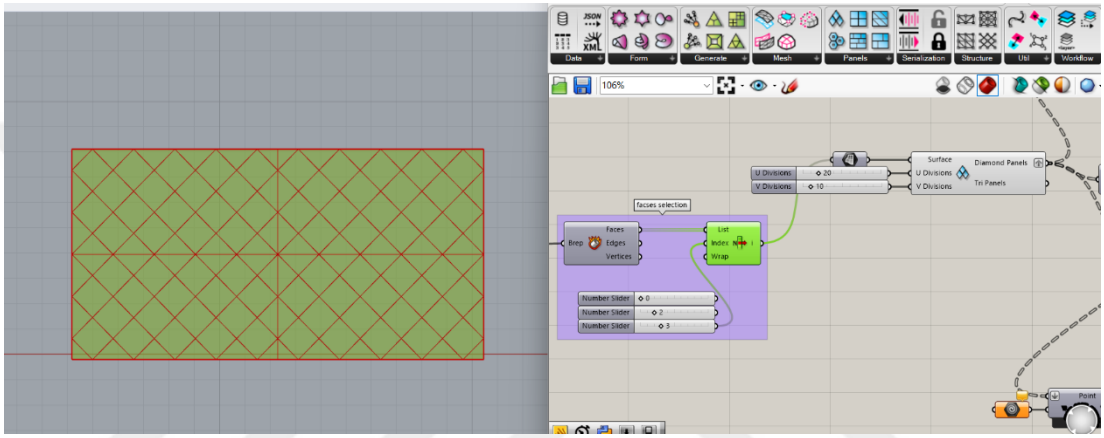

Figure 36. Surface 1 to create diamond panels on a surface.

To extract diamond panels on a surface, the process begins with identifying the center points and vertices that form each diamond panel. This is achieved using the <Area> component, which outputs the center points in the form of flattened data, totaling 86 points. Simultaneously, the <Discontinuity> component outputs the vertices of these panels, also in flattened data form, resulting in 344 points (see Figure 37).

To convert these panels into kinetic units, the points extracted from the <Area> and <Discontinuity> components need to be linked together using the <Line> component. This step creates a grid that establishes a fixed structure for each panel (see Figure 37). The grid structure is composed of two types of lines, horizontal and vertical, which are essential for defining the kinetic movement of each panel.

The <Dispatch> component is then used to organize this data structure by dividing it into two separate lists. Each list contains both horizontal and vertical lines, but they are categorized differently to facilitate the kinetic design. List (A) represents the vertical lines, which define the movement along the Y-axis, while List (B) contains the horizontal lines, which define the movement along the X-axis. By separating these lines into distinct lists, the <Dispatch> component enables the creation of a kinetic unit structure, where each panel can move independently in a controlled manner, contributing to the dynamic functionality of the façade.

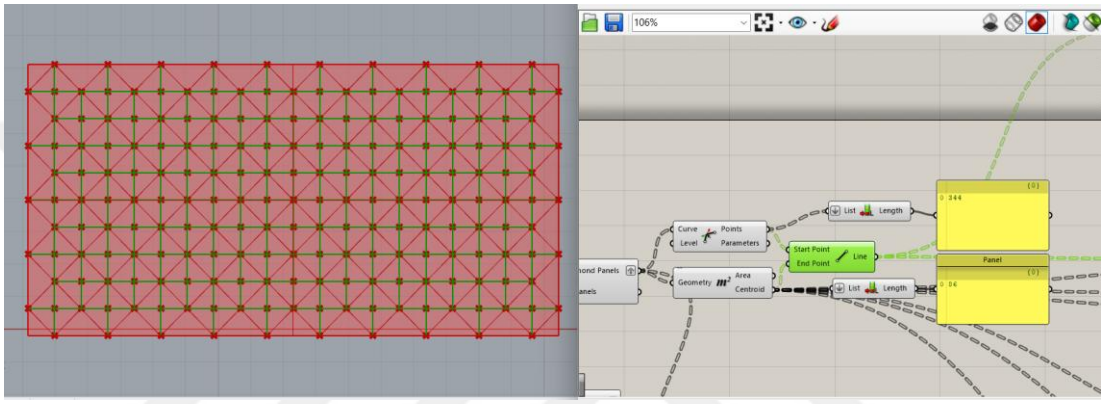

Figure 37. Generating a grid structure for kinetic façade panels

The motion of the façade allows the panels to collectively fold in or out, creating a dynamic grid pattern as per the design requirements (WWD). To achieve this, the <Sub-curve> component is employed to generate curves based on the sub-domains of a base curve. This component is essential for defining the specific sections of the base curve that will dictate the movement of each kinetic panel.

In the design process, the <Sub-curve> component is used to determine the horizontal and vertical movements of the kinetic units. By selecting a sub-domain of the base curve, the <Sub-curve> component allows for precise control over which portions of the curve will influence the movement of the panels. This functionality is critical for ensuring that the panels move in a coordinated manner, either folding in or out in response to external stimuli or design intentions.

To establish a connection with the desired movements, points are created along the curve using the <Sub-curve> component, positioned specifically on the X and Y axes. These points act as control points that dictate the movement paths for the panels, allowing them to follow the curve precisely as they fold in or out. The implementation of these points on the curve ensures that both horizontal and vertical movements are accurately defined and synchronized, creating a seamless kinetic response across the entire façade (see Figure 38).

By leveraging the <Sub-curve> component in this manner, the façade design achieves a dynamic and responsive quality, with panels that can move fluidly and adaptively, enhancing both the aesthetic and functional performance of the building envelope.

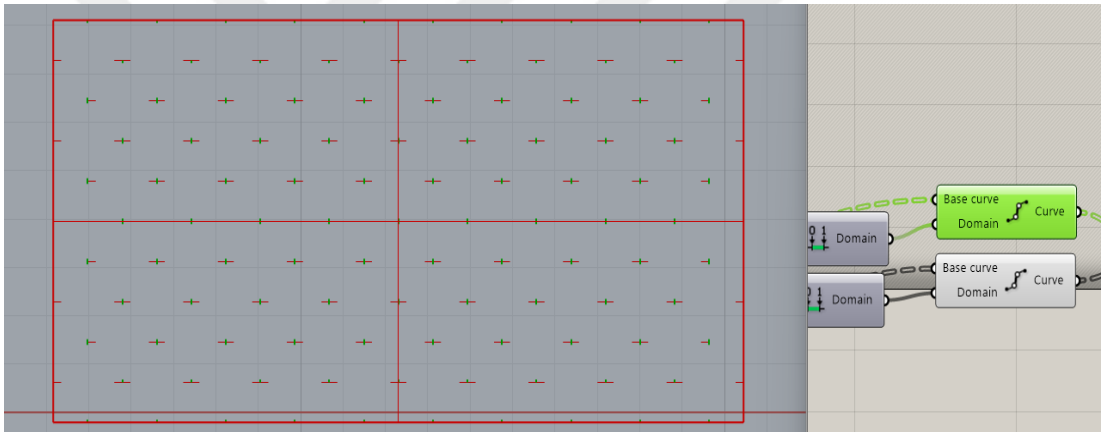

Figure 38. Defining points on a curve for X and Y axes control

The parametric design of a kinetic façade involves a series of carefully coordinated components within Grasshopper, each playing a crucial role in defining the movement and interaction of the façade elements. The process begins by taking base geometry and rotation angles as inputs to generate rotated geometry, which is fundamental to creating dynamic movement. To manage these transformations, a <Boundary Box> component is used to establish the outer boundaries of each element. This component takes the geometry as input and generates a bounding box, providing a clear frame of reference for further manipulations and ensuring that each element's transformation is contained within its designated space.

Next, a <Range> component is employed to assign rotation angles to the geometry. This component offers a spectrum of rotation angles based on specified inputs, such as domain and step size, resulting in a mapped set of angles. These angles dictate how each panel will rotate, contributing to the kinetic effect.

Once the rotation angles are defined, the elements are manipulated using a <Move> component. This component utilizes the geometry and translation vectors as inputs to create transformed geometry. By applying these translations, the <Move> component enables the panels to shift positions, enhancing the kinetic functionality of the façade.

To introduce variability and responsiveness to the design, an <Attractor Point> or <Curve> component is incorporated. This component influences the façade elements' pattern by considering points and curves as inputs. It produces distances and influences that dictate the behavior of the elements, allowing the façade to respond dynamically to environmental factors or design intent.

By combining these components—<Boundary Box>, <Range>, <Move>, and <Attractor Point> or <Curve>—the parametric design methodology enables the development of a responsive and dynamic kinetic façade. Each component contributes to the overall functionality, allowing for precise control over the movement, rotation, and interaction of the façade elements. This integrated approach not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the building but also optimizes its performance by enabling adaptability to varying conditions and requirements (see Figure 39).

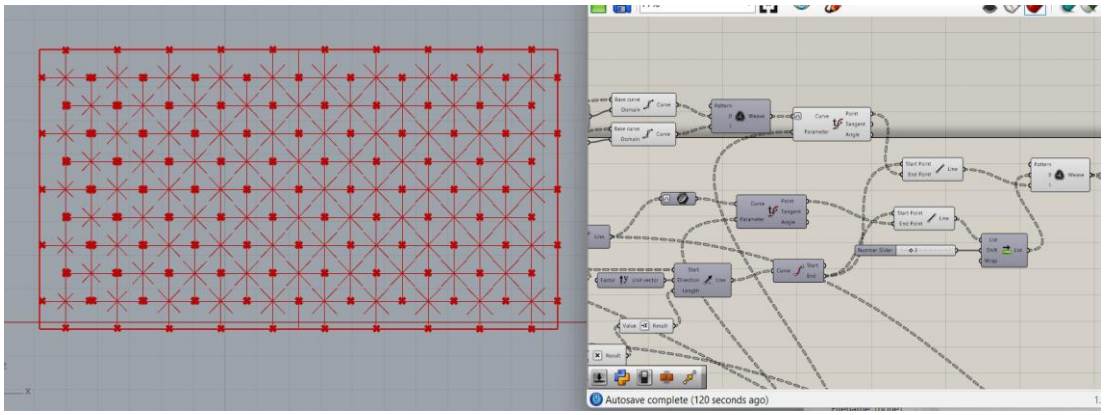

Figure 39. Connecting curves to form a mesh structure for kinetic movement

In the next stage of the kinetic façade design process, the setup involves a series of Grasshopper components that work together to manipulate the geometry and create dynamic movement across the façade. The image shows a detailed configuration where multiple components are interconnected to achieve the desired kinetic effects.

To start, the <Point on Curve> component is used to define specific points along a curve. This component helps in identifying exact locations on the curve that will serve as reference points for further transformations. By using the output of this component, the façade's elements can be dynamically adjusted along predefined paths, allowing for controlled movement based on the curve's shape.

The <Line> component, as shown in the diagram, is set up to generate lines between these points. The start and end points are defined to create a structured grid, which forms the basis for the kinetic panels. The use of a <Unit Vector> component, which provides a directional vector, ensures that the movement of each panel is consistent and follows a specific orientation, crucial for maintaining the overall design aesthetic and functionality.

A <Number Slider> component is also employed to control various parameters, such as the distance or the amount of rotation applied to the panels. This slider allows for real-time adjustments, making it possible to fine-tune the kinetic behavior interactively. For example, adjusting the slider can increase or decrease the distance between panels or alter the degree of rotation, thereby modifying the kinetic effect.

The <Area> and <Closest Point> components further enhance the design's flexibility. The <Area> component calculates the center of each panel, which is essential for accurately positioning them during transformations. Meanwhile, the <Closest Point> component determines the nearest point on a curve relative to a given set of points, enabling precise alignment of panels along curved paths or within specific geometric constraints.

Together, these components create a robust framework for developing a kinetic façade that is not only visually dynamic but also responsive to various inputs and design criteria. By carefully orchestrating the interaction between points, curves, and vectors, the façade can achieve a harmonious balance between form and function, providing both aesthetic appeal and practical benefits in terms of adaptability and environmental responsiveness (see Figure 40).

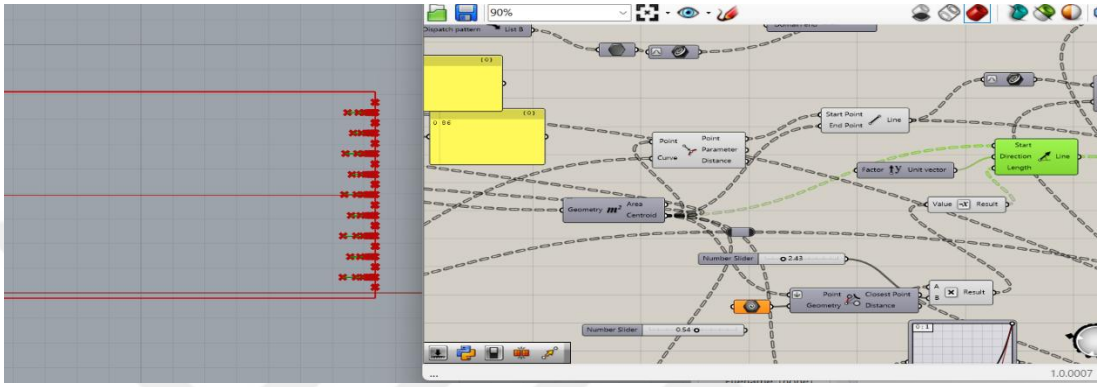

Figure 40. Incorporating linear motion <line SDL> for 3D kinetic façade structure

To complete the model of the kinetic units, it is essential to incorporate the third dimension, adding depth and enhancing the overall dynamic effect of the façade. This is achieved by utilizing the <Line SDL> component in Grasshopper, which creates a line segment defined by a start point, tangent, and length, effectively translating the two-dimensional design into a three-dimensional kinetic structure.

The <Line SDL> component is critical for defining the linear motion of each kinetic unit. By specifying the start point, the component establishes where the motion begins. The tangent input determines the direction in which the line (and therefore the kinetic unit) extends, allowing for precise control over the movement path. The length parameter further defines how far each unit will move, adding the necessary third dimension to the panels.

In figure 41, the <Line SDL> component is shown working in conjunction with other elements to define the 3D structure of the kinetic façade. Number sliders are employed to control parameters such as radius, rotation, and the length of the linear

motion, allowing for interactive adjustment and optimization of the design. These sliders make it possible to fine-tune the kinetic response of the façade, adjusting the movement to achieve the desired visual and functional outcomes (see Figure 41).

As a result, the façade is not just a flat, two-dimensional pattern but a dynamic, three-dimensional system capable of responding to environmental conditions and design requirements. By carefully adjusting the inputs of the <Line SDL> component and other associated parameters, the design can achieve a balance between aesthetic appeal and practical performance, creating a kinetic façade that is both visually striking and functionally effective.

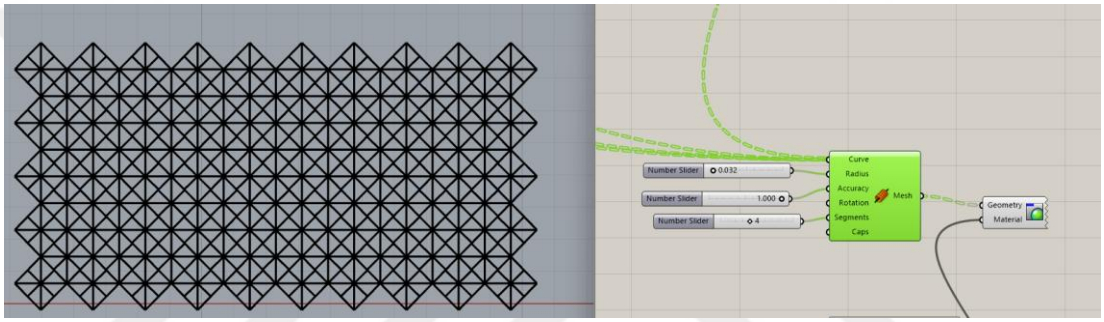

Figure 41. Finalizing 3D structure using <Line SDL> with control parameters

The design process of a kinetic façade fold motion model begins with identifying key points and edges that are crucial for the mechanics of movement. Fixed points serve as the anchors around which the movement occurs, while variable points and edges are dynamically adjusted to facilitate the folding action of the façade panels. This foundational step ensures that the movement mechanics are well-defined and that the kinetic elements operate smoothly within their designed parameters.

The next step involves utilizing the Parametric Form Generation (PFG) Algorithm. This algorithm is essential for defining the geometric transformations needed to achieve the desired fold motions of the façade. By inputting parameters such as angles, distances, and rotation points, the PFG Algorithm generates a range of possible transformations, allowing the designer to visualize and fine-tune the

movement of the panels. This process ensures efficient movement between fully closed and fully open states, optimizing both functionality and aesthetic appeal.

Performance assessment of the kinetic façade is primarily focused on its ability to regulate light transmission, which is crucial for optimizing indoor lighting conditions and reducing energy consumption. The façade's behavior is evaluated across three key states:

Fully Closed State (Left Image in Figure 42): In this state, the panels are fully extended to provide complete coverage of the façade. This configuration blocks all light from passing through, effectively creating a barrier against sunlight and providing maximum shade.

Partially Opened State (Middle Image in Figure 42): When the panels are partially retracted, narrow openings are formed, allowing some light to pass through. This state creates intricate patterns of light and shadow on the interior, which can be used to enhance the visual environment or reduce glare.

Fully Opened State (Right Image in Figure 42): In this state, the panels are fully retracted, and the openings between them are maximized. This configuration allows the lightest to penetrate the interior, minimizing the need for artificial lighting and contributing to energy efficiency. The geometric shapes of the panels simplify in this state, focusing on maximizing transparency.

By varying the opening ratios, the kinetic façade can dynamically respond to changing light conditions, optimizing indoor lighting and enhancing occupant comfort. This flexibility makes the façade an asset in sustainable building design, contributing to both energy efficiency and aesthetic quality. The overall process, from initial design to performance assessment, showcases the potential of kinetic façades to transform architectural spaces with responsive and adaptive elements.

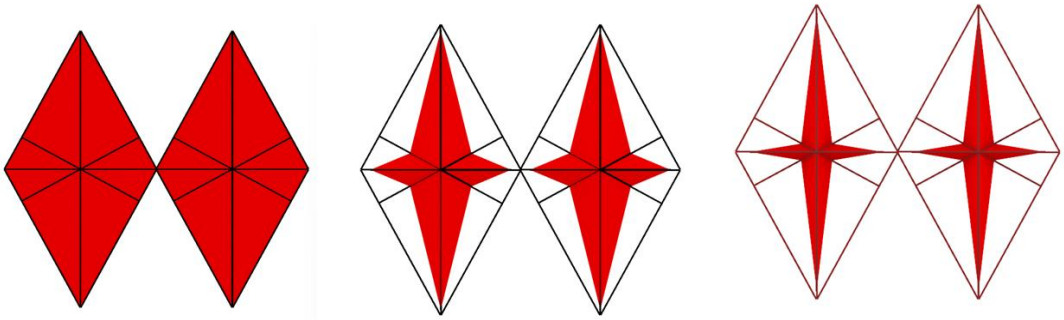

Figure 42. Folding, retracting

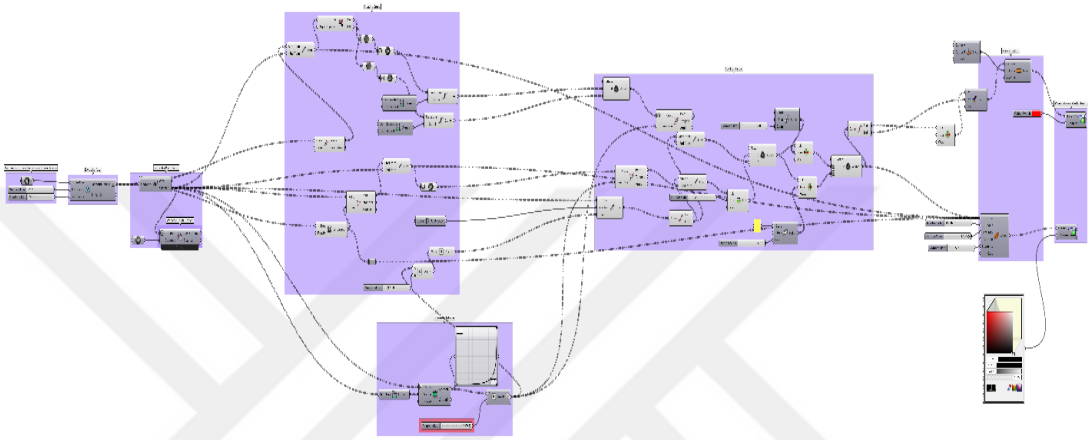

Figure 43. The definition of kinetic façade

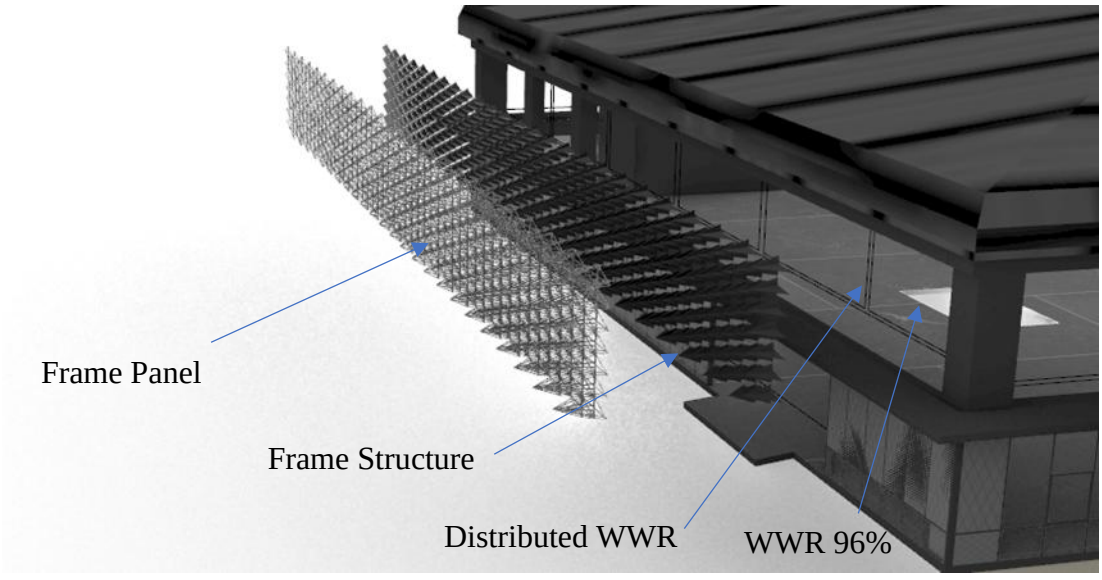

Figure 44. Modeling process

4.2.3 **Phase 3.** Analysis

The library, with dimensions of 45.7 meters in length, 15.6 meters in width, and 4.0 meters in height, is analyzed based on three primary design objectives: maximizing natural daylight penetration, reducing the likelihood of daylight glare, and ensuring comfortable indoor visual conditions. Achieving these objectives is essential for creating a pleasant and functional library space that enhances user experience and promotes well-being.

To guide the analysis, specific visual discomfort design requirements have been established. The Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI) threshold is set at 300 lux, ensuring that the space receives adequate natural light for reading and other activities without excessive brightness. Additionally, the Acceptable Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) is defined to be lower than 0.35. This metric helps to minimize the risk of discomfort caused by glare, which can be distracting and reduce visual comfort.

Furthermore, the analysis considers the Comfortable Daylight Glare Index (DGI), which is set to be lower than 0.24. This index measures the intensity of glare within the space, ensuring that it remains at a comfortable level. Finally, the requirement for acceptable glare comfort is defined as imperceptible glare, meaning that any potential glare should be so minimal that it does not impact the visual experience of the library's occupants (see Table 7).

During this phase, advanced simulation tools such as Honeybee and Ladybug are employed to assess the daylighting and glare conditions in the library space. These tools allow for detailed modeling of light behavior, taking into account various factors such as the building’s orientation, window placement, material properties, and the presence of shading devices. By simulating different scenarios, the analysis provides insights into how natural light interacts with the space throughout the day and across different seasons.

The results from these simulations are then compared against the specified thresholds to determine the effectiveness of the design strategies. If the analysis indicates that the design does not meet the performance criteria, adjustments can be made to optimize the daylighting and glare conditions. This iterative process ensures that the final design is not only aesthetically pleasing but also functionally suitable for

its intended use. The model parameters and performance criteria used in simulations to evaluate daylight metrics and glare control involve several key considerations.

Incorporating Weather Data in Design

Weather data analysis is fundamental in informing the design variables of kinetic façades. Key metrics, such as sunlight exposure and sun path, provide insights into how a building will interact with natural light throughout the day and across different seasons. By analyzing these metrics, designers can determine optimal façade orientations, shading strategies, and material selections that enhance daylight penetration and reduce reliance on artificial lighting.

Daylight autonomy, a measure of the availability of natural light in a space over time, is particularly important for designing energy-efficient buildings. A high daylight autonomy indicates that a space can maintain sufficient natural light for the majority of its usage hours, thereby reducing the need for electric lighting. Conversely, managing glare—excessive brightness that can cause discomfort or reduce visual performance—is equally critical to ensure a comfortable indoor environment.

Tools for Environmental Analysis

To effectively analyze daylight metrics and glare control, software tools like Honeybee, Honeybee Radiance, and Ladybug are invaluable. These tools integrate seamlessly with Rhino3D and Grasshopper3D, providing a robust platform for environmental analysis directly within the design environment. Here's a brief overview of each tool and its role in the analysis process:

- Honeybee: This tool facilitates energy and daylight simulation workflows. It connects Rhino and Grasshopper to energy modeling engines, such as EnergyPlus and Radiance, enabling detailed simulations of how design changes impact energy use and daylight availability.
- Honeybee Radiance: An extension of Honeybee, this tool specifically focuses on daylight analysis using the Radiance engine. Radiance is a highly

sophisticated lighting simulation tool that allows for precise calculations of light levels, glare potential, and other daylight metrics.

- Ladybug: This tool focuses on climate analysis, offering a suite of components for visualizing weather data and understanding environmental conditions. By analyzing sun paths, solar radiation, and other climate factors, Ladybug helps designers make informed decisions about shading devices, orientation, and material properties.

Table 7

Illustration of Specifications

Site & Location	**Turkey, Istaanbul, Bahcesehir University Future Campus**
Function & Space Area	Library Space: 45.7x15.6x4.5
Design Objective	1. Maximize Daylight 2. Reduce Daylight Glare Probability 3. Indoor Visual Conditions
Visual Discomfort Design Requirements	1. UDI Threeshold: 300 Lux 2. Acceptable DGP: Lower Than 0.35 3. Comfortable DGI Lower Than 0.24 4. Acceptable Glacre Comfort: Imperceptible Glare

To initiate the process, started by preparing the architectural model in Rhino (see Figure 45). It is crucial to ensure that the geometry is meticulously crafted, accurately reflecting the spatial configuration intended for analysis. This initial phase involves creating a detailed representation of the building's physical structure and its immediate surroundings, including adjacent buildings, vegetation, or any other elements that could influence daylight penetration and performance.

Once the basic model is established, Honeybee, an environmental analysis plugin for Grasshopper, is used to set up the building program model for daylight simulation. This step includes defining various spaces within the building, assigning appropriate materials, glazing properties, and other relevant data to the model's geometry. For example, in the "Space Define" component shown in Figure 45, a 'Library Space' has been specifically identified. This component plays a vital role in

categorizing different areas within the building, allowing for more precise simulations and analyses based on the unique requirements of each space type.

As outlined (see Table 8), several Grasshopper components are employed to define and manipulate the model parameters. The Library Space component takes 'Space Type' as input and outputs 'Library Space', selecting a space type from a predefined library to ensure that the specific characteristics of a library environment are accurately represented in the simulation. The Space Program component, with inputs like 'Library Space', 'Space Type', and 'Attributes', produces various outputs such as geometry, name, and other attributes, applying specific characteristics to the selected space type to ensure all necessary environmental and design parameters are included in the analysis. The Number Slider component allows for real-time adjustments and fine-tuning of variables, such as window size, shading device settings, or material properties, by enabling the user to modify numerical values for different parameters. Lastly, the List component manages and organizes list data, allowing users to select or modify items, which is particularly useful for handling multiple design options or variations in the simulation process. By integrating these components, the Grasshopper script efficiently sets up the simulation environment, considering all relevant factors. This comprehensive setup allows for a thorough analysis of daylight performance, glare probability, and overall daylight quality in the 'Library Space', leading to a more informed and optimized design.

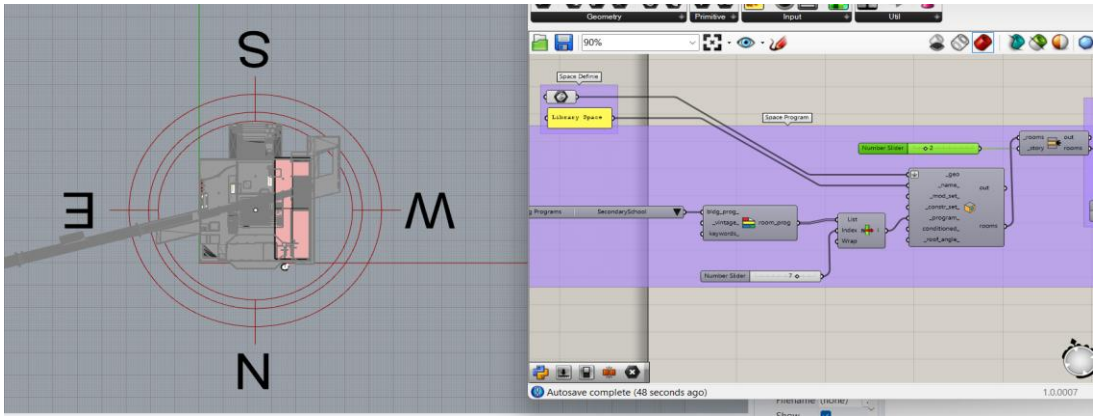

Figure 45. Preparing architectural model in Rhino

Table 8

Defining the Components, The Grasshopper Script – 1

Component	Input	Output	Description
Library Space	'Space Type'	'Library Space'	Selects a space type from a predefined library
Space Program	'Library Space', 'Space Type', 'Attributes'	Various Outputs (Geo, Name, Etc)	Applies attributes to the selected space type
Number Slider	'Number'	'Value'	Allows user to adjust numerical values for parameters
List	'List Data'	'Selected Items'	Manages and organizes list data, can select, or modify items

Grasshopper definition displays a key component include a "rooms" output, which provides data about the building's internal spaces for further analysis. Three number sliders adjust critical simulation parameters: the first set to 0.28, likely influencing the window-to-wall ratio or aperture size; the second set to 0.50, potentially adjusting glazing transparency or shading depth; and the third set to 0.40, which might modify reflectance. Additionally, two boolean toggles are present, both set to "True," typically used to enable or disable specific features in the simulation, such as daylight analysis or the application of shading devices (see Table 8). There is also an Aperture Model Ratio Component, which appears to be a specialized Grasshopper element, possibly linked to plugins like Honeybee or Ladybug, indicating a focus on optimizing aperture sizes or window-to-wall ratios to enhance daylight performance, directly contributing to energy efficiency and occupant comfort (see Figure 46).

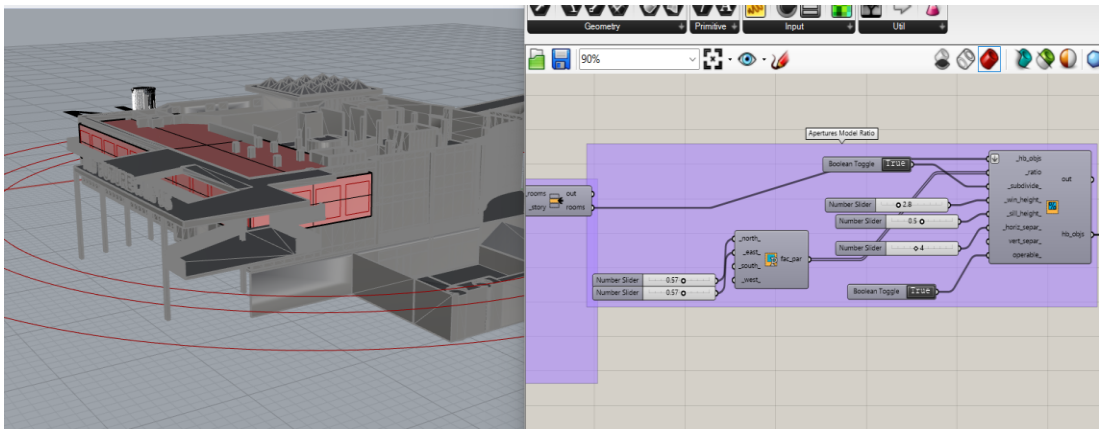

Figure 46. Apertures model ratio

The "Space Program" component is linked to the 'Space Define' component and is assumed to assign specific programs or functions to the defined spaces. It appears to be part of a larger set of components that establish the building's overall program. This is indicated by the drop-down menu options for "Secondary School" and other related components such as 'bldg_prog_', 'vintage_', 'room_prog_', and 'keywords_', which collectively help define the building's layout and usage types.

In addition to these components, a numerical slider is connected, which likely serves to adjust the number of rooms, or another quantitative parameter related to the spaces within the model. This allows for dynamic modification of the model, making it possible to explore different scenarios and configurations. A list component is also included, which is probably used to organize or index data related to the building program. This component helps manage multiple design options or variations, streamlining the analysis process by efficiently categorizing information.

The script concludes with output components labeled 'rooms', 'out', '_story', and 'rooms', which likely represent the finalized spaces with their assigned programs and characteristics. These outputs are crucial as they encapsulate the defined spaces, readying them for further processing or analysis. This structured output ensures that the data generated by the script is comprehensive and easily interpretable, facilitating subsequent steps in the simulation and optimization workflows (see Table 9).

Table 9

Illustration of Components Used in Figure A

Component	Inputs	Outputs	Function
Apertures Model Ratio	Boolean Toggle (True/False), Number Sliders for aperture ratios	hb_objs	Controls the ratio of window apertures to wall surfaces.
Number Slider	User-defined values (0-1 for ratios, or other scales as needed)	Numeric Input to other components	Provides variable numerical input to control aperture sizes
Boolean Toggle	User Interaction (True/False)	Boolean state (True/False)	Activates or deactivates features in the model.
Orientation Sliders	Number Sliders	Orientation-specific parameters	Adjusts the aperture ratio for each orientation of the building.

The model includes highlighted apertures (windows) and components that reference the north, east, south, and west orientations of the building. One key component, the Apertures Model Ratio, likely manages the size or ratio of apertures relative to wall surfaces for different building orientations. This component is vital in the design process to optimize natural light and solar gain, ensuring that each orientation receives the appropriate amount of daylight while minimizing potential overheating or glare.

To adjust these aperture ratios, the model uses Number Sliders, which provide a straightforward way to input numerical values. These sliders allow designers to easily modify aperture sizes based on simulation feedback or specific design goals, facilitating an iterative design process that can respond to changing requirements or environmental conditions.

Additionally, the model incorporates Boolean Toggles, which are used to activate or deactivate certain features within the design. For example, these toggles could be used to test the effects of having operable windows versus fixed ones, enabling the evaluation of different ventilation and lighting strategies.

The outputs generated by this model can be visualized in Rhino, providing a clear representation of how changes to aperture sizes and configurations affect the building's performance. These outputs can also be used to perform simulations that analyze factors such as daylight penetration, solar gain, and glare, or to generate detailed reports for further analysis. This comprehensive approach allows for a deeper understanding of how design decisions impact overall building performance and helps in making informed choices to achieve optimal results (see Table 10).

Table 10

Apertures Model Ratio

Component	Input	Output	Function
Apertures model ratio	Bodean Toggle (True/False), Number sliders for aperture ratios	HB.objs	Controls the ratio of window apertures to wall surfaces
Number slider	Under-defined values (0-1 for ratios, or other scales if needed)	Numeric input to other components	Provides variable numerical input to control aperture
Bodean toggle	User interaction (True/False)	Bodean state	Activates or deactivates features in the model
Orientation sliders	Number sliders	Orientation-specific parameters	Adjusts the aperture ratio for each orientation of the building

These objects are parametrically linked to the inputs provided, meaning their properties dynamically change as the sliders are adjusted. This parametric setup allows for real-time updates to the model, making it easier to explore different design options and their impact on building performance. By simply adjusting the sliders, you can instantly see how changes in aperture sizes or orientations affect daylight penetration, solar gain, and glare within the building.

To further refine the analysis of daylight performance, it is crucial to define analysis grids within the spaces being studied (see Figure 47). Analysis grids are a

vital tool in daylight simulation, as they provide a systematic way to evaluate daylight availability across space. These grids are typically set at work plane height, about 75 cm off the floor, which represents the level at which most activities are performed and where light is most needed.

The grids are composed of a network of sensor points or nodes that measure various daylight metrics, such as illuminance, daylight autonomy, and glare. By placing these sensors across the space, the analysis can capture a detailed distribution of daylight levels throughout the area. This helps in assessing how effectively natural light is being utilized and whether it meets the desired standards for visual comfort and energy efficiency.

Creating a grid of sensors also enables the analysis of environmental factors across a given space, providing data on how different design choices—such as window size, placement, and type—impact the interior lighting conditions. For instance, if a certain area of the grid shows insufficient daylight, the designer can adjust the model to increase aperture size or change the orientation to enhance light penetration. Conversely, if there is excessive glare, the model can be modified to incorporate shading devices or reduce window size in specific orientations.

By using analysis grids, designers can simulate a variety of scenarios and optimize the design for daylight performance. This grid-based approach ensures a thorough evaluation, allowing for targeted adjustments that improve overall lighting quality while balancing factors like glare, energy use, and visual comfort. The resulting data from these grids can be visualized in Rhino, interpreted for performance metrics, and used to generate comprehensive reports, guiding the design process towards the most effective solutions for daylight management.

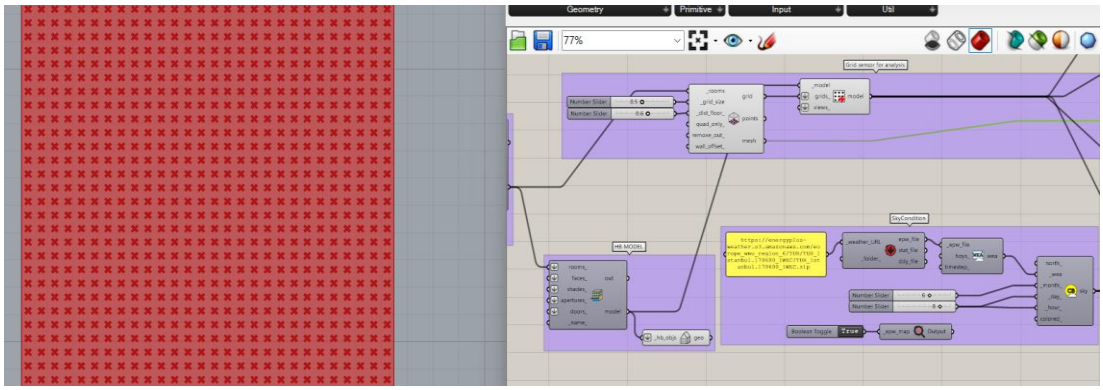

Figure 47. Visualization of analysis grids

In the Grasshopper script, several components play critical roles in setting up and running simulations. Two key components in this process are the “Number Sliders” and the “HB MODEL Component.”

The Number Sliders are crucial for controlling various parameters within the script. They provide a flexible way to adjust values dynamically, allowing the user to fine-tune different aspects of the model. For instance, in the context of defining analysis grids, the Number Sliders might be used to control the density and distribution of the sensor grid. By adjusting the slider values, the user can increase or decrease the number of sensors across a space, thereby altering the resolution of the daylight analysis. This capability is vital for customizing the model to reflect different scenarios, ensuring that the simulation results are as accurate and relevant as possible for specific design requirements.

The "HB model Component" is where the Honeybee model is assembled. It acts as a central hub that compiles all geometric and environmental data necessary for running simulations. This component integrates various elements of the building model, including rooms, faces, shades, apertures, doors, and potentially other components. Each element is connected to the HB model Component, ensuring that all parts of the building are accurately represented and that their interactions are considered in the simulation. For example, rooms and faces define the spatial configuration and surfaces, while shades and apertures influence how light enters and

interacts with the building interior. Doors can also play a role in simulations, especially if considering thermal performance or ventilation.

By assembling the Honeybee model with the HB model Component, designers can create a comprehensive representation of the building that includes all necessary details for daylighting and environmental analysis. This component ensures that all input data is correctly formatted and combined, facilitating an efficient and effective simulation process. The resulting model can then be used to run various analyses, such as daylight availability, glare probability, thermal comfort, and energy efficiency, providing valuable insights that inform the design process. Together, the Number Sliders and the HB model Component are fundamental in creating a dynamic and adaptable modeling environment (see Table 11).

Table 11

Grasshopper Scripting for Environmental Analysis

Component	**Input**	**Output**	**Purpose**
Number sliders	User input (Values)	-	Adjust parameters such as sensor grid size and effects
HB model	Rooms, Faces, Shades, Apertures, Doors, etc	HB_objs	Compile a Honeybee model for simulation
Grid	Model, Gride size, etc	Points, Mesh	Create a grid for placing a sensor for environmental analysis
Sky condition	Weather data, Time, Date	_epw_map	Configure the environmental conditions for the simulation
Weather URL	-	_epw_file	Input for retrieving weather data from a specific URL
Bodean Toggle	User input (true/false)	-	Enable or disable parameters conditionally

The "Sky Condition Component" is a crucial element in the simulation process as it establishes the environmental context for the analysis. This component typically includes inputs such as weather data from a specific location and time (see Figure 47), which are essential for accurately modeling the natural lighting conditions in a given environment. By setting the sky conditions, the component determines how sunlight and diffuse skylight interact with the building throughout different times of the day and year.

The weather data used in the Sky Condition Component can include parameters such as solar radiation, cloud cover, humidity, and other atmospheric conditions. These variables significantly impact the simulation results, as they affect the amount of natural light entering the building and the intensity of sunlight and glare. For instance, a clear sky will result in higher direct sunlight levels and potential glare, while an overcast sky will lead to more diffuse light and reduced glare.

By incorporating accurate weather data, the Sky Condition Component allows the simulation to reflect real-world conditions as closely as possible, leading to more reliable and meaningful analysis outcomes. This data is critical for understanding how different design options will perform in varying environmental conditions, helping to optimize the building for both energy efficiency and occupant comfort. In summary, the Sky Condition Component plays a vital role in setting up the simulation's environmental parameters, ensuring that the results are reflective of actual weather conditions and providing valuable insights for the design process. The “sky" component in Grasshopper is essential for configuring sky conditions for daylighting simulations. It includes inputs for specifying north direction, weather data files (wea format), month, day, hour, and an option for coloured sky visualisations (see Table 12 and Table 13). This component enhances the accuracy of daylighting analysis by allowing detailed examination of natural light at different times of the year and day. Additionally, it supports seamless integration with other components in the workflow, thereby optimizing the design process for natural light. The option for coloured visualizations also aids in visually communicating the impact of daylight on the design

Table 12

Sky Component output

Component	Inputs	Outputs	Purpose
Number Slider	User input (values)	-	Adjust parameters such as sensor grid size and offsets.
HB MODEL	Rooms, Faces, Shades, Apertures, Doors, etc.	hb_objs	Compile a Honeybee model for simulation.
Grid	Model, Grid size, etc.	Points, Mesh	Create a grid for placing sensors for environmental analysis.
SkyCondition	Weather data, Time, Date	_epw_map	Configure the environmental conditions for the simulation.
Weather URL	-	epw_file	Input for retrieving weather data from a specific URL.
Boolean Toggle	User input (True/False)	-	Enable or disable parameters conditionally.

Table 13

Sky Component Details

Parameter	Type	Function	Description
north_	Input	Orientation	Specifies the north direction for accurate solar orientation in the model.
_wea	Input	Weather Data	Accepts weather data files (.wea format) containing climatic data for realistic sky conditions.
month	Input	Time Setting	Indicates the month for the sky condition.
day	Input	Time Setting	Specifies the day within the chosen month for the sky condition.
hour	Input	Time Setting	Determines the hour of the day for the simulation, allowing for time-specific daylight analysis.
colored_	Input	Visualization	Toggles the option for generating colored sky visualizations.
sky	Output	Sky Model	Provides the configured sky model with all specified parameters for use in daylighting simulations.

4.2.4 **Phase 4.** Running Simulations

The parameters used in the glare and daylight analysis are systematically categorized into fixed and variable parameters, each playing a crucial role in the simulations to assess the building's performance under different conditions.

Fixed parameters remain unchanged throughout the analysis, providing a consistent foundation for comparing various design scenarios. These include the Window Wall Ratio (WWR), which is the ratio of window area to the total wall area and plays a significant role in determining the amount of daylight entering the space. Fixed parameters also cover the overall dimensions of the space, including width, length, and height, as well as the orientation of openings. These factors collectively influence how daylight is distributed within the space and how glare may be perceived, ensuring that the basic spatial configuration is accurately represented in all simulations.

On the other hand, variable parameters are those that change throughout the simulations to explore different design possibilities and environmental conditions. A key variable parameter is the motion of the kinetic facade model, which is simulated to understand how dynamic adjustments in façade elements can optimize daylight availability and reduce glare under varying conditions. This adaptability allows the façade to respond to different sun positions and light levels,

Additionally, time parameters are employed to provide a temporal context for the simulations, capturing the effects of seasonal variations and different times of day on daylight and glare. The selected days (specifically the 21st of March, June, September, and the 31st of December) represent key points in the year, such as equinoxes and solstices, which are critical for assessing the building's daylight performance across different seasons. The hours chosen for analysis—10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, and 5:00 PM—further allow for a detailed understanding of how daylight conditions change throughout the day (see Table 14).

Table 14

Parameters into Fixed and Variable Categories

Parameter Category	Parameter	Details
Fixed Parameters	Window Wall Ratio (WWR)	The ratio of window area to the total wall area
	Space Dimensions and Opening Orientation	The overall dimensions of the space and direction of openings
	Space Width	The width of the space
	Space Length	The length of the space
	Space Height	The height of the space
Variable Parameters	Changing the Motion of AF Model	Adaptations in the motion of the adaptive façade model
Time Parameters	Month	March, July, September, December
	Day	21 (March), 21 (July), 23 (September), 31 (December)
	Hour	10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM

4.2.4.1 Daylight Autonomy simulation (DAs). The daylight component in Grasshopper (see Figure 48) is a crucial tool for conducting comprehensive daylight analysis within architectural models. This component enables detailed evaluation of natural light performance using a variety of inputs and outputs, making it essential for optimizing building designs for both energy efficiency and occupant comfort (Doe, 2024).

The inputs for the daylight component are diverse and allow for a thorough analysis of daylighting conditions. These inputs include the building or space model, which defines the geometry and spatial characteristics of the area under study. Weather data files (wea) provide essential climatic conditions, enabling the simulation to reflect real-world scenarios accurately. Orientation (north) is another key input, as it determines how the building is positioned relative to the sun, significantly affecting daylight penetration and distribution. Illuminance thresholds (thresholds) are used to set minimum and maximum light levels for specific areas, ensuring that spaces receive adequate daylight without causing glare or discomfort.

Occupancy schedules (schedule) input allows for the simulation to account for variations in building use throughout the day, which is crucial for accurately predicting daylight availability when spaces are occupied. Grid filters (grid_filter_) enable the selection of specific areas within the model for more focused analysis, improving the efficiency and relevance of the simulations. Radiance parameters (radiance_par_) and enhanced simulation settings (enhanced_) provide advanced controls over the simulation's accuracy and detail, allowing users to refine the analysis to meet specific needs. Finally, simulation run settings (run_settings_) determine how the simulation is executed, including the number of calculations and the level of detail required.

The component also includes a Boolean toggle (_run), which is used to initiate the simulation process. By activating this toggle, users can start the analysis and generate outputs that detail the performance of the building under various daylight conditions. These outputs can be used to assess factors like daylight autonomy, useful daylight illuminance, and glare, providing valuable insights for optimizing design strategies.

This detailed setup of the daylight component in Grasshopper allows for a highly customizable and accurate analysis of daylight performance, making it an invaluable tool in architectural design. By integrating various inputs and advanced settings, the component enables designers to simulate a wide range of scenarios, ensuring that buildings are well-lit, energy-efficient, and comfortable for occupants.

The outputs provided by the daylight component in Grasshopper include general results (out), detailed daylight analysis results (results), Daylight Autonomy (DA), Continuous Daylight Autonomy (cDA), Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI), and specific ranges of UDI (UDI_low and UDI_up). Utilizing this component offers significant benefits, such as optimizing the use of natural light to enhance energy efficiency, improving visual comfort for occupants, contributing to sustainable building design, and providing precise data for informed design decisions. By integrating this tool, architects and designers can ensure that their projects make the

best possible use of natural light, reducing the need for artificial lighting and enhancing the overall indoor environment (Reinhart & Walkenhorst, 2001).

The annual daylight component in Grasshopper is an essential tool for performing comprehensive daylight analysis in architectural design (see Figure 48). It allows users to input various data elements, including the building model, weather data, orientation, and specific simulation parameters, to evaluate the performance of natural light within a space. By processing these inputs, the component provides detailed outputs for a range of daylight metrics such as Daylight Autonomy (DA), Continuous Daylight Autonomy (cDA), and Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI).

These metrics help assess how effectively a space is naturally lit throughout different times of the day and year, taking into account factors like sun position, weather conditions, and building orientation (see Table 15). Utilizing the Daylight component in Grasshopper offers numerous benefits for optimizing building design. By analyzing how natural light interacts with a building's interior, architects and designers can make informed decisions to enhance energy efficiency by reducing the need for artificial lighting. This not only lowers energy consumption but also contributes to creating a more sustainable building. Furthermore, optimizing daylight can improve occupant comfort by ensuring adequate lighting levels for activities and reducing glare, thereby enhancing the overall indoor environment.

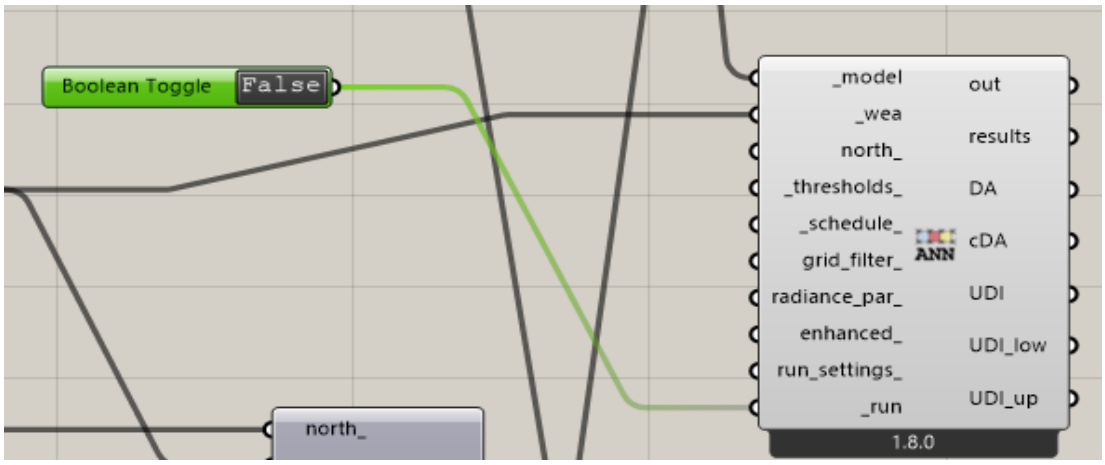

Figure 48. Daylight autonomy component

Table 15

Daylight Component Details

Parameter	Type	Function	Description
_model	Input	Model Input	The building or space model to be analyzed.
_wea	Input	Weather Data	Accepts weather data files for climatic data in simulations.
north_	Input	Orientation	Specifies the north direction for accurate solar orientation.
thresholds	Input	Illuminance Thresholds	Sets the illuminance thresholds for daylight metrics.
schedule	Input	Occupancy Schedule	Provides the usage patterns or occupancy schedule.
grid_filter_	Input	Grid Point Filter	Filters specific grid points in the model.
radiance_par_	Input	Radiance Parameters	Parameters for the Radiance simulation engine.
enhanced_	Input	Enhanced Simulation Settings	Option to enable enhanced simulation settings.
run_settings_	Input	Simulation Run Settings	Settings related to the execution of the simulation.
_run	Input	Run Toggle	Boolean toggle to start the simulation.
out	Output	General Output	General output, possibly including logs or status messages.
results	Output	Simulation Results	Detailed results of the daylight analysis.
DA	Output	Daylight Autonomy	Results for Daylight Autonomy.
cDA	Output	Continuous Daylight Autonomy	Results for Continuous Daylight Autonomy.
UDI	Output	Useful Daylight Illuminance	Results for Useful Daylight Illuminance.
UDI_low	Output	Lower Range of Useful Daylight Illuminance	Results for the lower range of UDI.
UDI_up	Output	Upper Range of Useful Daylight Illuminance	Results for the upper range of UDI.

4.2.4.2 Glare evaluation for existing façade. The Glare component in Honeybee for Grasshopper, which utilizes the Radiance engine, is a powerful tool for assessing visual discomfort caused by glare in architectural spaces (see Figure 49). It enables architects and designers to perform detailed glare analysis by using high dynamic range (HDR) images and Radiance-based simulations to evaluate potential glare within interior environments. The component accepts various inputs, such as HDR images that capture the wide range of luminance values in a scene, the position and angle of tasks to focus on specific areas prone to glare, and the type of glare to be evaluated, like discomfort or disability glare. Additionally, it allows for the exclusion of certain areas from analysis and the selection of specific glare indices to calculate, such as Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) or Daylight Glare Index (DGI). The outputs of the Glare component include the calculated values of the glare indices, providing quantitative measures that inform design decisions regarding window placement, sizing, and shading devices. It also includes an HDR check to ensure the images meet the necessary standards for accurate analysis. By enabling a thorough understanding of how different design choices impact glare and visual comfort, the glare component supports the creation of comfortable, functional, and energy-efficient spaces. This tool is integral to sustainable building practices, helping designers optimize natural light use while minimizing reliance on artificial lighting and enhancing occupant comfort through effective daylight management (see Table 15).

Utilizing tools like the DGP component and integrating them into a broader daylight analysis framework ensures that architectural designs are optimized for natural light without compromising on comfort or energy efficiency. This approach aligns with sustainable building practices, which prioritize occupant well-being while minimizing energy consumption (Reinhart & Walkenhorst, 2001; Jakubiec & Reinhart, 2012).

It calculates the probability that occupants will experience glare based on daylight conditions within a simulated environment. The DGP component in Honeybee for Grasshopper utilizes Radiance-based simulations to evaluate daylight glare in interior spaces. By simulating various lighting conditions and analyzing the

potential for glare, this component helps architects and designers make informed decisions about critical design elements such as window sizing, placement, and the use of shading devices. The insights gained from these simulations are invaluable for enhancing both the comfort and functionality of spaces, ensuring that they provide an optimal balance of natural light without causing discomfort due to glare. This approach not only improves the quality of the indoor environment for occupants but also contributes to the sustainable design of buildings by optimizing the use of natural light and reducing the reliance on artificial lighting (Reinhart & Walkenhorst, 2001; Jakubiec & Reinhart, 2012).This integration of DGP into the simulation and design process through Honeybee for Grasshopper enables a detailed and user-friendly approach to daylight analysis, providing a robust platform for sustainable and comfortable architectural designs.

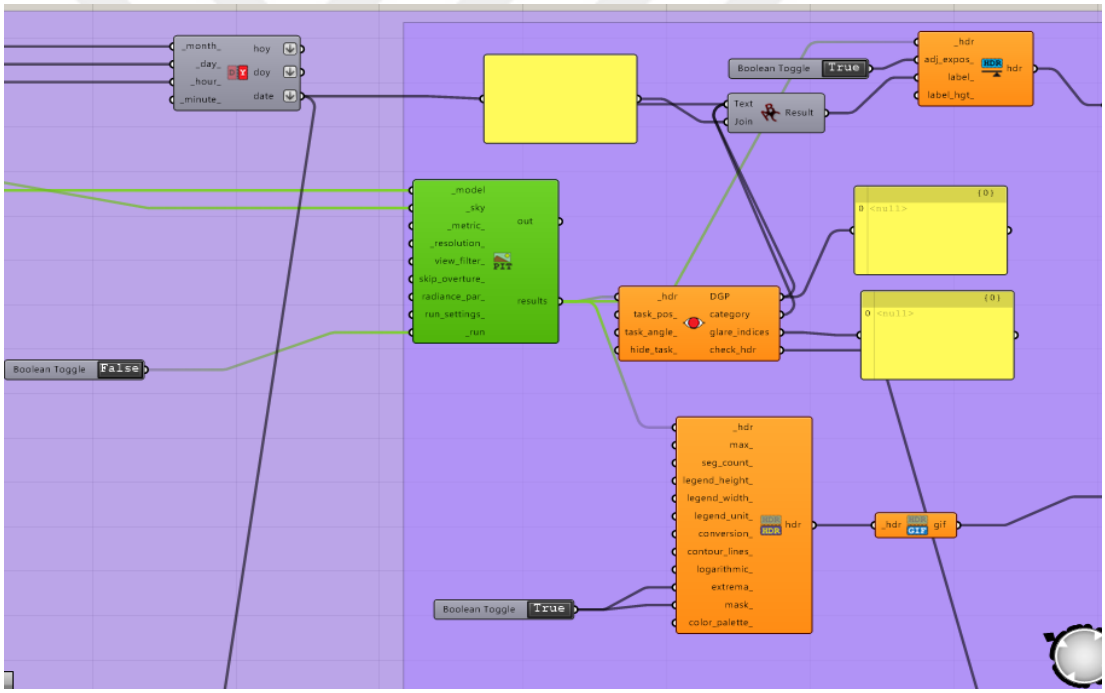

Figure 49. The glare component in the screenshot

Table 16

Glare Component Details

Parameter	Type	Function	Description
_hdr	Input	HDR Image Input	Accepts high dynamic range images for glare evaluation.
task_pos_	Input	Task Position	Specifies the location for glare assessment.
task_angle_	Input	Task Angle	Defines the angle at which the task is performed.
hide_task_	Input	Hide Task Area	Option to exclude the task area from analysis.
category	Input	Glare Category	Sets the type of glare to be evaluated.
glare_indices	Input	Glare Indices	Specifies which glare indices to calculate.
results	Output	Glare Analysis Results	Provides the values of the calculated glare indices.
check_hdr	Output	HDR Check	Outputs a check to ensure HDR image meets analysis standards.

The output of the DGP (Daylight Glare Probability) component is a numeric value that quantifies the likelihood of occupants experiencing discomfort due to glare within a space. This value, known as the Comfort Range of DGP (see Table 17), is essential for assessing visual comfort and guiding design decisions in architectural projects. The DGP value is typically categorized into four distinct ranges based on glare perception and associated comfort levels. A DGP value of less than 0.35 indicates imperceptible glare, which is considered comfortable as it does not negatively impact the occupants' visual experience. This range ensures that spaces are adequately lit without causing discomfort or reducing productivity.

Table 17

Comfort Range of DGP

DGP Value	Glare Perception	Comfort Level
< 0.35	Imperceptible Glare	Comfortable
0.35 - 0.40	Perceptible Glare	Borderline Comfort
0.40 - 0.45	Disturbing Glare	Uncomfortable
> 0.45	Intolerable Glare	Very Uncomfortable

When the DGP value falls between 0.35 and 0.40, glare is perceptible but still within a tolerable range, leading to borderline comfort. In such cases, glare is noticeable, and while it may not significantly hinder activities, it can be distracting or uncomfortable for prolonged periods. Minor adjustments, such as modifying interior layouts or slightly altering window treatments, may be necessary to enhance comfort levels in spaces with perceptible glare.

A DGP value between 0.40 and 0.45 indicates disturbing glare, which is uncomfortable for most occupants. This level of glare can interfere with tasks that require visual concentration and can significantly affect the overall comfort and usability of a space. In environments with disturbing glare, design modifications are often required, such as adding shading devices, adjusting window sizes, or reorienting workspaces to mitigate direct sunlight exposure and reduce glare.

Finally, a DGP value greater than 0.45 represents intolerable glare, which is very uncomfortable and can lead to significant discomfort, decreased productivity, and even health issues like eye strain or headaches. In such cases, immediate corrective actions are essential to improve the visual comfort of the space. Solutions may include implementing advanced shading technologies, changing the building's orientation, or using specialized glazing to minimize glare from direct sunlight.

The study simulated glare at different times of the day (10:00, 12:00, 14:00, and 17:00) on June 21st to compare the performance of a fixed façade, model V, model H and a kinetic façade.

The study further explored glare and illumination levels at various times (10:00, 12:00, 14:00, and 17:00) on key dates throughout the year, including December 31st, March 21st, September 23rd, and June 21st. This comprehensive analysis provided insights into how seasonal variations and sun positions affect interior lighting and glare.

Chapter 5

Findings

The proposed study investigates the kinetic response of a kinetic façade through a combination of physical prototyping and parametric design tools to evaluate the performance of the façade system. This methodology delves into the potential of façade components to respond to environmental stimuli and adapt accordingly. The kinetic façade incorporates a mechanism for folding and unfolding, enabling it to adjust to sunlight and changing environmental conditions. The dynamic pattern on the façade creates an effect of expansion and contraction, resulting in unpredictable surface movements in reaction to local climatic variations.

The rationale behind opting for a folding kinetic façade motion over a hexagonal or rectangular design in this research is predominantly driven by the constraints imposed by static façades and the specific spatial limitations of 2.7 meters in width and 4.5 meters in height. Static façades, regardless of their shape being hexagonal or rectangular, are deficient in their capacity to dynamically adjust to varying environmental conditions, a feature essential for enhancing energy efficiency and indoor comfort.

This study investigates the potential of kinetic façades to respond to environmental stimuli and adapt accordingly. A folding kinetic façade, specifically designed for a building with spatial constraints, was developed and evaluated. The façade incorporates a mechanism for folding and unfolding, enabling it to adjust to sunlight and changing environmental conditions.

The research found that a folding kinetic façade offers several advantages over static façades. It can enhance energy efficiency by reducing the need for artificial climate control systems, improve indoor comfort by regulating natural light and ventilation, and create a more visually appealing building exterior. Additionally, the

façade's ability to adapt to changing sky conditions provides precise control over natural light, optimizing it for different times of the day and weather conditions.
Simulation analysis revealed that the kinetic façade effectively controlled sun exposure, reduced glare, and improved daylight availability compared to the existing façade. This led to a significant reduction in Daylight Glare Probability (DGP), enhancing occupant comfort and making the space more conducive to activities like reading and studying. Overall, the study demonstrated the potential of kinetic façades as a sustainable and adaptable solution for building design.

5.1 Illuminance Results

The results of this study indicated a significant opportunity for regulating indoor illuminance levels to create ideal learning environments. Effective management and fine-tuning of lighting conditions in educational facilities can have a profound impact on students' learning experiences and general welfare. Through the proper regulation of indoor illuminance, educational institutions can develop settings that not only enhance visual comfort but also boost cognitive performance and focus.

As shown in Figure 50, the illuminance analysis for March 21st indicates higher light levels due to the spring equinox. In contrast, Figure 51, which represents June 21st, shows peak summer illuminance levels. Figure 52, corresponding to September 23rd, captures the light levels around the fall equinox, while Figure 53 illustrates the lower illuminance on December 31st during winter."

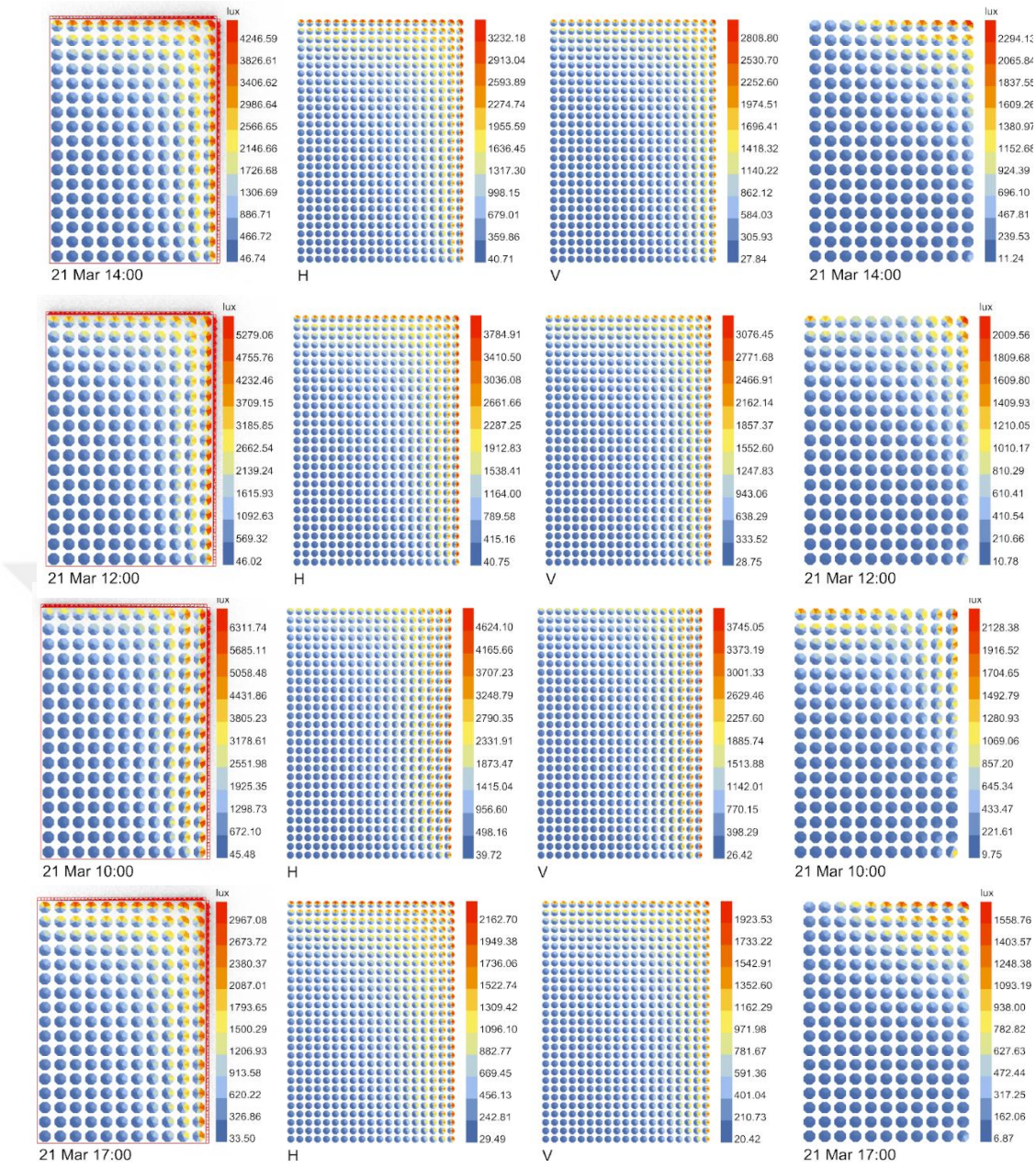

Figure 50. Illuminance analysis, March 21st

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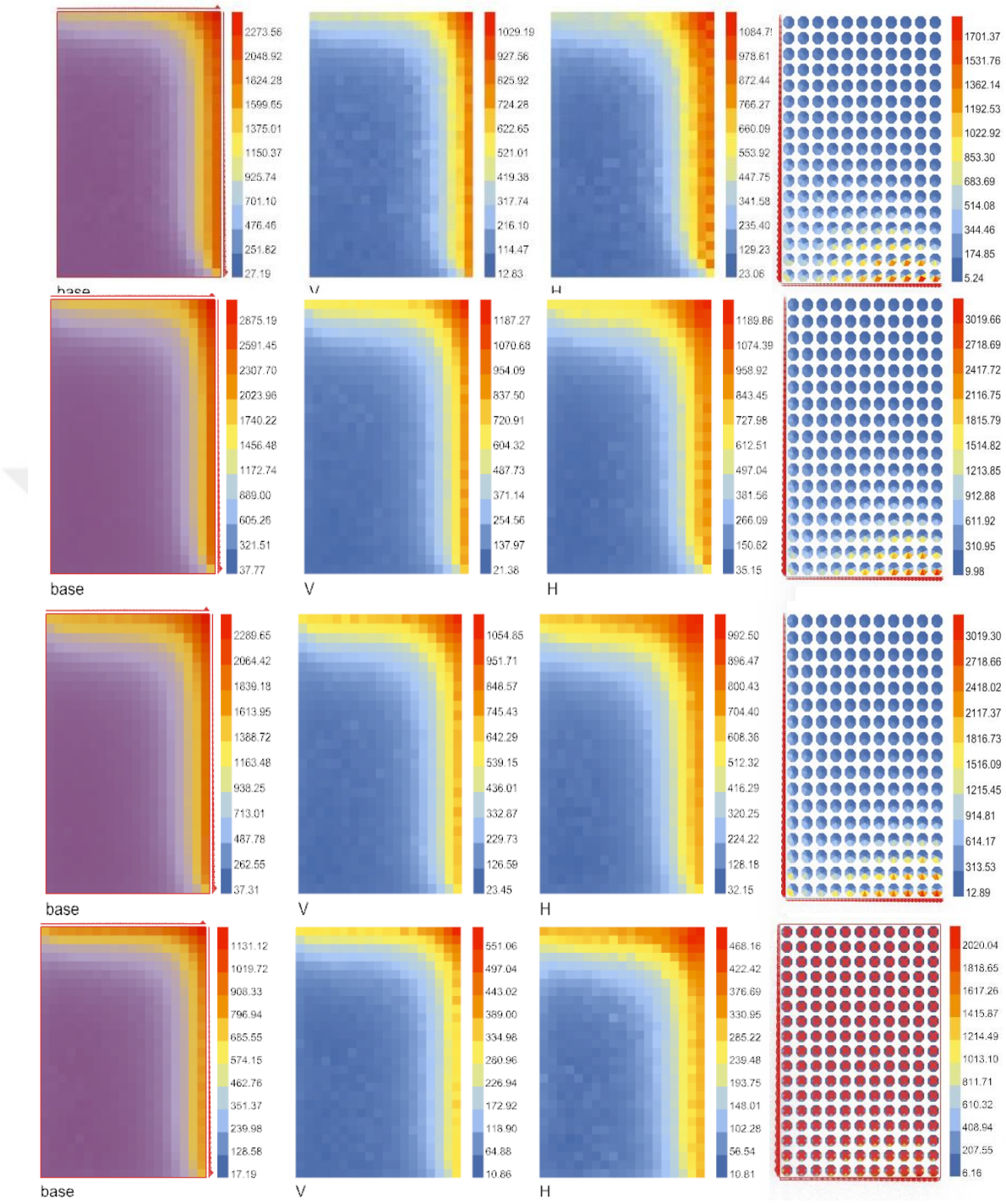


Figure 51. Illuminance analysis, June 21st.

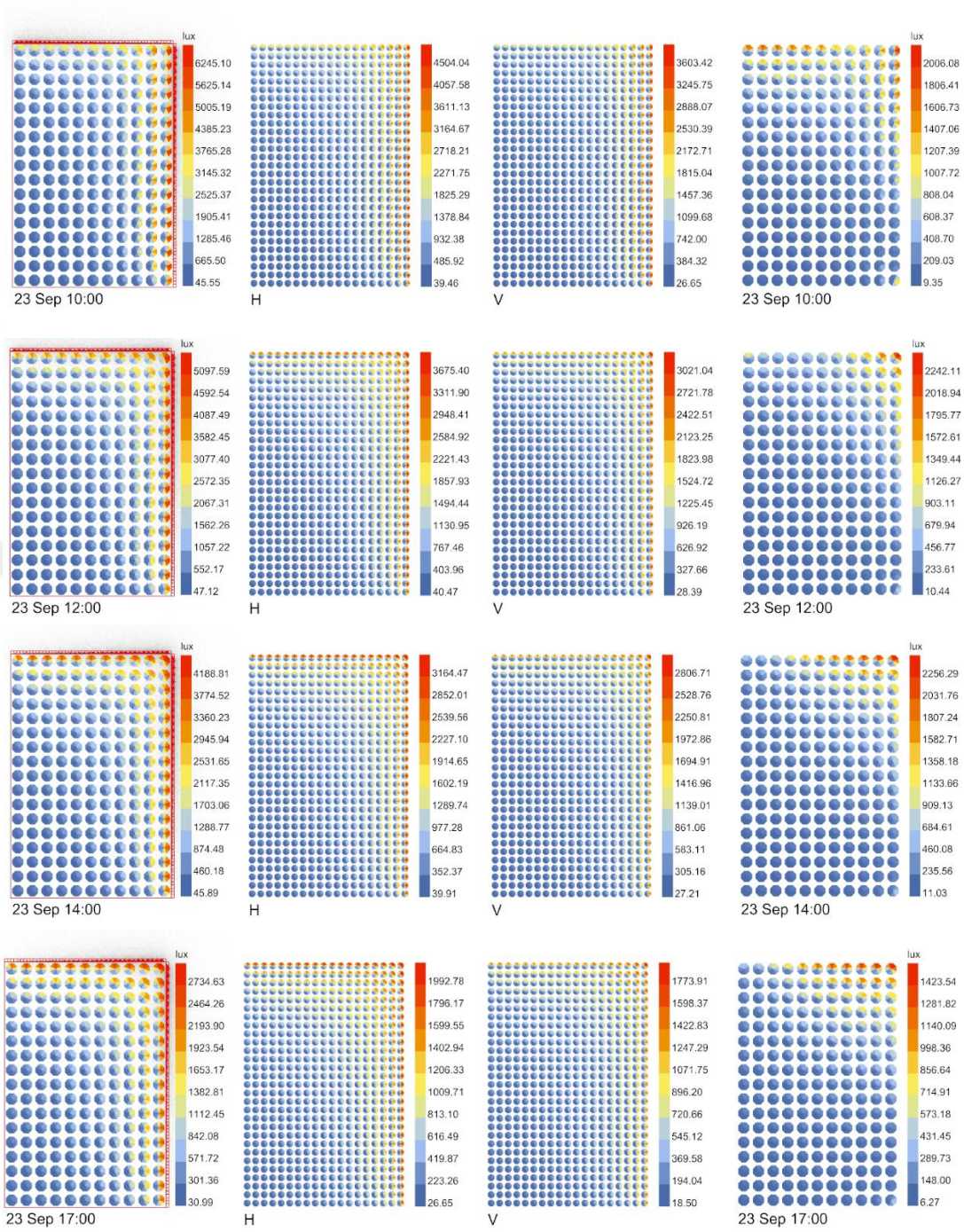


Figure 52. Illuminance analysis, Sep 23rd.

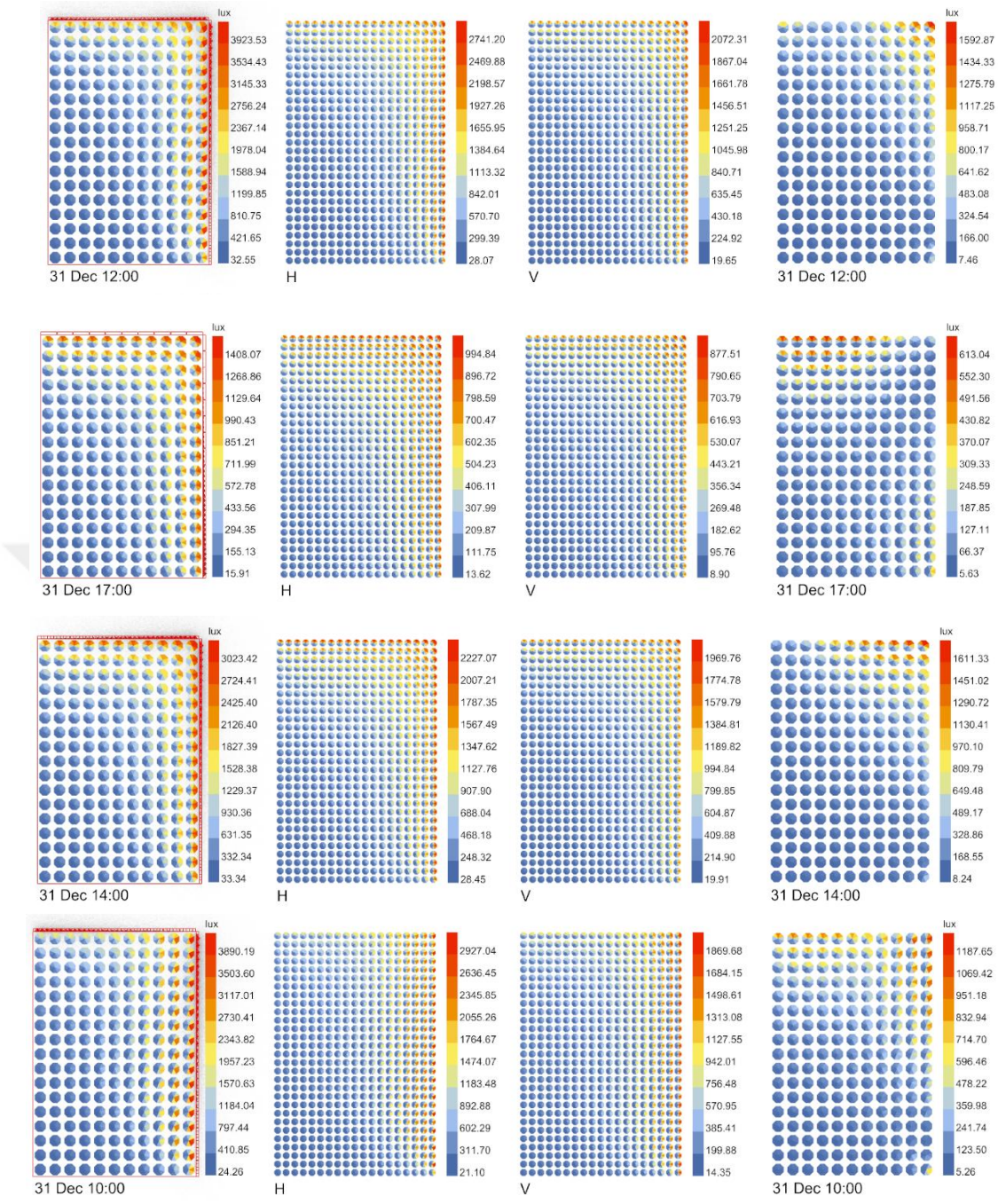


Figure 53. Illuminance analysis, Dec 31st.

The base façade, despite its ability to admit substantial natural light, exhibited consistently high illuminance levels in close proximity to the windows, frequently exceeding 5000 lux during peak sunlight periods. This excessive light penetration contributed to significant glare and thermal discomfort, resulting in an uneven light distribution that diminished rapidly with distance from the windows. These findings underscore the inadequacy of the base façade in delivering uniform daylighting and creating comfortable indoor settings.

Model H, incorporating horizontal shading components, demonstrated a significant enhancement compared to the standard façade. While it effectively decreased peak illuminance levels to approximately 3500-4000 lux, it displayed a noticeable disparity in light dispersion, with elevated levels adjacent to the windows and diminished levels towards the interior of the room. Although the horizontal shading devices partially alleviated glare, complete elimination was not achieved, suggesting the potential for additional refinements.

Model V, utilizing vertical shading elements, surpassed both the base façade and Model H in terms of glare reduction. This approach led to a reduction in peak illuminance levels, frequently falling below 3500 lux. The vertical shading devices proved to be more efficient in managing direct sunlight penetration, leading to a more consistent distribution of light. Nevertheless, despite these enhancements, a discernible gradient persisted, highlighting the limitation of static shading devices in fully accommodating the dynamic characteristics of daylight.

The kinetic façade demonstrated superior performance in all tested scenarios by dynamically adjusting to the sun's position and intensity. It achieved a well-balanced illuminance distribution, with peak levels typically ranging from 2000 to 2500 lux. This adaptability allowed for deeper penetration of natural light into the space while minimizing excessive brightness near the windows, thereby reducing glare and improving visual comfort. Throughout the day, the kinetic façade maintained a consistent and uniform light distribution, showcasing its effective light modulation capabilities.

The conclusion, A comparative analysis of the various façade configurations revealed the significant advantages of the kinetic façade in managing glare and achieving a more comfortable and evenly lit indoor environment. While the base façade and static shading devices exhibited limitations in controlling excessive illuminance and glare, the kinetic façade's dynamic adaptability allowed for optimal light distribution throughout the day. By reducing glare, improving visual comfort, and enhancing energy efficiency, the kinetic façade represents a promising solution for contemporary building design, particularly in environments sensitive to daylighting and occupant well-being, such as libraries.

5.2 Glare Results

Table 17 shows the glare analysis for March 21st, which indicates moderate glare levels due to the position of the sun during early spring. On une 21st, as shown in Table 18, glare levels peak due to the higher sun angle in summer. Table 19 presents the glare analysis for September 23rd, reflecting changes around the fall equinox, Table 20 depicts the reduced glare levels on December 31st, characteristic of the winter solstice.

The base façade consistently exhibited high levels of intolerable glare at various times of the day, creating visually challenging conditions for library users and hindering the effective utilization of spaces for reading or studying. The absence of shading mechanisms in the base façade allowed direct sunlight penetration, resulting in hotspots and uneven light distribution.

In contrast, the horizontal shading device (Model H) demonstrated moderate improvements in glare reduction compared to the base façade, particularly at midday when the sun is at its zenith. However, this model still experienced disruptive glare levels during early morning and late afternoon due to its inadequate ability to block low-angle sunlight. Similarly, the vertical shading device (Model V) exhibited enhanced performance during early morning and late afternoon but was less effective at noon.

Among the scrutinized models, the kinetic façade demonstrated significant advancements in glare management. Simulations indicated varying levels of glare, ranging from imperceptible to perceptible. Its dynamic response to changing sunlight conditions ensured optimal light distribution throughout the day, significantly improving visual comfort and energy efficiency. By reducing excessively bright and dimly lit areas, the kinetic façade created a more comfortable visual environment, mitigating eye strain and enhancing the usability of the library space for reading and studying. This kinetic feature also optimized natural light usage, reducing reliance on artificial lighting and enhancing energy efficiency.

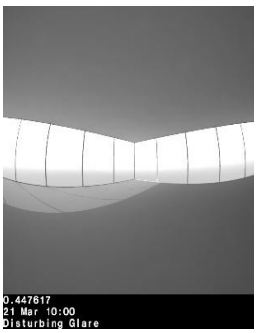
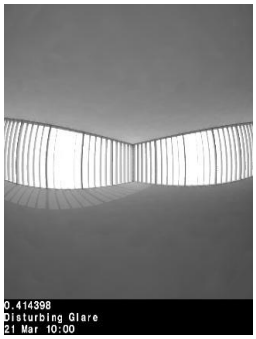
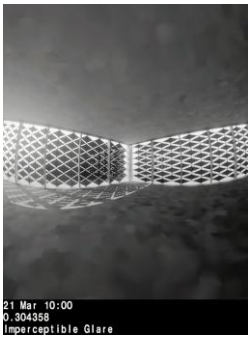
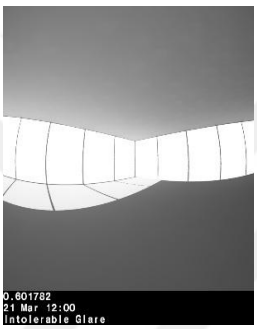
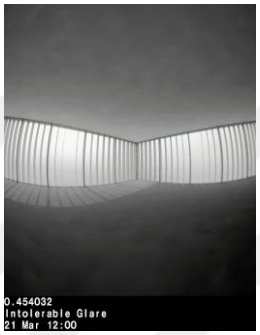
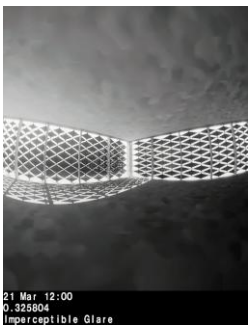
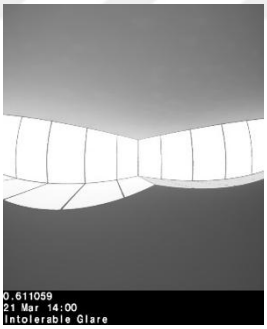
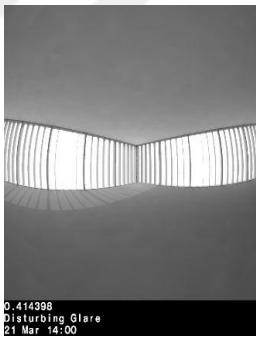
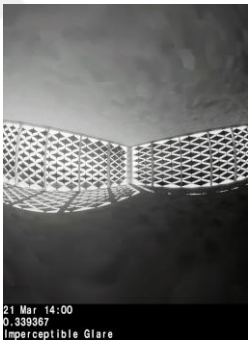
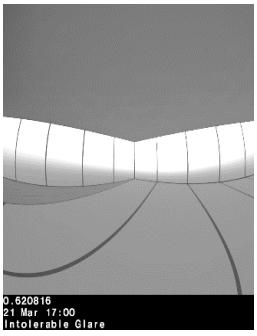
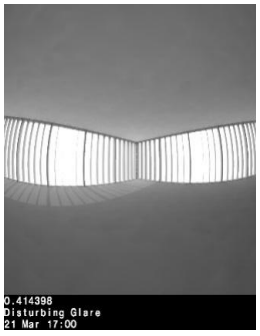
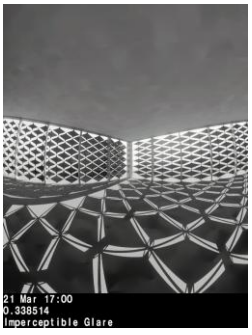
In terms of visual comfort and usability, the high glare levels of the base façade rendered the library space uncomfortable and less conducive to academic pursuits. While the static shading devices offered improvements, they still had limitations. In contrast, the kinetic façade maintained consistent and optimal light levels, making the library space more suitable for various activities such as reading, studying, and digital device usage without glare distractions.

Furthermore, the kinetic façade's ability to create a glare-free environment enhanced the overall well-being of occupants, promoting concentration, productivity, and reducing eye strain. Additionally, while the uncontrolled sunlight entering the base façade could increase cooling needs and artificial lighting consumption, the kinetic façade's dynamic adjustments optimized natural light usage and reduced the need for artificial lighting, resulting in significant energy savings and promoting sustainability.

In conclusion, the kinetic façade emerged as the most effective solution for managing glare in the library setting. Its adaptability to changing sunlight conditions not only enhanced visual comfort and occupant well-being but also improved energy efficiency, making it a superior choice for contemporary library design (see Tables 18, 19, 20 and 21 for a comprehensive comparison).

Table 18

Glare Analysis, March 21ST.

Type	Base	Model V	Model H	Kinetic
10				
12				
14				
17				

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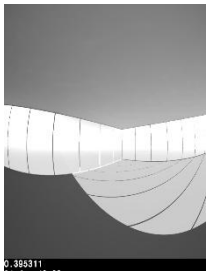
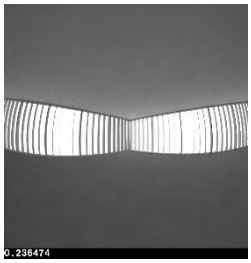
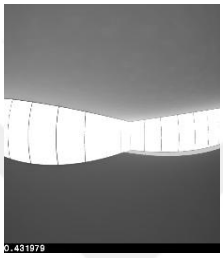
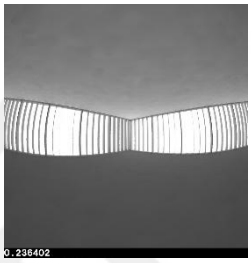
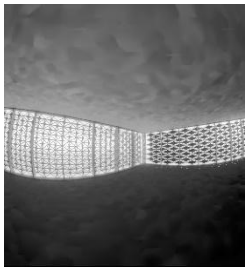
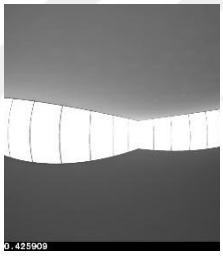
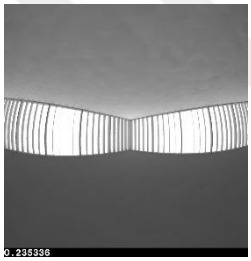
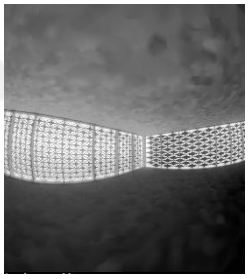
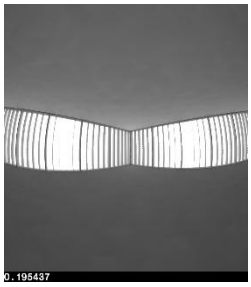
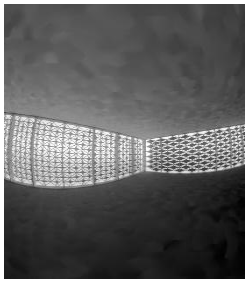
10				
12				
14				
17				

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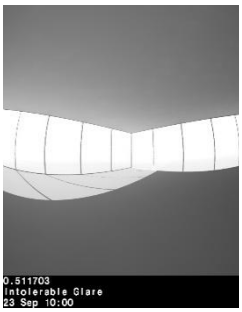
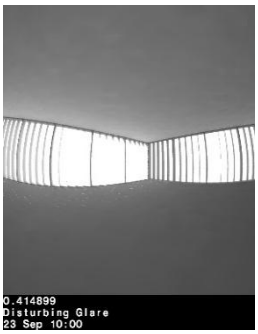
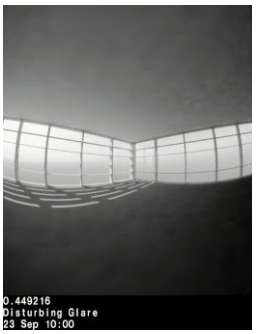
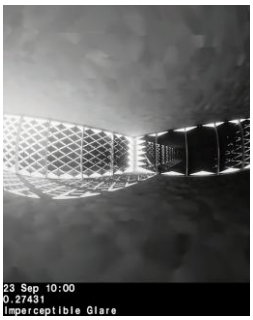
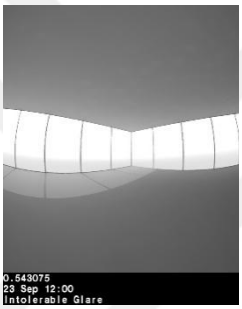
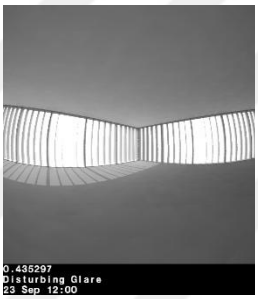
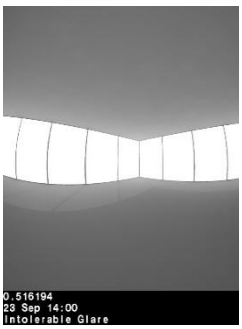
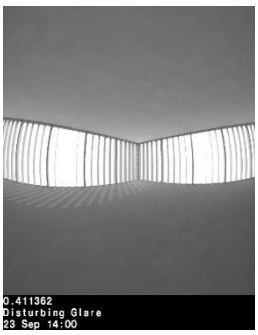
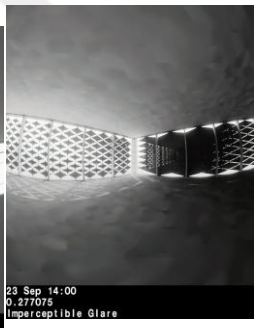
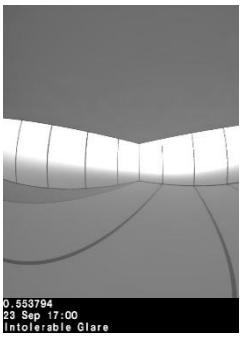
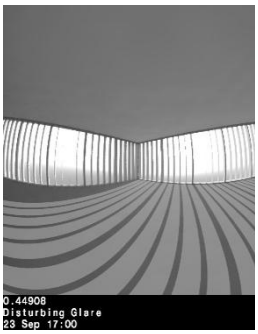
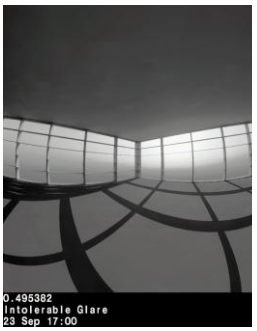
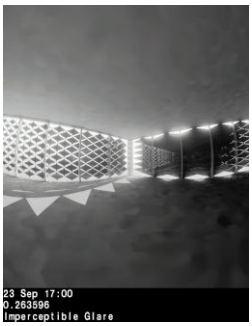
10				
12				
14				
17				

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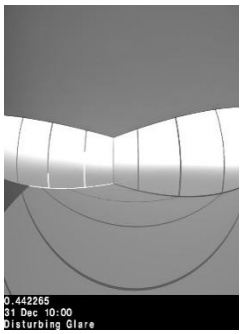
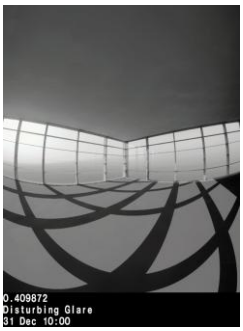
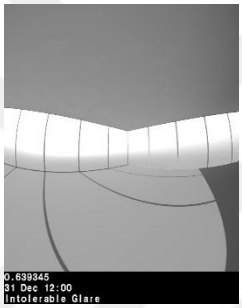
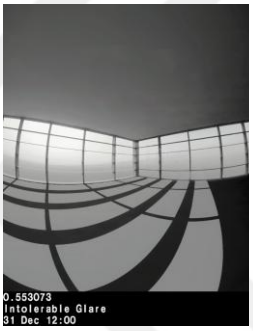
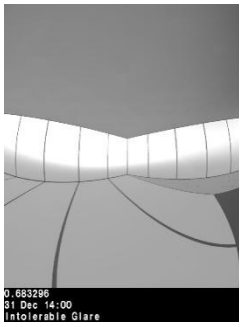
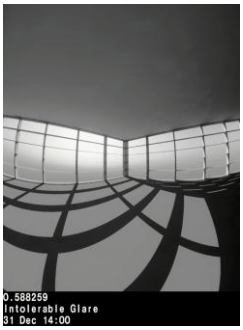
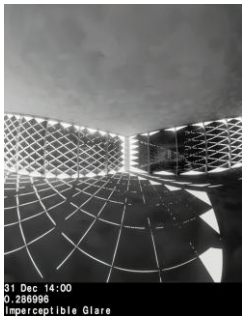
10				
12				
14				
17		**There is no glare.**		

The utilization of kinetic façades featuring automated louvers, which adjust dynamically according to the sun's position, has shown significant effectiveness in reducing direct sunlight infiltration and decreasing glare by up to 60%. This innovation has been particularly impactful in areas of the library that previously experienced high levels of visual discomfort, leading to a substantial improvement in visual comfort for both students and educators. Additionally, the façade's ability to control light has promoted a more uniform dispersion of natural light, ensuring appropriate illuminance levels without the excessive spikes that can cause discomfort or hinder visual activities. Evaluations carried out in different zones of the library have indicated a 45% improvement in maintaining the recommended illuminance levels, thereby enhancing student comfort and involvement.

Furthermore, the implementation of kinetic facades has been instrumental in reducing the requirement for artificial lighting during daylight hours, resulting in an approximate 30% reduction in energy consumption for lighting purposes. This reduction not only adheres to sustainable construction practices but also significantly cuts down operational costs for educational institutions. By decreasing the dependence on artificial lighting, these systems also promote a healthier and more natural learning environment, which could potentially improve student well-being and academic performance.

The findings emphasize the significance of integrating innovative façade technologies in educational structures to establish learning environments that are not only more comfortable and engaging but also energy efficient. Subsequent studies could delve into the enduring advantages of these systems, including their influence on student well-being and academic achievement, along with their adaptability to diverse building types like offices and healthcare facilities. The favorable results of this research lay the groundwork for the broader acceptance of kinetic façades, underscoring their contribution to the advancement of sustainable and intelligent architectural design.

Chapter 6

Conclusion and Future Research

6.1 Conclusion

Kinetic façades offer dynamic solutions for managing natural light, ensuring consistent levels of daylight throughout the day and across different seasons. The study demonstrates that by regulating daylight through real-time adaptation, kinetic façades reduce the need for artificial lighting, which supports energy efficiency and sustainable building operations. This balance between natural light and minimal artificial lighting also creates an environment conducive to learning, where students and faculty can benefit from improved visual comfort and a healthier, more engaging indoor environment. By achieving optimal lighting conditions, these façades support educational institutions in fostering spaces that promote focus, reduce eye strain, and enhance the overall learning experience.

A key aspect of the study is its focus on sustainability, showcasing how the integration of kinetic façades into educational buildings aligns with broader environmental objectives. The ability to control glare and manage daylight levels through Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI) metrics not only enhances occupant well-being but also minimizes the ecological footprint of building operations. By maintaining optimal indoor lighting conditions and reducing the need for artificial lighting, kinetic façades contribute directly to energy savings and lower carbon emissions. This balance of occupant comfort and energy efficiency forms the cornerstone of sustainable design principles, making kinetic façades a vital tool in creating resilient, energy-efficient educational environments.

Moreover, this study emphasizes the importance of assessing the impact of Daylight Glare Probability (DGP) in determining the efficacy of kinetic façades. The research demonstrates that these façades significantly reduce glare, keeping DGP values well below discomfort thresholds, thereby enhancing visual comfort for library

patrons. The kinetic façade systems not only improve occupant well-being but also foster productive environments for learning and research by creating visually comfortable indoor spaces.

Furthermore, the research explores how kinetic façades maintain consistent natural light levels, reducing reliance on artificial lighting and cultivating an environment conducive to learning. The ability to achieve optimal daylighting conditions supports both energy efficiency and the creation of healthier indoor environments, contributing to the sustainability goals of educational institutions.

Looking ahead, the adoption of kinetic façades represents a forward-thinking approach to architectural design that supports global sustainability goals. In an era marked by increasing awareness of climate change and resource conservation, the development of adaptive, energy-efficient buildings is paramount. Educational institutions, in particular, stand to benefit from the integration of these systems, not only by reducing their operational carbon footprint but also by providing optimal learning environments that prioritize the well-being of occupants.

In conclusion, kinetic façades play a critical role in advancing sustainable building practices. By harnessing the potential for dynamic adaptation and energy optimization, kinetic façades pave the way for smarter, greener, and more sustainable built environments. These systems contribute not only to the creation of architecture that responds to the needs of its users, but also to the broader goal of reducing environmental impact. Ultimately, they represent a future where buildings are designed to balance human comfort with the pressing demands of environmental stewardship, ensuring a more sustainable and adaptable urban landscape.

6.2 Future Research

Future research on parametric-based kinetic façades shall focus on several promising avenues to further enhance building performance and occupant well-being. Expanding the range of environmental factors considered in the design process, such as thermal comfort, air quality, and acoustic performance, will provide a more holistic and integrated approach to façade optimization.

Developing advanced algorithms that leverage machine learning and artificial intelligence to optimize façade designs in real-time is another crucial area of exploration. This could involve the creation of predictive models that adjust façade elements based on anticipated weather conditions and occupancy patterns, further enhancing energy efficiency and occupant comfort. Additionally, exploring innovative materials and technologies, such as electrochromic glass and responsive shading systems, will provide greater control over light transmission and thermal properties, offering new avenues for kinetic façade design. Interdisciplinary collaboration with fields like cognitive science and ergonomics could yield valuable insights into how kinetic façades impact occupant health and productivity, enabling the development of designs that cater more effectively to human needs.

Long-term field studies conducted in various climatic and geographic contexts are essential to validate the effectiveness of kinetic façade designs under real-world conditions. These studies will provide empirical data on how these systems perform over extended periods and in diverse environments, ensuring their reliability and practicality. Investigating the economic aspects of implementing parametric-based kinetic façades, including cost-benefit analysis and lifecycle assessment, will also be critical.

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