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BIOPHILIC DESIGN, LIVING WITH NATURE: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Why we need more nature indoors?
- Biophilic patterns
- Strategies for acoustics, daylight, visual connection with greenery, dynamic comfort, regenerative materials
- Quantifying the impact: a field study at ABT office
- Conclusions

What is the Sick building Syndrome?

"Sick Building Syndrome" for the first time to describe situations in which building occupants experience acute health and comfort effects that appear to be linked to the time spent in a building, but no specific illness or cause can be identified.

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Among the possible symptoms are:

- throat irritation
- breathing difficulties
- tightness in the chest
- runny nose
- allergy-like symptoms, such as sneezing
- burning sensations in the nose
- dry, itchy skin rashes

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- headaches
- dizziness

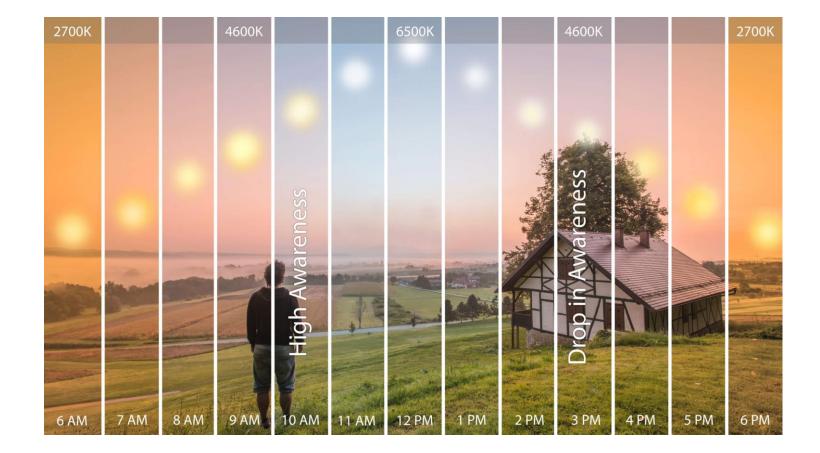
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Light and the human body





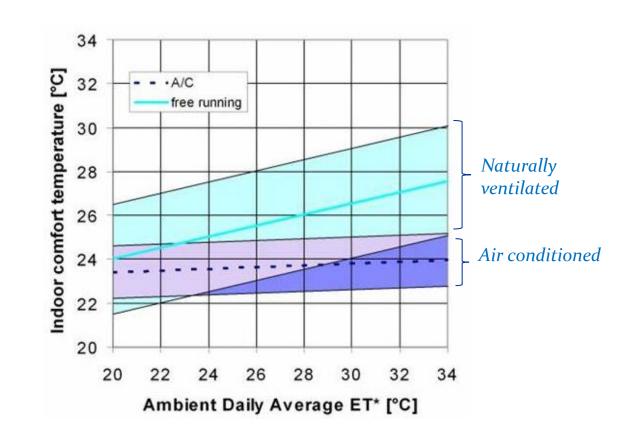
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It has been shown that **'adaptive opportunities**' are important for their satisfaction with space. Conversely, when adaptive opportunities are limited, deviation from neutrality causes stress and dissatisfaction (Campbell, 1980).





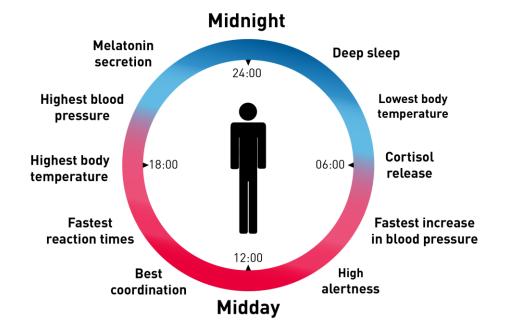




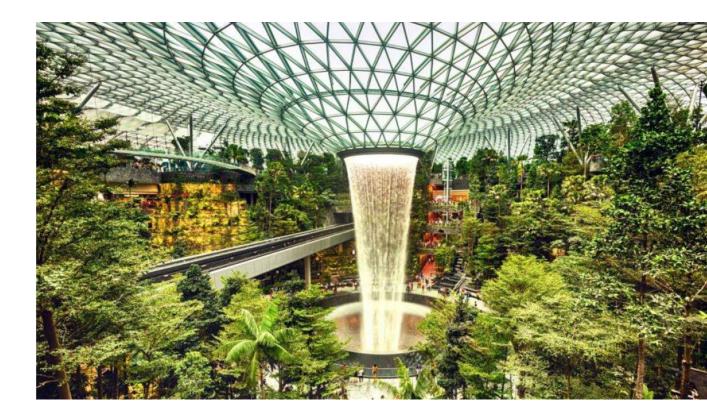


<u>Circadian</u> rhythms = the physical, mental, and behavioral changes an <u>organism</u> experiences over a 24-hour cycle

The Circadian Rhythm Cycle



Source: Press release. NobelPrize.org. Nobel Media AB 2021. Fri. 8 Jan 2021.<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/2017/press-release/>

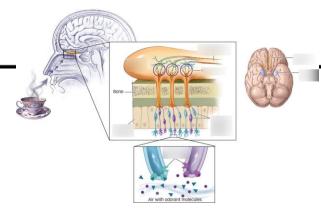








What we notice is...



Olfactic stimuli



Natural sounds



View to nature

Technology gap

Currently there is a technology gap between the technical solutions known by the design teams and the real health and wellbeing benefits for the human beings.

The goal is to close this gap by investigating how **biophilic strategies can be translated into engineering and architectural design solutions.**

Technical solutions for the indoor climate environment





Indoor air quality Acoustics

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Daylight



Indoor temperature ?

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Our vision

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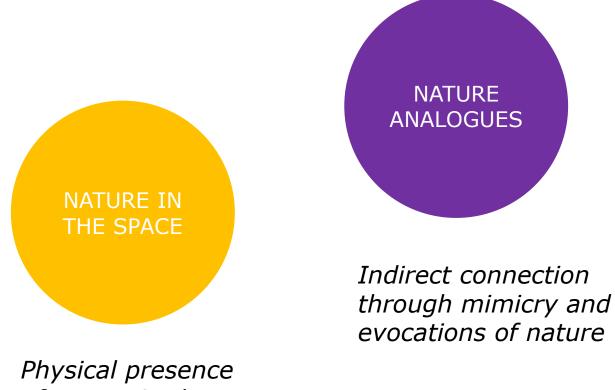
Indoor air Acoustics Daylight Indoor . . . quality temperature Positive effects to the human Concentration Healthy Good working Connection . . . living environment with nature & focus

Technical solutions for the indoor climate environment



Biophilic design approach

The principles of Biophilic design



of nature in the space

Engaging spatial configuration and layout that can be found in nature

NATURE OF

THE SPACE

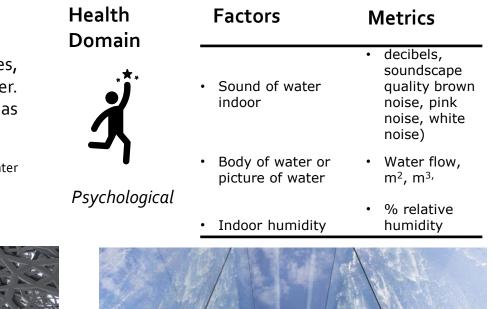
Inventorising biophilic strategies

Presence of Water

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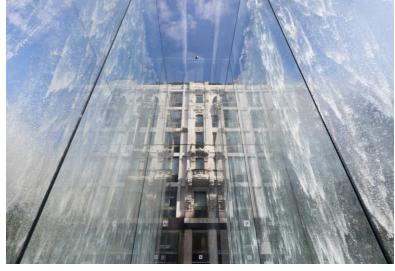
Both natural and built scenes containing water were associated with higher preferences, greater positive affect and higher perceived restorativeness than those without water. Images of "built" environments containing water were generally rated just as positively as natural "green" space.

(White, M., Smith, A., Humphryes, K., Pahl, S., Snelling, D. and Depledge, M. (2010). Blue space: The importance of water for preference, affect, and restorativeness ratings of natural and built scenes.)









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Inventorising biophilic strategies

Thermal and airflow variability

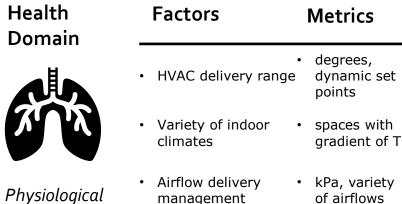
Importantly, a stringent indoor climate control does not guarantee a healthy working environment. Adding more temperature variability in buildings might stimulate the thermoregulatory system and improve occupants' health

(Marken Lichtenbelt, Pallubinsky, Te Kulve, 2018. Modulation of thermogenesis and metabolic health: a built environment perspective)



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 kPa, variety of airflows

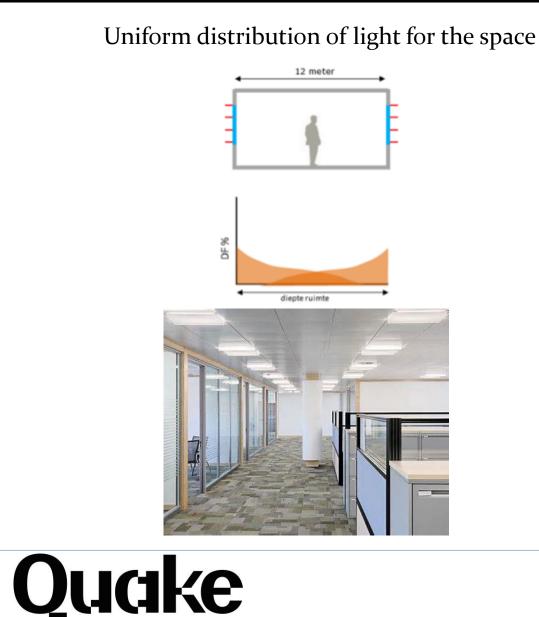


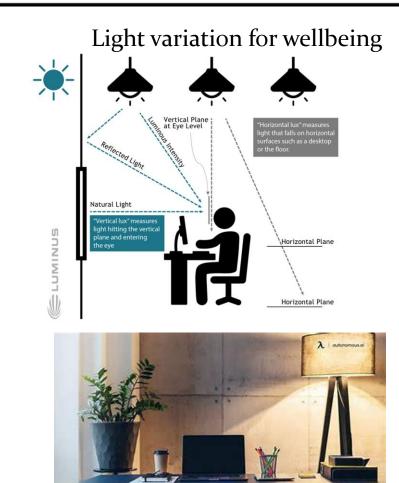


STRATEGIES



Design that tunes with circadian rhythym

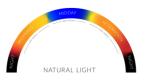




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Balancing warmer and colder light colour during the day Circadian Lighting



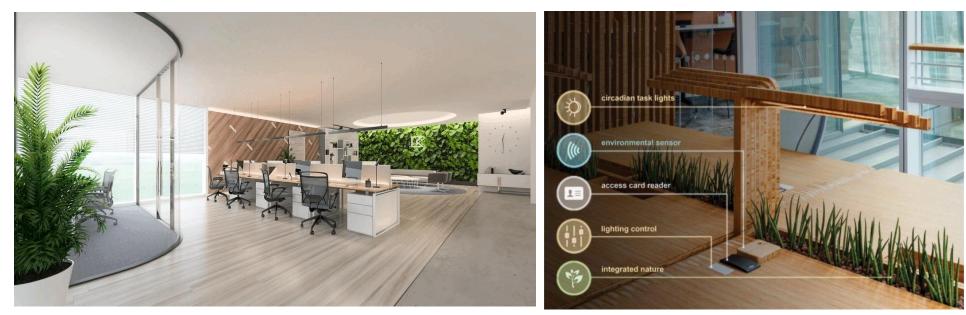
Strategies

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Circadian lighting reproduced the colours and temperature of the natural light cycle; indoors circadian lighting lamps can be installed in permanently occupied spaces.

Thresholds (lux)	Recommended for
<10 Melanopic EDI	Recommended for nighttime hours.
>136 Melanopic EDI	Accepted for circadian synchronization.
<250 Melanopic EDI	Recommended for circadian synchronization

*EDI = Equivalent Daylight Illuminanace



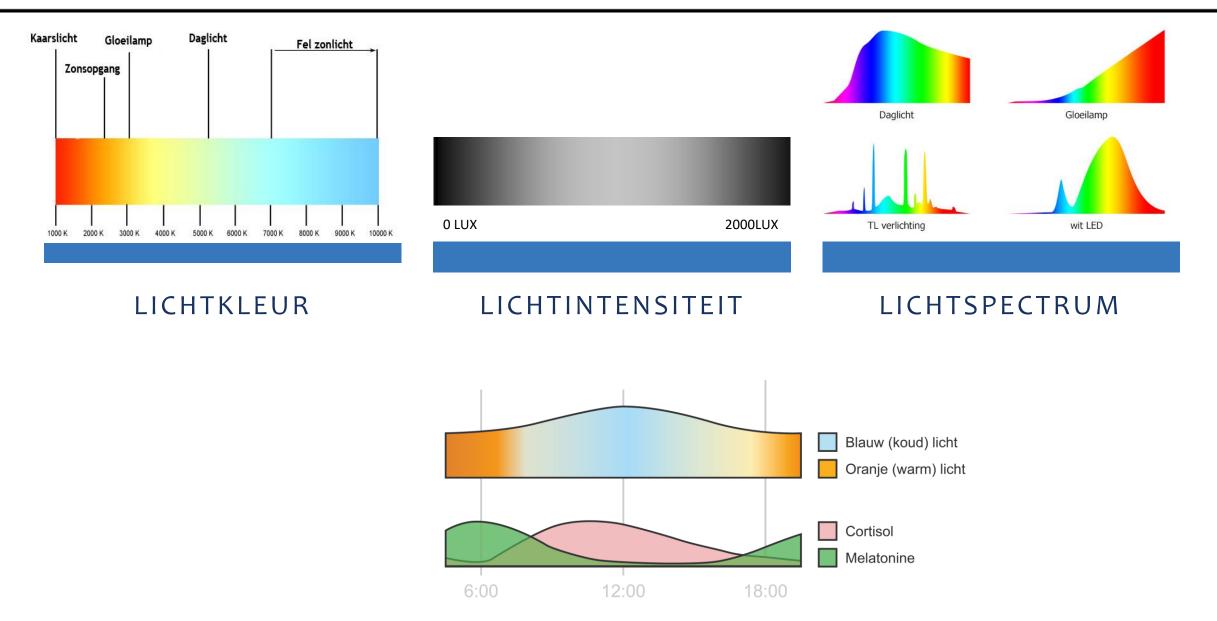
Circadian lighting in office spaces – adjusting light brightness and color temperature to mimic sunlight

Allowing local control of circadian lighting, shading/glare, temperature











Moss Wall Panels



125	250	500	1000	2000	4000
Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz
0,11	0,29	0,58	0,93	1,05	0,98

aw 0,55, NRC 0,70

Mycelium Wall Panels

• obtained by growing mycelium, the vegetative part of mushrooms, on organic fibres.

• system combines Nature's vernacular materiality with the radical innovation deriving from mycelium-based technologies

125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	
Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	
0,11	0,31	0,48	0,34	0,42		

NRC 0,39

Veneered Wood Ceiling



- Engineered Veneer has a consistent appearance
- Made from 100% wood
- Pre-applied acoustic non-woven material on reverse side

125	250	500	1000	2000	4000
Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz
0,46	0,87	0,97	0,93	0,89	

aw 0,9, NRC 0,95

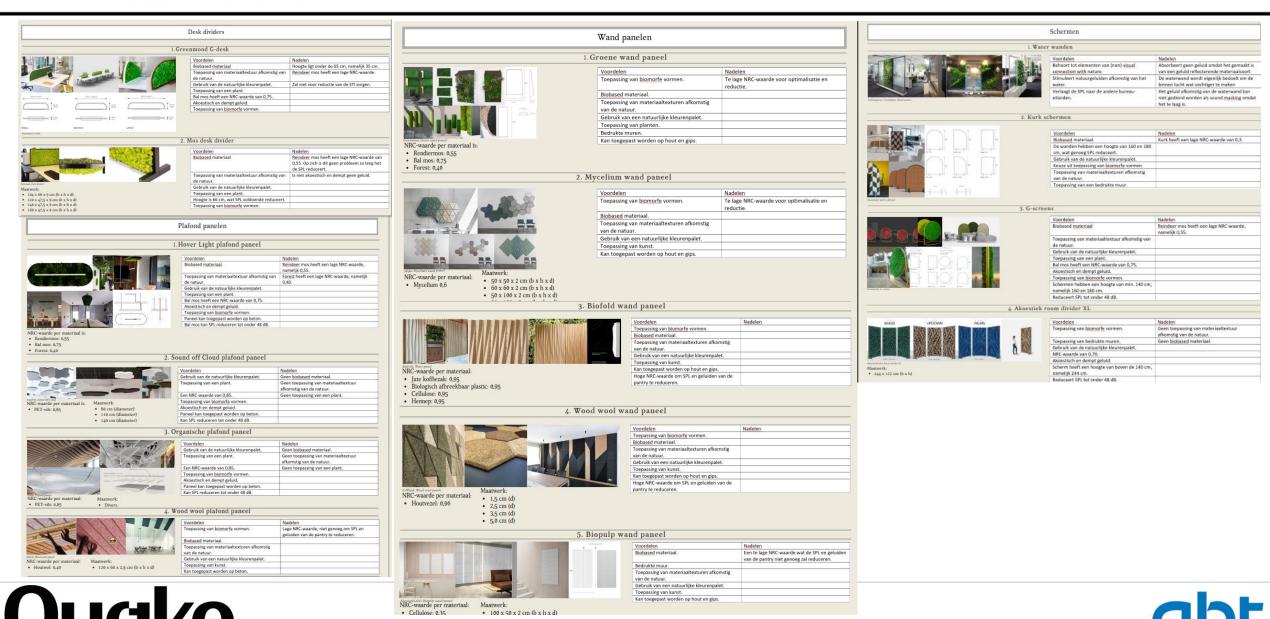
Acoustic Wood Wool Wall Panels



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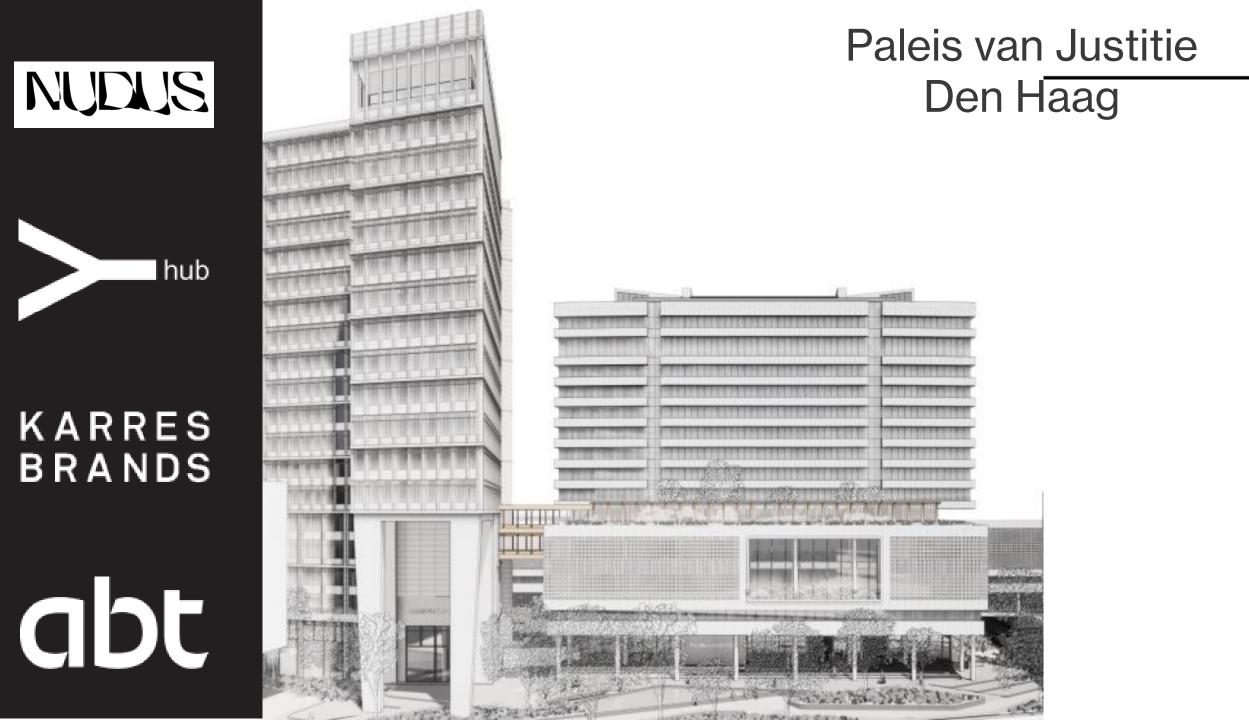
BOUWFYSICA Acoustics: mapping noise reduction coefficent across materials types

NEDERLANDS VLAAMSE BOUWFYSICA VERENIGING





PROJECT EXAMPLE: PALEIS VAN JUSITIE, DEN HAAG AND THE GRADIENT BUILDING





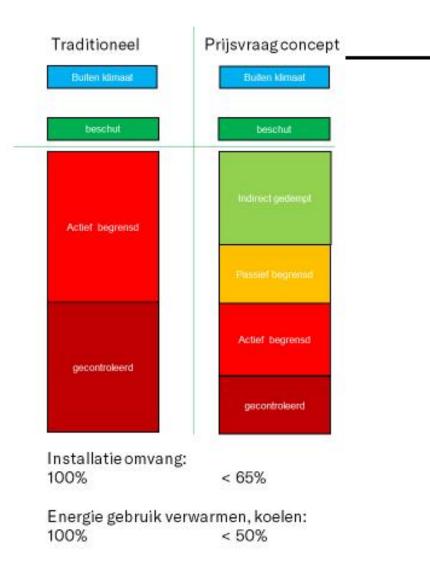


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Outdoor climage Sheltered spaces Actively controlled **BOUWFYSICA** NEDERLAND[®] Zonering





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A field study: what effects does biophilic design have in an office space?



AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CHALLENGE

There are different areas of knowledge that are involved such as:

- Environmental psychology,
- Ergonomics,
- Movement theory,
- Physiology,
- Brain development













Overview of measurable paramenters

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-		Biophilic Design			Common knowledge/practice			1. Visual connection with nature	1.4 Handmade of digital depiction	Physiological			A.	33		
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Biophilic design can positively affect human behaviours by influencing cog- nitive and psychological aspects while reducing 'Sick building syndrome'. Building physics and human related indicators relevant for each biophilic			ing cog- rome'		Some re	search pres	ent		i l	8. Biomorphic forms and patterns	B.1 Textured surface mimicking natural forms	Cognitive				12
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2. Non-visual connection		2.1 Digital simulation of natural sounds	Cognitive	í –				45	Space design		10.1 Hierarchy of measures	Physiological		() (0
	with nature	2.2 Natural smelling plants or objects	Cognitive					37			10.2 Art installation	Cognitive				0
	3. Non-rythmic sensory	3.1 Sound	Cognitive					12			10.3 Proportion applied to design	Physiological				0
4. Thermal and air variability Climate &	stimuli	3.2 Smell/Odors	Cognitive					17		1. Visual connection with nature	1.1 Surface of indoor green area/ view to green area	Physiological				37
	(1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3.3 Vision	Cognitive					21			1.2 Surface of outdoor green area	Physiological				37
		4.1 HVAC delivery range	-								1.3 Window ratio to opaque area	Cognitive				25
			Physiological					70			1.4 Handmade of digital depiction	Cognitive				33
		4.2 Variety of indoor climates	Physiological					70		2. Non-visual connection with nature	2.3 Incooperability of variety of pets in the space	Physiological				4
		4.3 Airflow delivery management	Physiological					96		11. Prospects	11.1 Open views	Physiological	1			12
	5. Presence of water	5.1 Sound of water	Physiological					75			11.2 Partition heights	Physiological				12
		5.3 Indoor humidity	Physiological					100			11.3 Open floorplans	Physiological			_	17
	6. Dynamic and diffuse light	6.1 Temperature and colour of the light control	Cognitive					37			12.1 Transitory spaces	Physiological				12
		6.2 Liminance ratio	Cognitive					100			12.2 Integration of refuge spaces	Physiological				0
		6.3 Daylight	Cognitive					100		Sector Contraction	12.3 Integration of arcades & covered walkways or porches indoor and outdoor	Physiological	8			0
		6.4 Comfort of lighting	Cognitive					100		13. Mystery	13.1 Triggering paths	Physiological				17
	7. Connection with natural systems	7.1 Integration of natural processes of the outdoors	Physiological					8			13.2 Hidden areas	Physiological				12
	systems	7.2 Daylight factor	Physiological					100		14. Risk/peril	14.1 Height	Cognitive				12
2		7.3 Connection with nature/water	Cognitive					41			14.2 Risk features	Physiological				12

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Case study: ABT Delft office

- Questionnaire to occupants-> how is the comfort level in the office?
- IAQ monitoring study> are the environmental parameters satisfying?
- What about odours, visual connection with nature?
- How can we monitor physiological data of our occupants?

We want to assess the impact of biophilic strategies on these 3 main domains









COGNITIVE FUNCTIONALITY & PERFORMANCE

Cognitive functioning encompasses our **mental agility** and **memory**, and our ability to think, learn and output either logically or **creatively**.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Psychological responses encompass our adaptability, alertness, **attention**, concentration, **emotion** and **mood**.

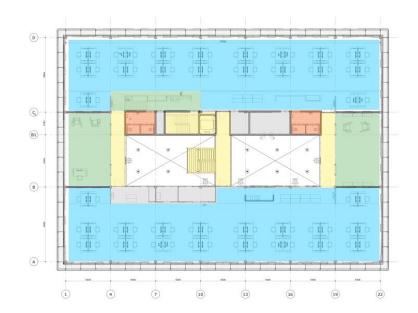
PHYSIOLOGICAL HEALTH &WELLBEING

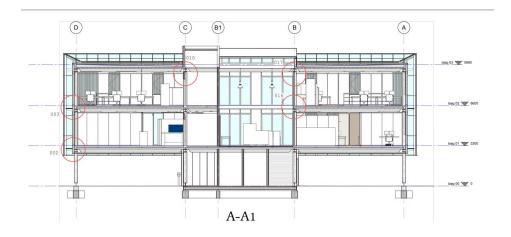
Physiological responses encompass our aural, musculoskeletal, **respiratory**, circadian systems and overall **physical comfort**.



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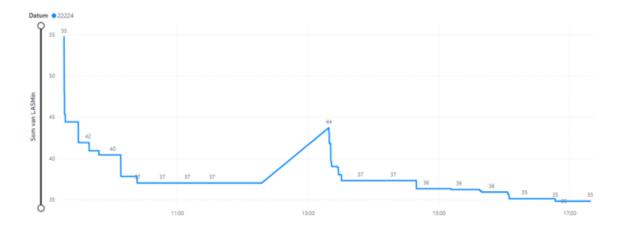
- **Perceived comfort and wellbeing:** Questionnaire to occupants-> how is the comfort level in the office?
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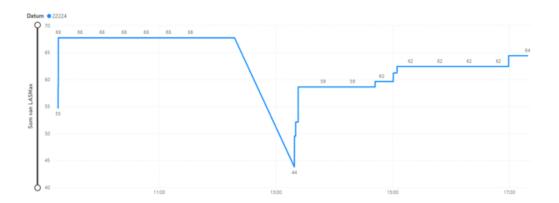


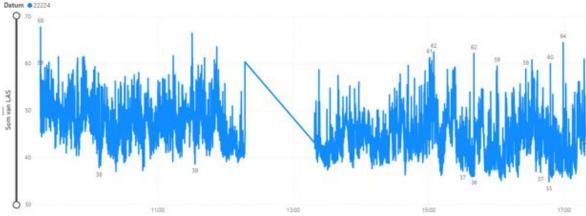


Baseline IAQ monitoring



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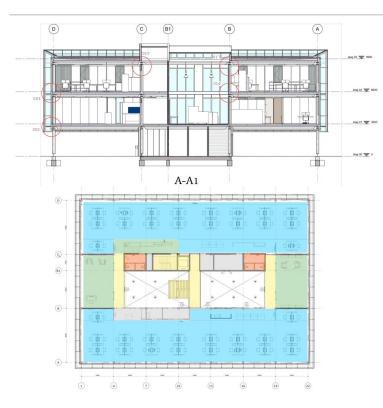


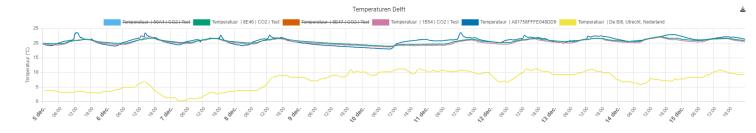
- Sound level pressure monitored through a UMIK microphone
- Excluding the lunch break
- Peaks are ar 68 db, mainly due to noise from people speaking
- Lowest at 35 db
- Noise sources are pantry (coffee machine), ventilation fans, people speaking



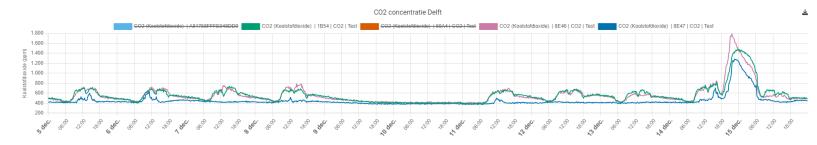
Office monitoring Through SENSI:

- Average humidity is 45%, which is within office threshold;
- Temperature fluctuates within 19-21 degrees
- CO2 levels < 800 ppm at all times, some peaks in canteen









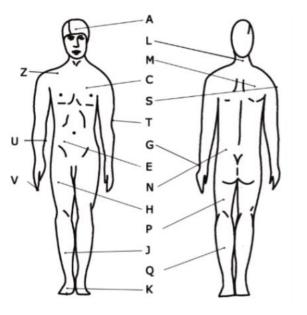


Physiological testing with skin temperature ibuttons – to measure local comfort

We have located the ibuttons on 3 positions per tester:

- Chest
- Hand
- Chloting
- Hearbit x 3s \rightarrow to measure stress levels and relaxation

-> Working with Maastrich University department of Science and nutrition



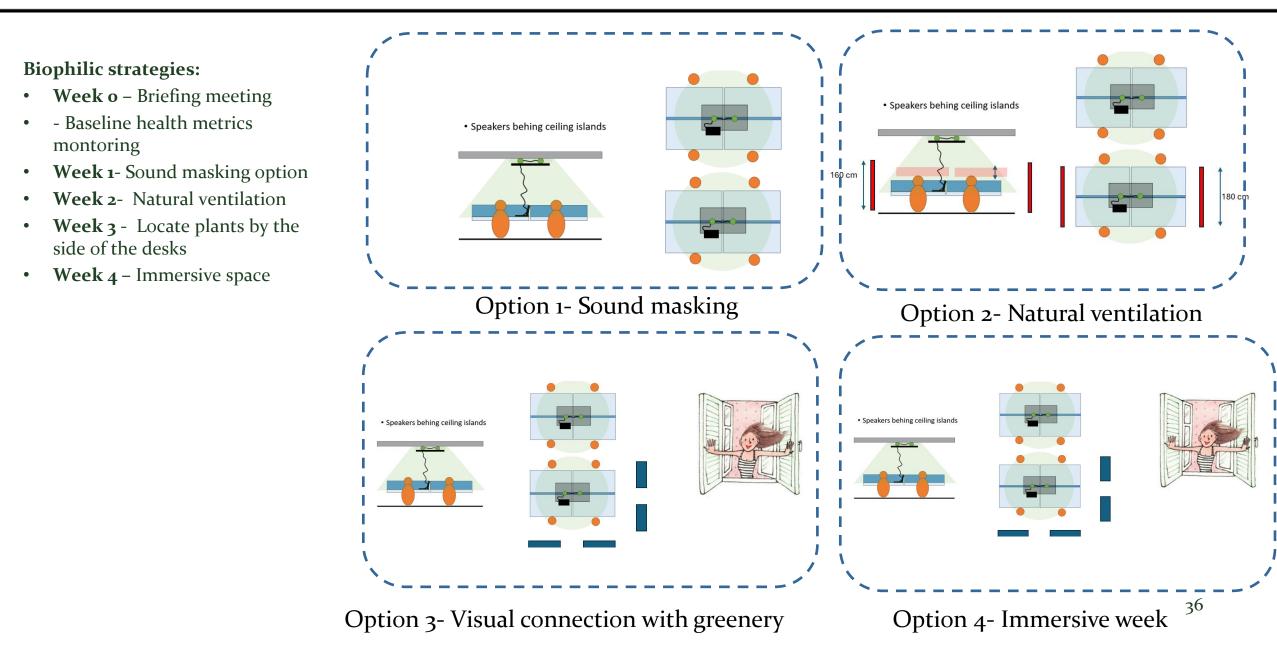


Skin Temperature sensor



Fitbit watch Sense 2







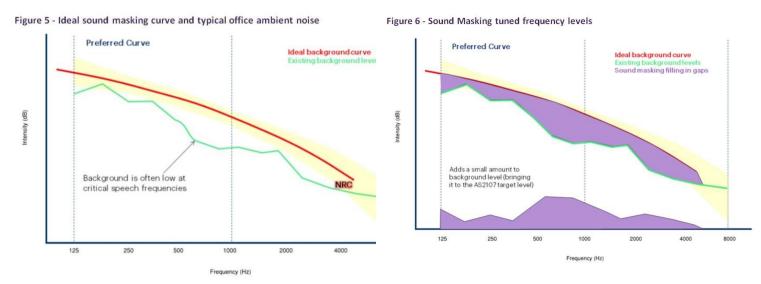
Sound Masking Curve

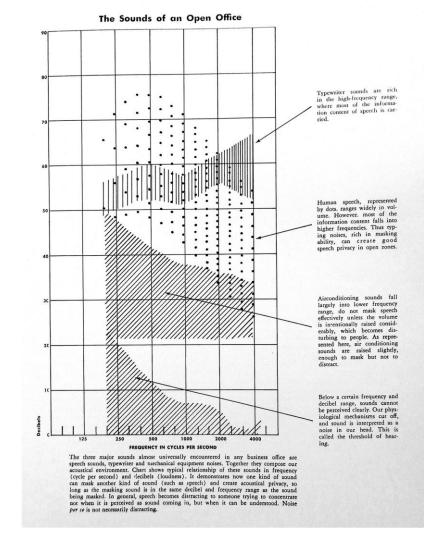
An effective sound masking system is engineered to play a specific spectrum that does the following:

•Masks out critical frequencies of speech without adding unnecessary noise at higher frequencies.

•Is tuned to make sure there are no tonal components (jump from one frequency to the next), which helps minimise the perception of the sound.

•Takes into account the existing ambient noise level within the space. Rather than 'adding on' sound, it works out what the existing spectrum is and fills the gaps to bring it up to the desired curve. Be tuned in each individual location..





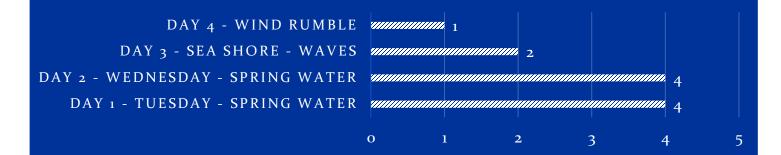
Tuning the office sound masking and the architectonics of office work Joeri Bruyninckx

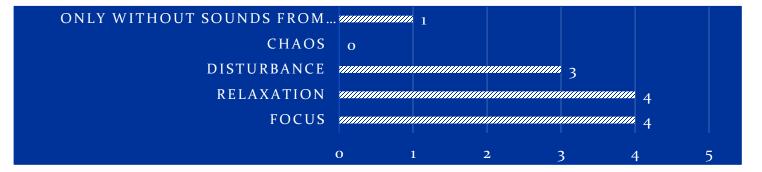


Survey field study

• Which sound masking type do you prefer?

Do you think the sounds were stimulating?





• Which sound was unpleasant?





Placeholder

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