

# TAL TECH

## OVERHEATING AND DAYLIGHTING EVALUATION FOR FREE-RUNNING CLASSROOM DESIGNS



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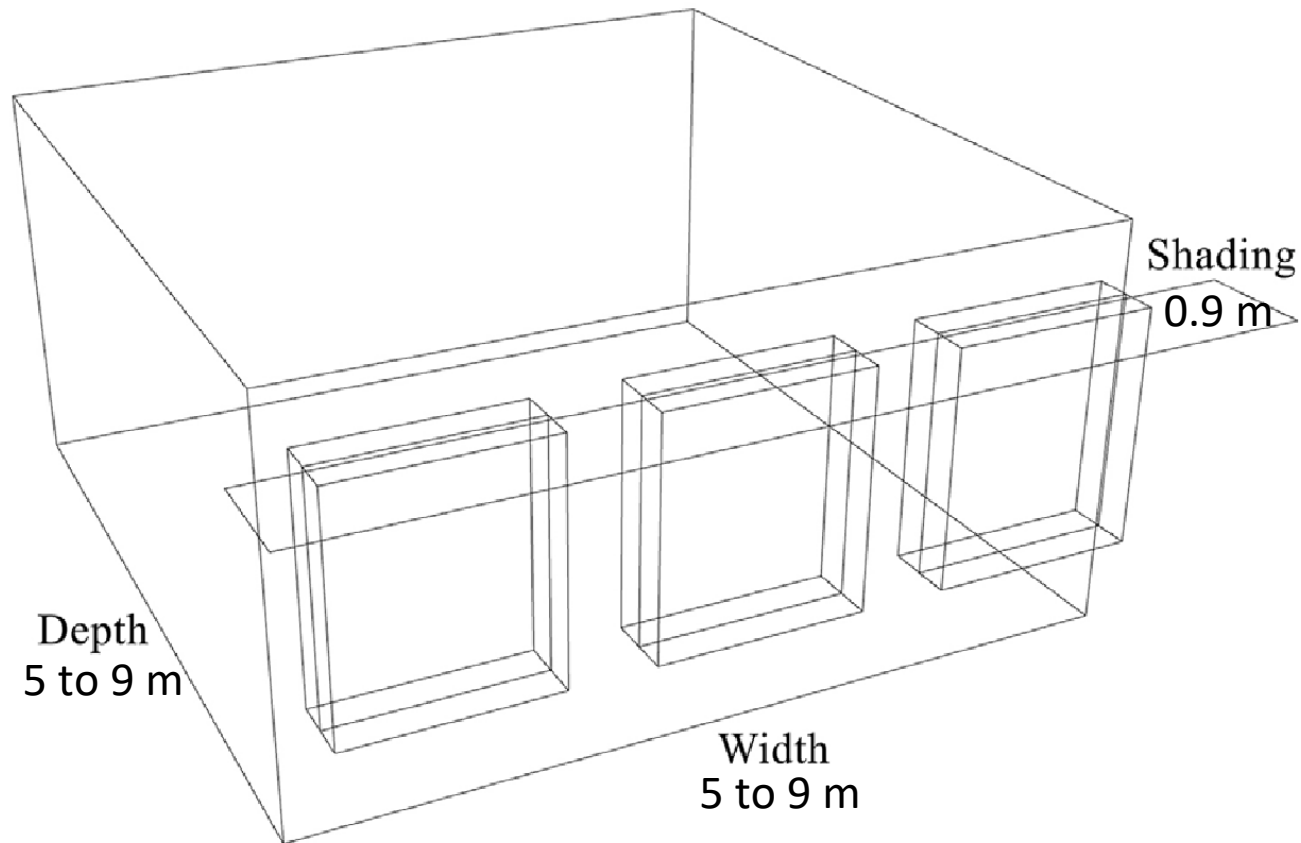
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# INTRODUCTION

- Indoor temperature and lighting conditions affect **study performance**
- Optimal daylighting can reduce lighting energy consumption and the need for space cooling.
- School buildings are not used during **summertime**
- Can nZEB school building classrooms in Estonia (temperate climate) be designed **without active room cooling (incl supply air cooling)** while ensuring sufficient daylighting and preventing overheating?

# METHODS – PARAMETRIC CLASSROOM MODEL



- **Envelope** parameters (orientation, wall insulation, window size and number, window recess depth, glazing g and VT values, horizontal shading)
- Estonian Building Code regulations for **overheating** (internal gains, temperature setpoints, ventilation rate, EstonianTRY climate)
- EVS-EN 15251:2007 for **thermal environment** class
- EVS 2015 EVS 894:2008/A2:2015 for **daylighting** (reflectance values)

# METHODS – INPUT PARAMETER COMBINATIONS

**Table 1.** Room and facade parameter combinations.

Room dimensions	Envelope	Windows	Window dimensions	Orientation	Glazing g-value	Glazing VT (%)	Shading depth (hor.)
Depth, m: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Ext. wall: Concrete 150mm Exp.polystyr.	Frame fraction 0.34 East/south/west: $U_g$ 0.58W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K) $U_{tot}$ 0.60W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)	Recess depth 0.25m	E	0.35	0.635	-
				S	0.42	0.707	0.9m
Width, m 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	300mm Concrete 50mm $U_{tot}$ 0,129W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)	East/west with shading: $U_g$ 0.70W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K) $U_{tot}$ 0.71W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)	Room width, number of windows- width/height: 5m, 2-1.9/1.7m 6m, 3-1.466/1.7m 7m, 3-1.8/1.7m 8m, 4-1.45/1.7m 9m, 4-1.7/1.7m	W	0.35	0.635	-
				N	0.42	0.707	0.9m
	Ext. window perimeter thermal bridge: 0.1W/(m·K)	North: $U_g$ 0.61W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K) $U_{tot}$ 0.62W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K) (north)			0.54	0.733	-
	Fixed infiltration: 1.5m <sup>3</sup> /(h·m <sup>2</sup> )						

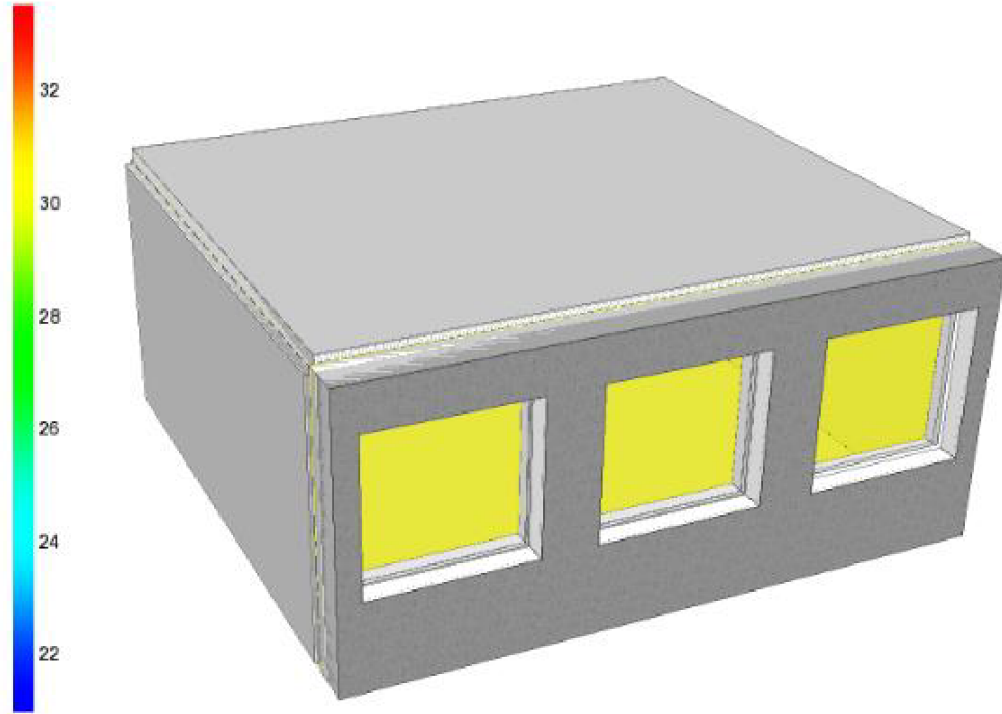
**Table 2.** Simulation input parameters.

Schedules		Internal gains			HVAC systems		Daylighting
Internal gains	Ventilation	Occupancy	Lighting / Equipment	Temp. setpoint	Supply air temperature	CAV air exchange	Reflectance values (%)
00:00-07:00 – 0.0	00:00-08:00 – 0.036	35W/m <sup>2</sup>	5.0W/m <sup>2</sup>	+21°C	>+16°C	4.2	Walls 50
07:00-17:00 – 1.0	08:00-12:00 – 0.8	2.1m <sup>2</sup> /occ.	12.0W/m <sup>2</sup>	...	(without	1/(s·m <sup>2</sup> )	Floor 20
17:00-00:00 – 0.0	12:00-13:00 – 0.5	1.0 MET		+25°C	cooling)		Ceiling 70
	13:00-16:00 – 0.8	0.85±0.25 CLO				idle 0.15	Shading 35
	16:00-00:00 – 0.036					1/(s·m <sup>2</sup> )	Ground 20

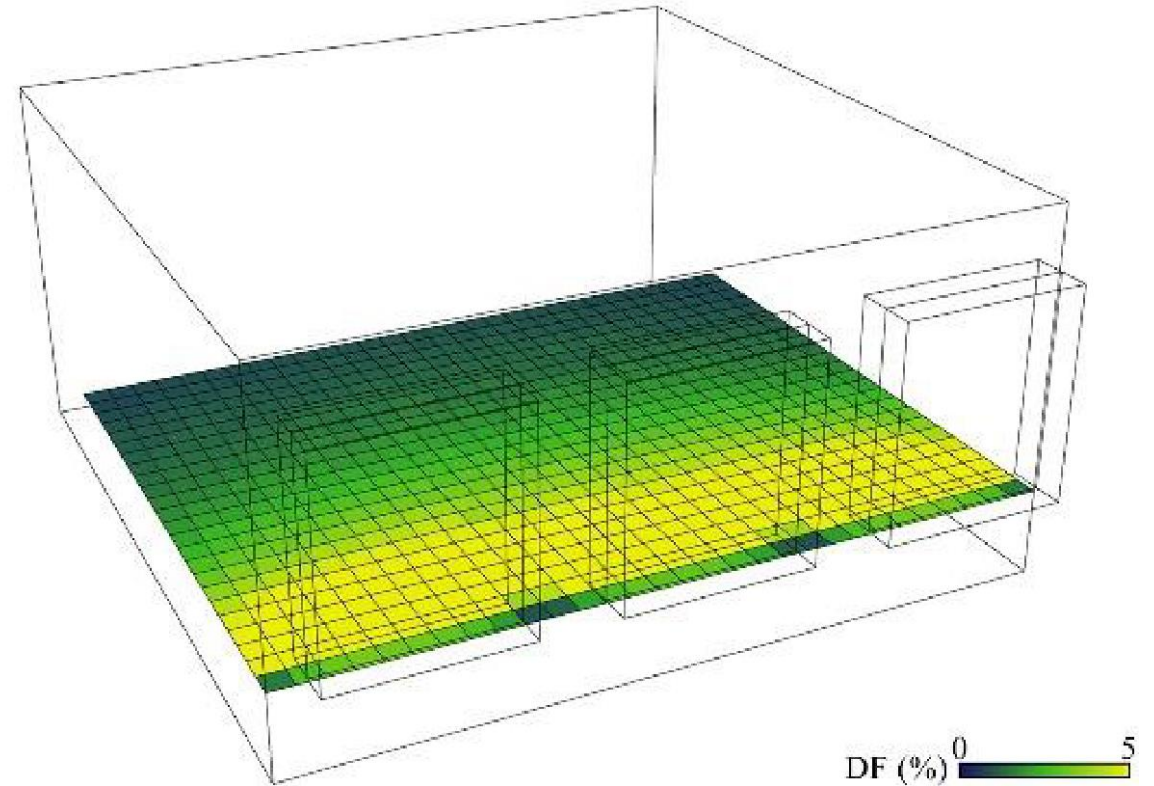
# METHODS - SIMULATIONS

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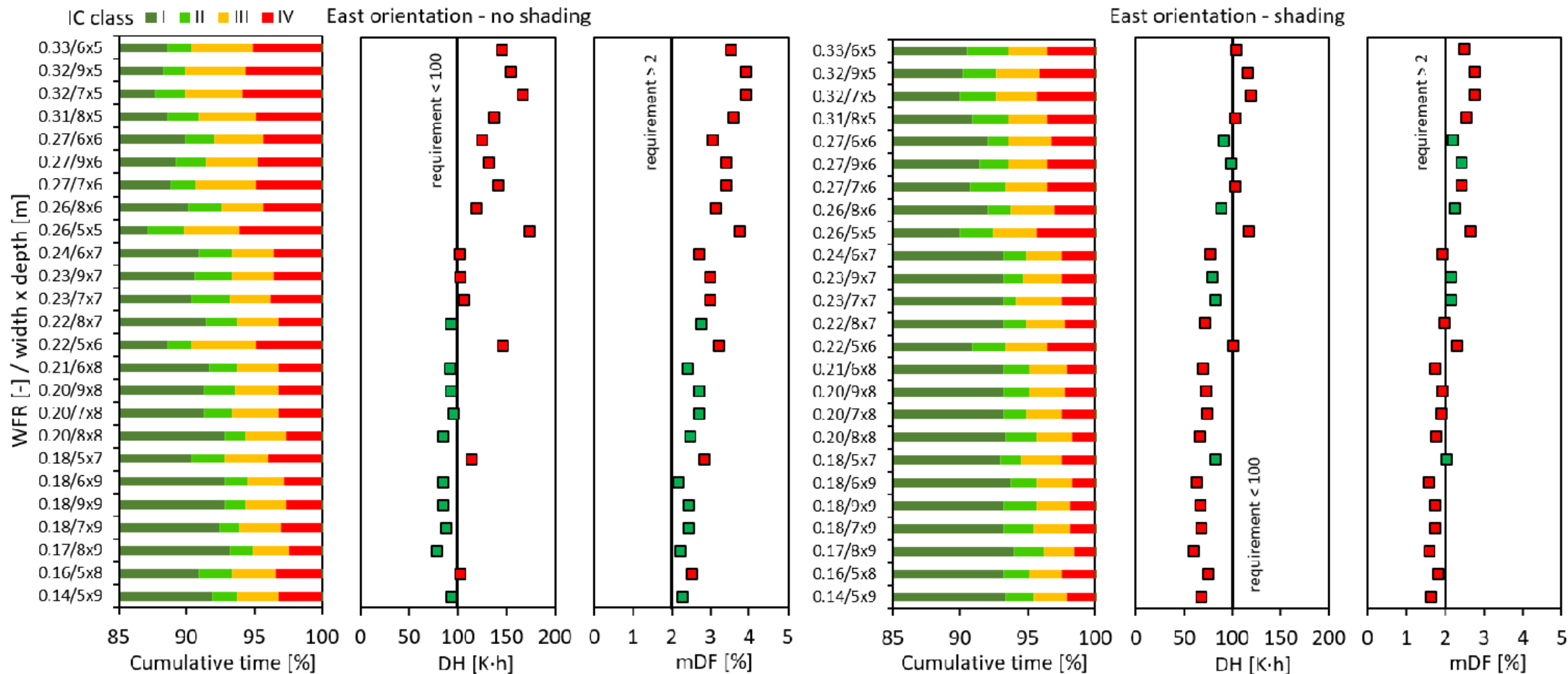
Mean air temperature, °C



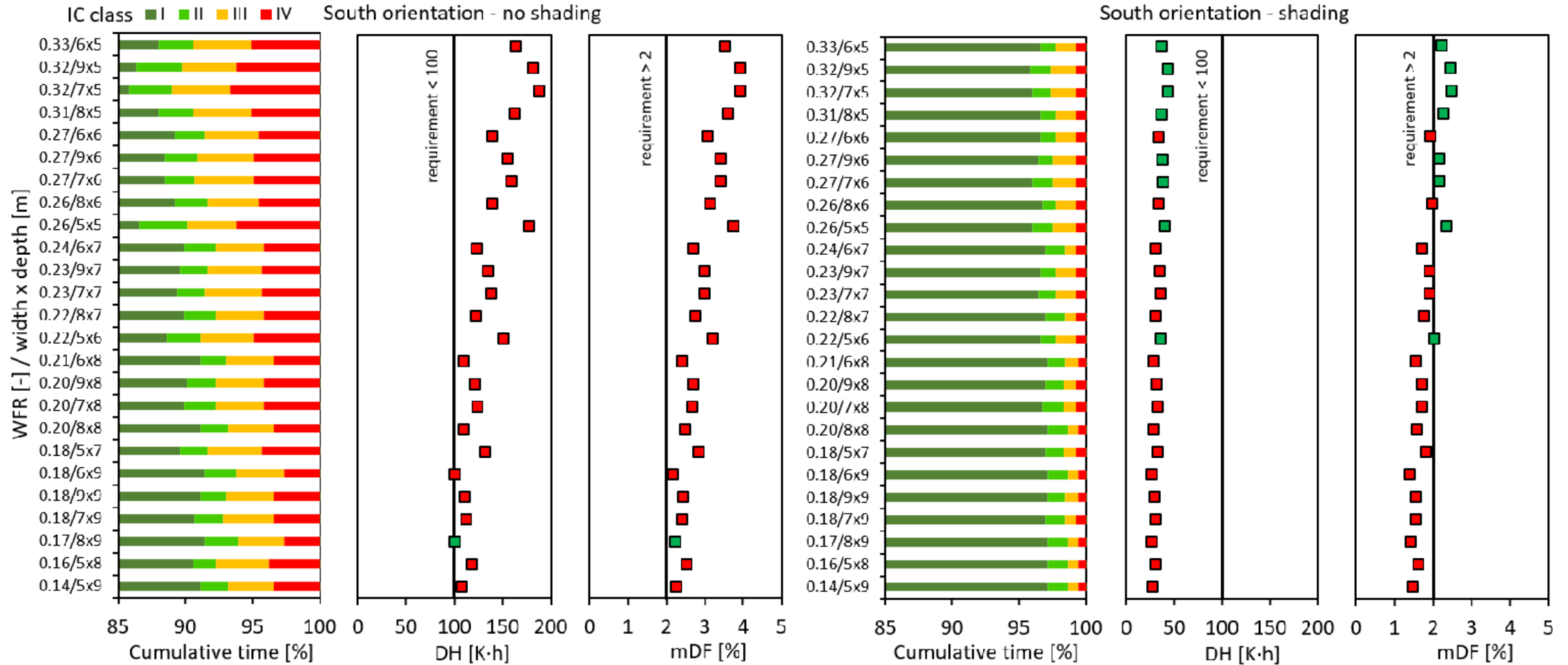
DIVA4 (Rhinceros), Grasshopper (Radiance) - daylight



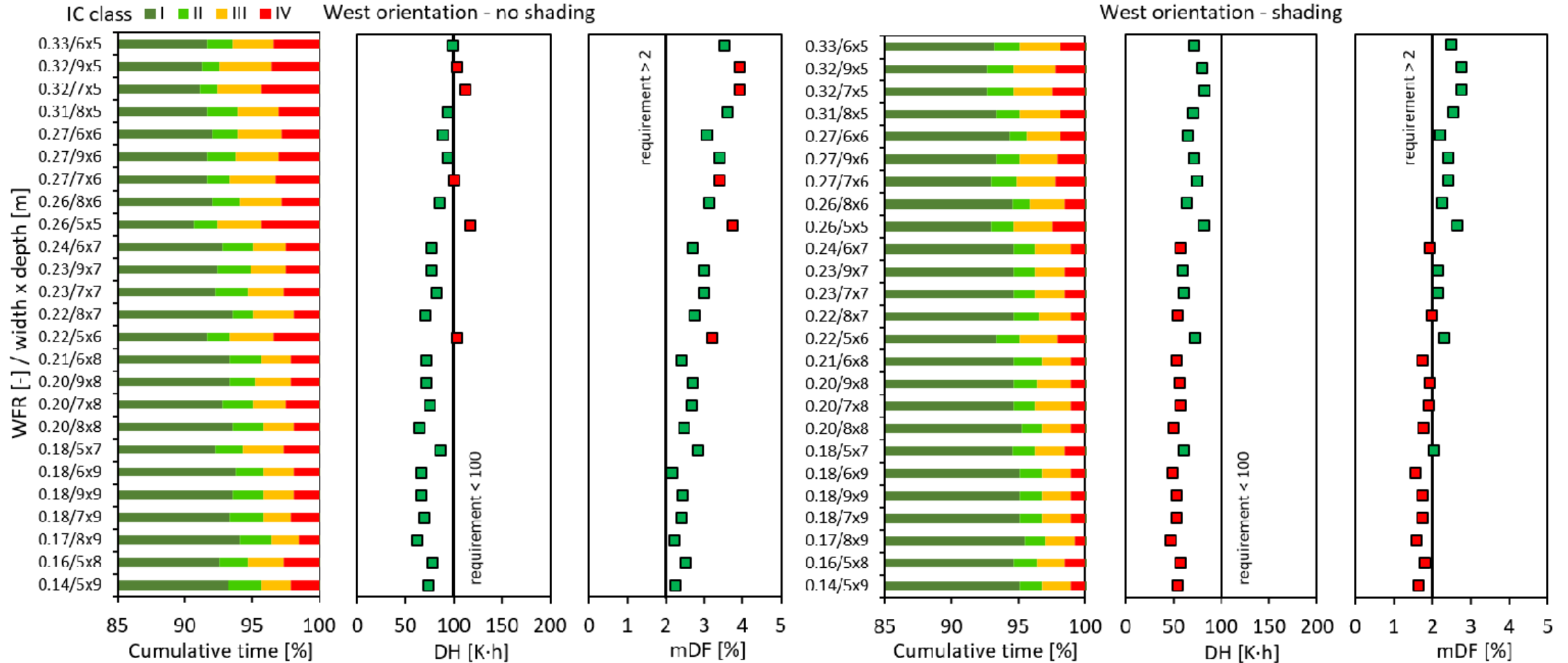
# RESULTS - EAST



# RESULTS - SOUTH

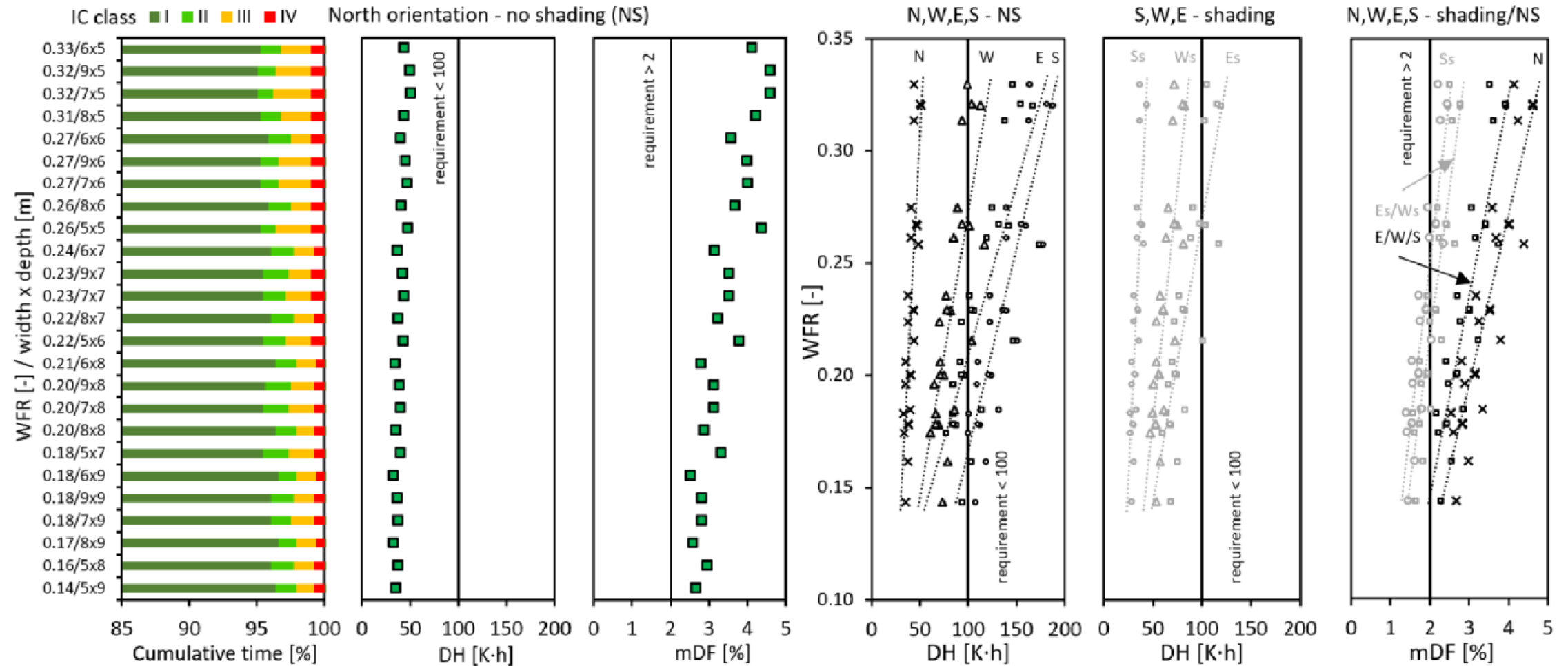


# RESULTS - WEST





# RESULTS – NORTH & OVERALL



# CONCLUSIONS

- Overheating and daylighting should be **analysed jointly**
- Results show that as **window-to-floor ratio increases**, the room receives **more daylight** but also becomes more vulnerable to temperature rise and **overheating**
- In the other hand, with **increasing depth**, **overheating risk lowers** and **daylight level decreases**
- Temperature excess **overheating** method results **correlates** well with **daylight** result distribution
- Proper design requires **skillful analysis** of suitable combination of room dimensions, window sizes, glazing parameters and shading options to meet both overheating and daylight requirements

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