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Solar Radiation and Daylight Models for the Energy Efficient Design of Buildings describes models that can be used to provide essential data at any place in the world. These models are included on a disk to ease the task of the architect or engineers. The authors show how these models can be applied to the energy efficient design of buildings.

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