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Great Expectations: Architecture in the Age of Neuroscience
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Sustainable design practices and metrics have focused on designing and measuring “High Performance Buildings.” As neuroscience research increasingly informs us about how the human brain responds to the built environment, how can architects increasingly design for, and measure, “High Performance Occupants?”

Short tours of the 3D immersive Virtual Reality CAVE at Calit2 will be offered beginning at 5pm. A demonstration of the newly developed CAVE-CAD software for designing architectural environments will be featured. The development of CAVE-CAD was made possible by a generous gift from HMC Architects.

Reservations are REQUIRED for a tour of the CAVE facility. Please email anfarch@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

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Commentary by: Eduardo Macagno, PhD

Dr. Macagno, the immediate past president of ANFA, is on the faculty of the University of California, San Diego, where his research focuses on how nerve cells grow and connect to appropriate targets and on how the human brain responds to environmental stimuli, particularly the built environment. With seed funding from HMC Architects, he and colleagues have been developing wearable sensor arrays that use wireless technology to record human neurological and physiological responses within a human scale immersive VR facility (CAVE).

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