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Thermal Comfort in Affordable Housing

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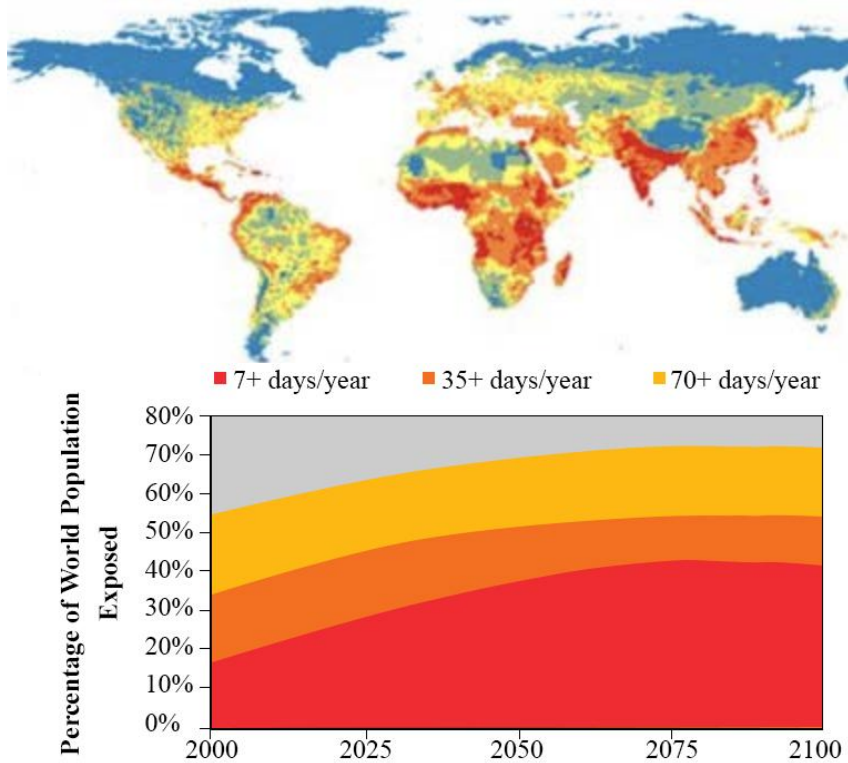
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Need for Thermal Comfort

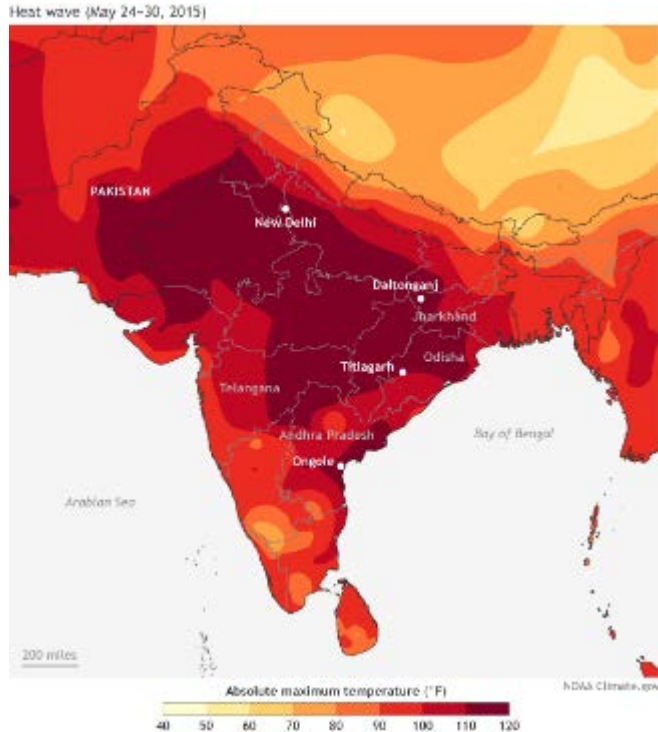


Present-day heat exposure risk

- Perceived luxury to a vital enabler of health, productivity & prosperity
- Worldwide, by 2030, extreme heat could lead to a \$2 trillion loss in labour productivity. India's economy alone stands to lose \$450 billion

Source: Kjellstrom, T. (2015). Impact of Climate Conditions on Occupational Health and Related Economic Losses. *Asia Pacific Journal Of Public Health*, 28(2_suppl), 28S-37S. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1010539514568711>

Need for Thermal Comfort: Affordable Homes



- 495,000 human deaths across the world in 1999–2020
- 12,000 extreme weather events led to losses worth USD 3.54 trillion (measured in terms of purchasing power parity or PPP)
- Housing needs to provide comfort over an extended period
- Less reliance on electro-mechanical systems
- Affordability to achieve comfort

Source: Climate.gov. (2015). India heat wave kills thousands [Image]. Retrieved 12 April 2022, from <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/event-tracker/india-heat-wave-kills-thousands>

Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG)



- **SDG 3:** Health and Well Being
- **SDG 7:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
- **SDG 9:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation (*Industry-focused*)
- **SDG 11:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable (*Building focused*)

Source: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Professional Certificate. Hertie School. Retrieved 12 April 2022, from <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/who-we-are/global-public-policy-network/sdg-certificate>

Importance of thermal comfort : Body Requirements

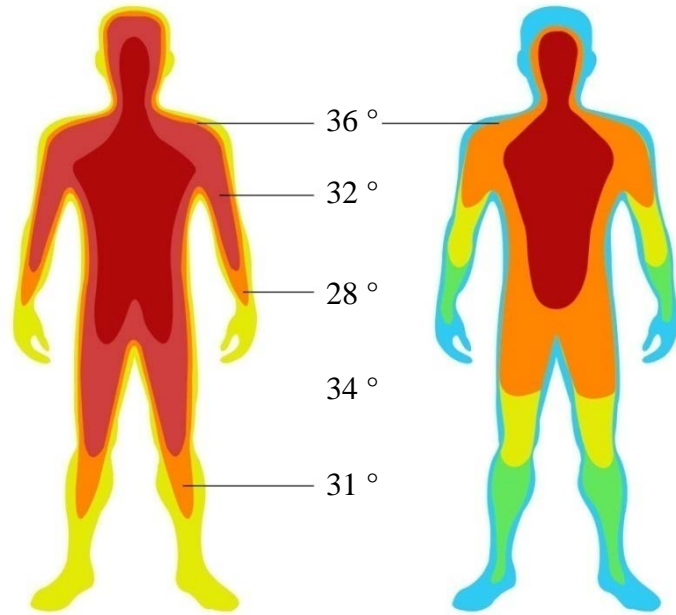


- Homo sapiens primate order of the class of mammals
- Body heat is a by-product of metabolism
- A normal core temperature of $\sim 37^{\circ}\text{C}$ and skin at $\sim 34^{\circ}\text{C}$

Source: Sunil Kumar Singh. (2016). Alert to heatwaves [Image]. Retrieved 12 April 2022, from <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/climate-change/alert-to-heat-waves-53459>

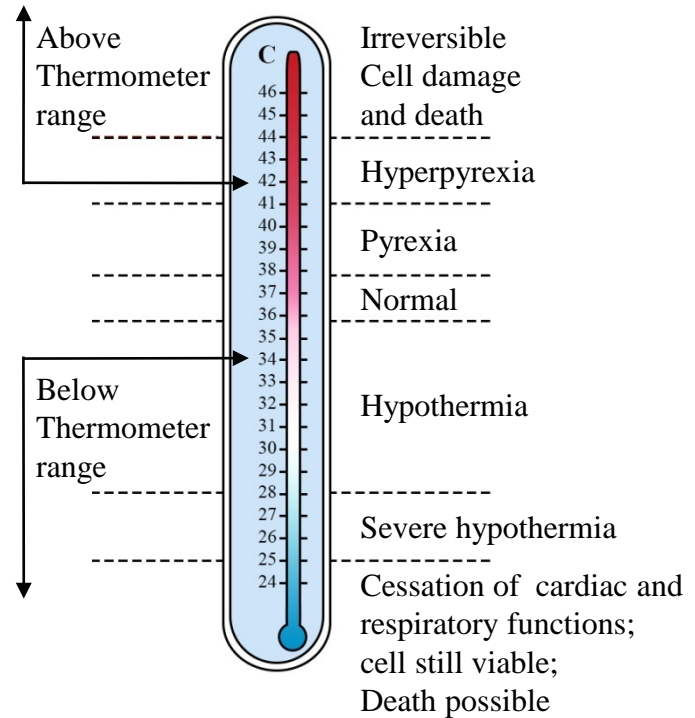
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Importance of thermal comfort : Conditioning and Comfort



30 °C – Ambient temperature – 20 ° C

Human Body Condition in two sets of environment



Human Body Condition beyond comfort bands

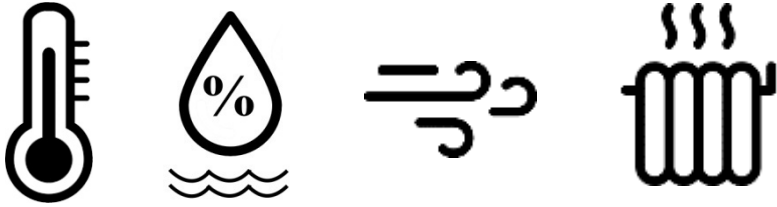
Importance of thermal comfort : Conditioning and Comfort



- Inability to shed excess heat leads to a rise in core body temperature
- Increase in heart rate
- Loss of concentration
- Irritation
- Sickness and Vomiting
- Unconsciousness
- Death

Source: freepik. Tired student [Image]. Retrieved 12 April 2022, from <https://www.freepik.com/photos/tired-student>

Factors Affecting Thermal Comfort



- **Environmental Factors**

- Air temperature, $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Relative Humidity, %
- Mean Radiant Temperature (MRT) $^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Air Velocity, *meter/second*



- **Personal Factors**

- Activity (metabolic rate), *MET*
- Clothing, *Clo.*

Factors Affecting Thermal Comfort: Others



Short term
physiological
adjustments



Long term physiological
adjustments



Age



Gender

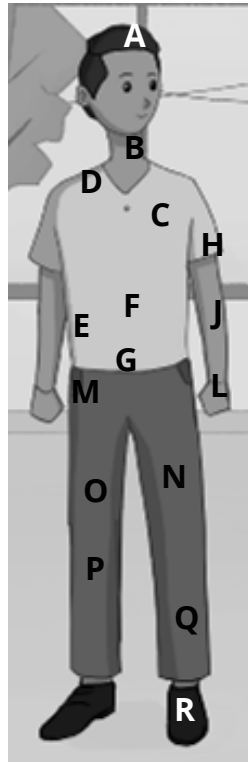
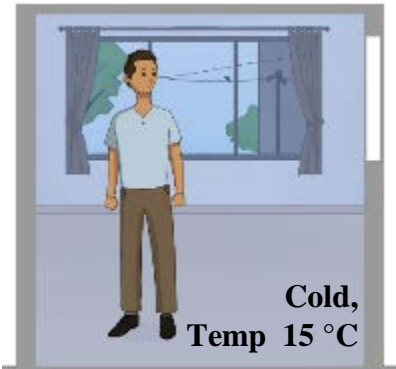
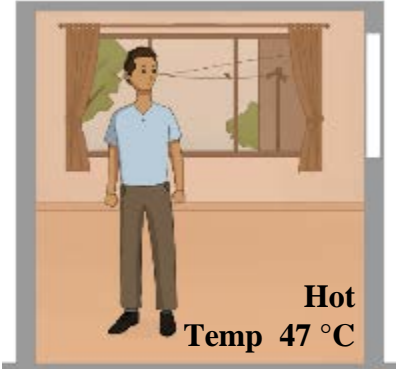


Health and Wellbeing

- **Acclimatization**
 - Short-term physiological adjustments
 - Long-term endocrine adjustments
- **Body shape and fat**
- **Age and gender**
- **Status of health**

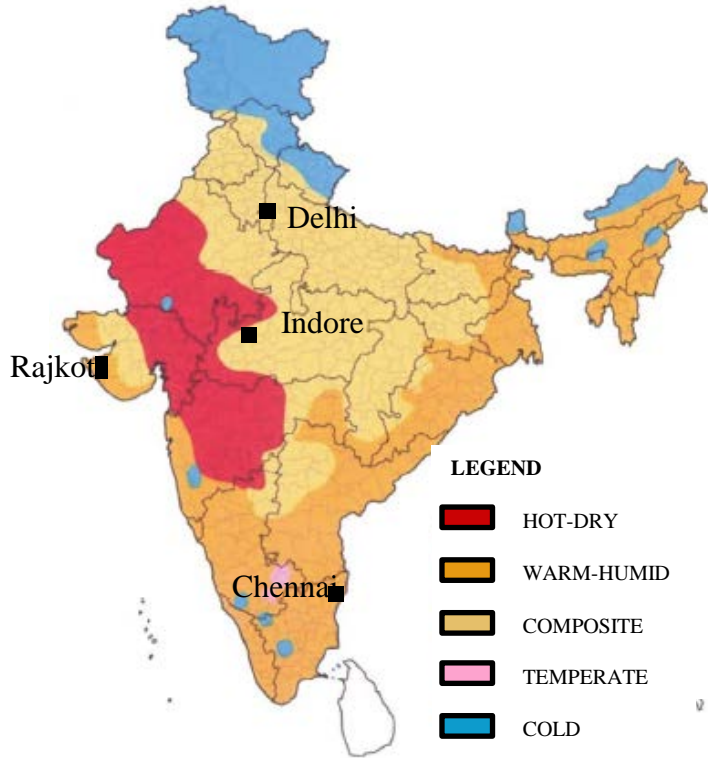
Thermal Comfort: Cold – Neutral - Warm

Air Temp 27 °C

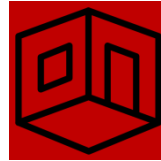


Body Part	Skin Location	Cold (15 °C)	Neutral (27 °C)	Hot (47 °C)
A	Forehead	31.7	35.2	37
B	Back of Neck	31.2	35.1	36.1
C	Chest	30.1	34.4	35.8
D	Upper Back	30.7	34.4	36.3
E	Lower Back	29.2	33.7	36.6
F	Upper Abdomen	29	33.8	35.7
G	Lower Abdomen	29.2	34.8	36.2
H	Tricep	28	33.2	36.6
J	Forearm	26.9	34	37
L	Hand	23.7	33.8	36.7
M	Hip	26.5	32.2	36.8
N	Side thigh	27.3	33	36.5
O	Front thigh	29.4	33.7	36.7
P	Back thigh	25.5	32.2	36
Q	Calf	25.1	31.6	35.9
R	Foot	23.2	30.4	36.2

Context: Affordable Housing



During Peak Summer Period:



36.5 - 42°C.

Peak inside room temperature (operative temperature/ air temperature) can reach anywhere between **36.5 °C and 42 °C**



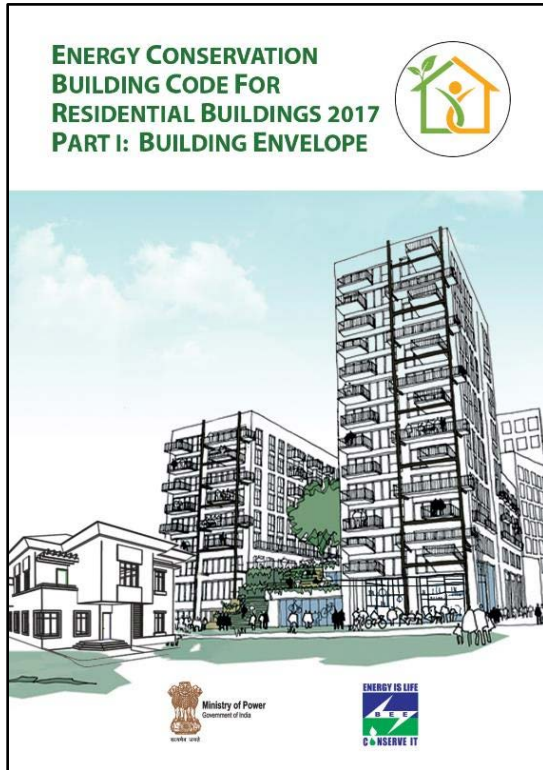
30 - 35 °C

Peak indoor temperatures can be reduced to ~ **30 - 35 °C** by design strategies:

- Reducing heat ingress
- Utilizing natural ventilation,

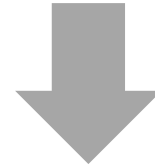
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ECO NIWAS Samhita: ECBC Residential



PROVISIONS FOR BUILDING ENVELOPE

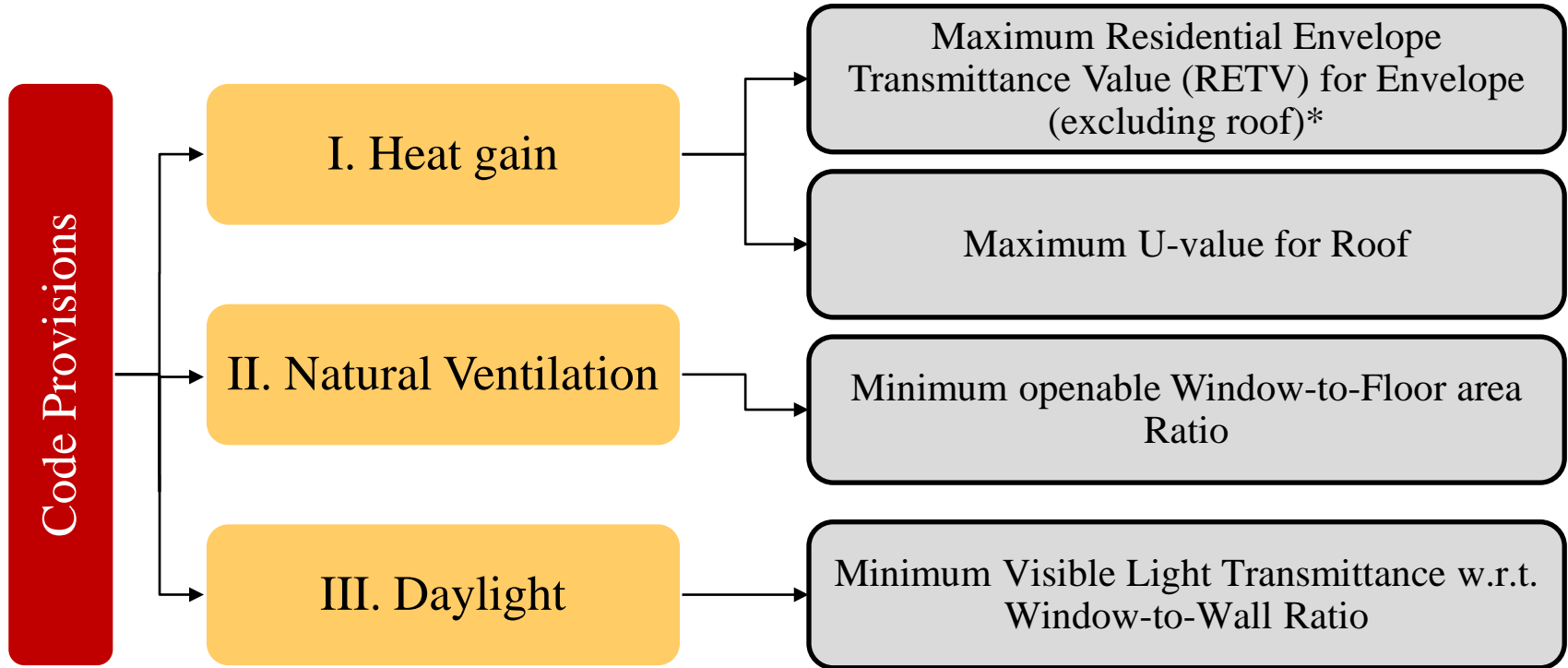
- Reduce Heat Gain/Loss
- Improve Natural Ventilation & Daylighting



Improved thermal comfort & reduced energy consumption

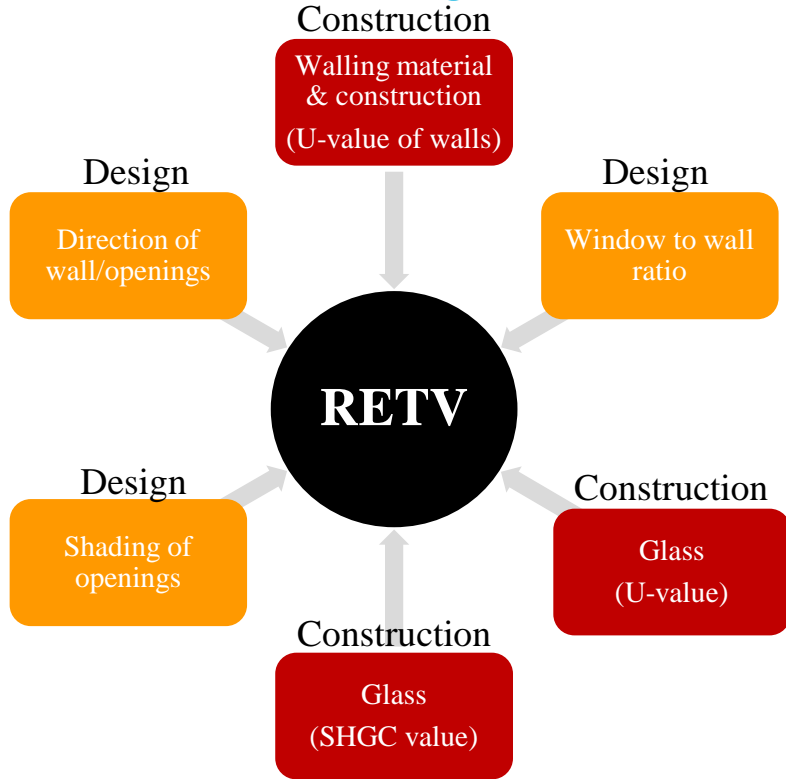
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Overview of Code Provisions



*** The RETV provisions are for all climate zones except Cold.**

RETV: Influencing Factors, Design and Construction



The net heat gain rate (over the cooling period)

through the building envelope (excluding the roof)

divided by the area of the building envelope (excluding the roof), measured in W/m^2 .

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Passive Design Strategies: Spatial Configuration



Optimizing Radiation

Wind Direction and Speed



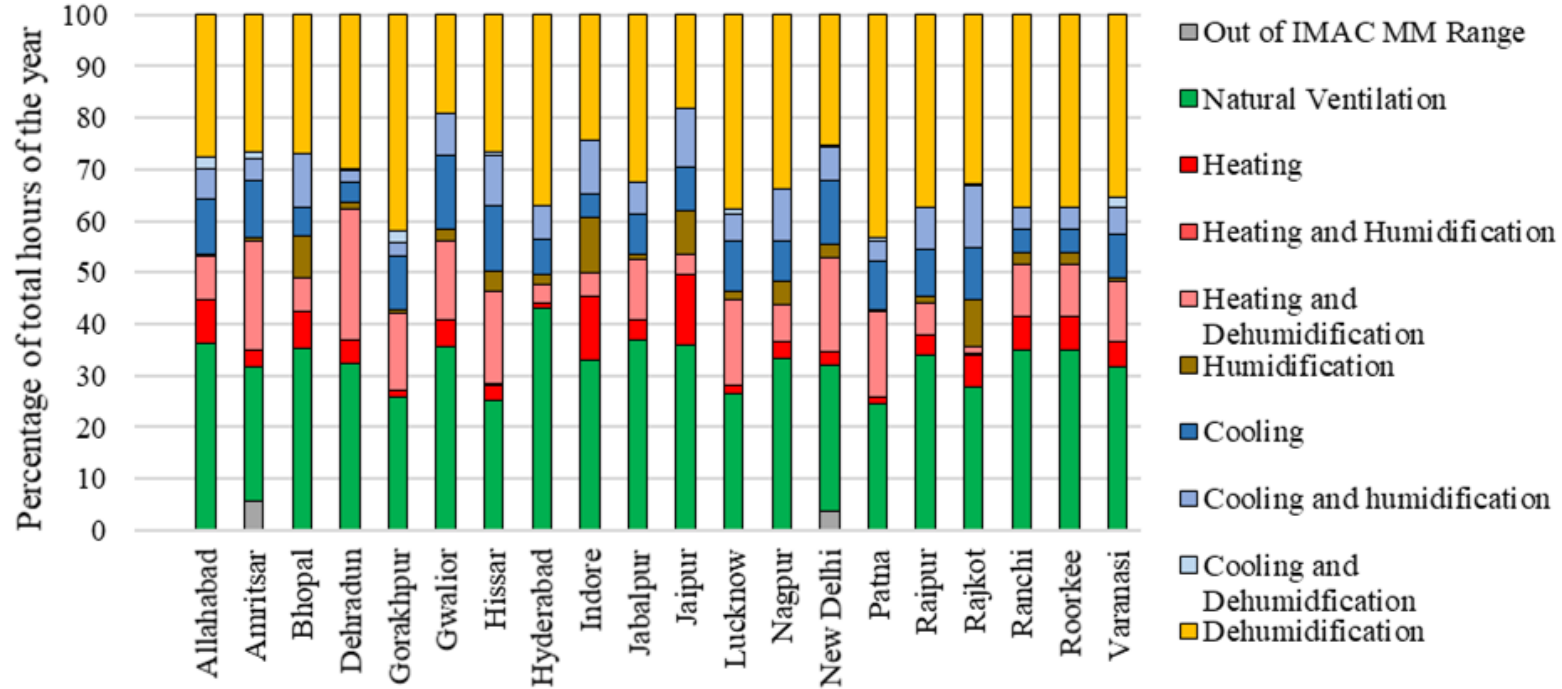
Rectangular Plan

Less 'tight' buildings

Orientation: Positive, Negative and Neutral

Source: Pinterest. (n.d.). Kutch home called bhoonga. Pinterest. Retrieved from <https://in.pinterest.com/pin/355925176772831313/>, Iyadurai, N. (n.d.). Sangath. Rethinking the future. Rethinking the future. Retrieved from <https://www.re-thinkingthefuture.com/rtf-fresh-perspectives/a861-recipe-for-a-perfect-architecture-studio/>, Prepp. (n.d.). Kanchanjunga Apartments. Prepp. Retrieved from <https://prepp.in/news/g-47340-modern-indian-architecture-art-and-culture-notes>

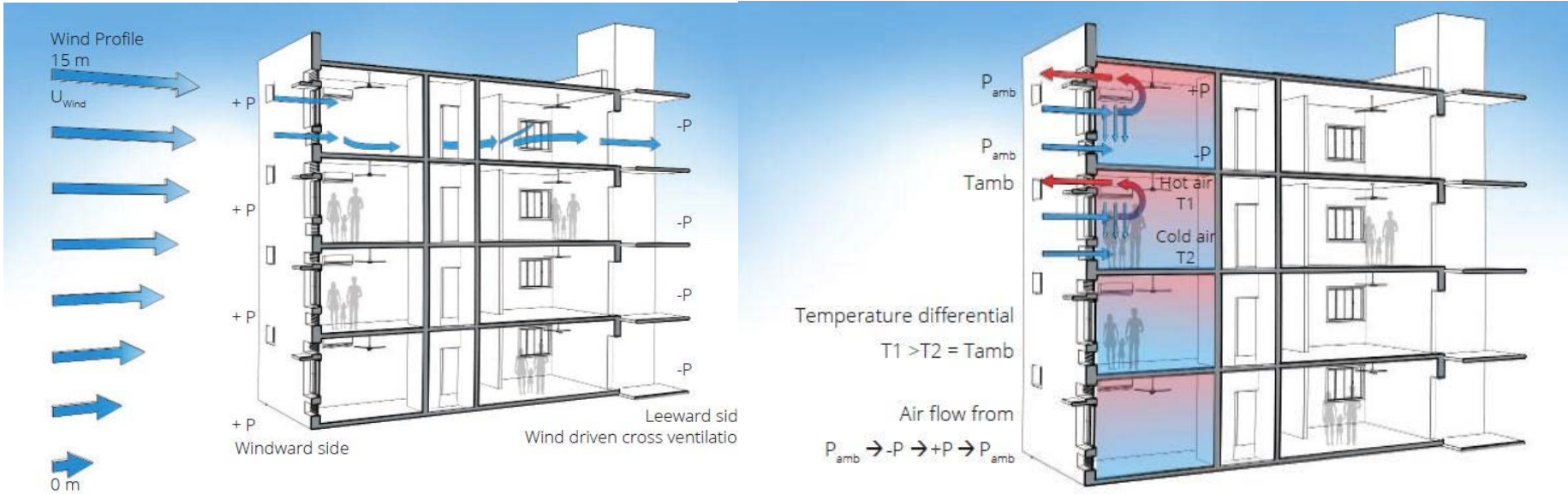
Opportunities to operate buildings with comfort strategies



Summary of comfort hours of different operation modes (NBC - IMAC-MM)

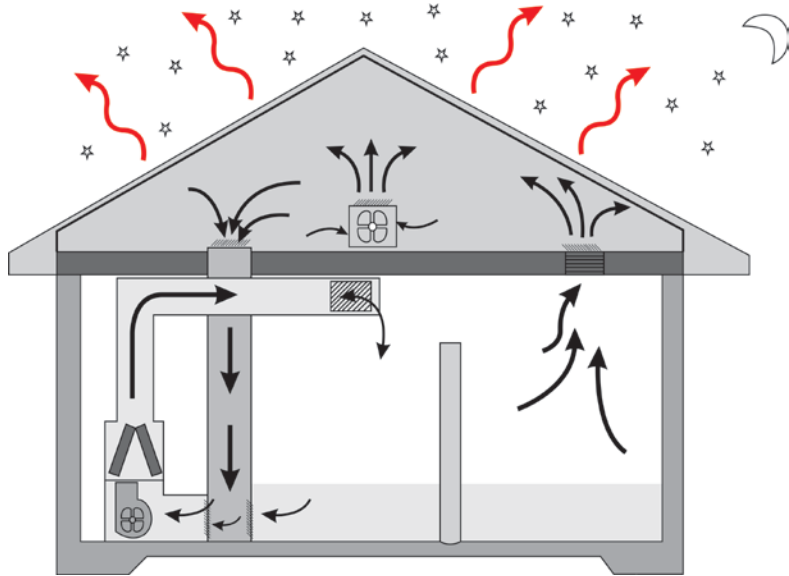
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Harnessing Ventilation for Thermal Comfort



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Night Cooling by Mechanical Ventilation

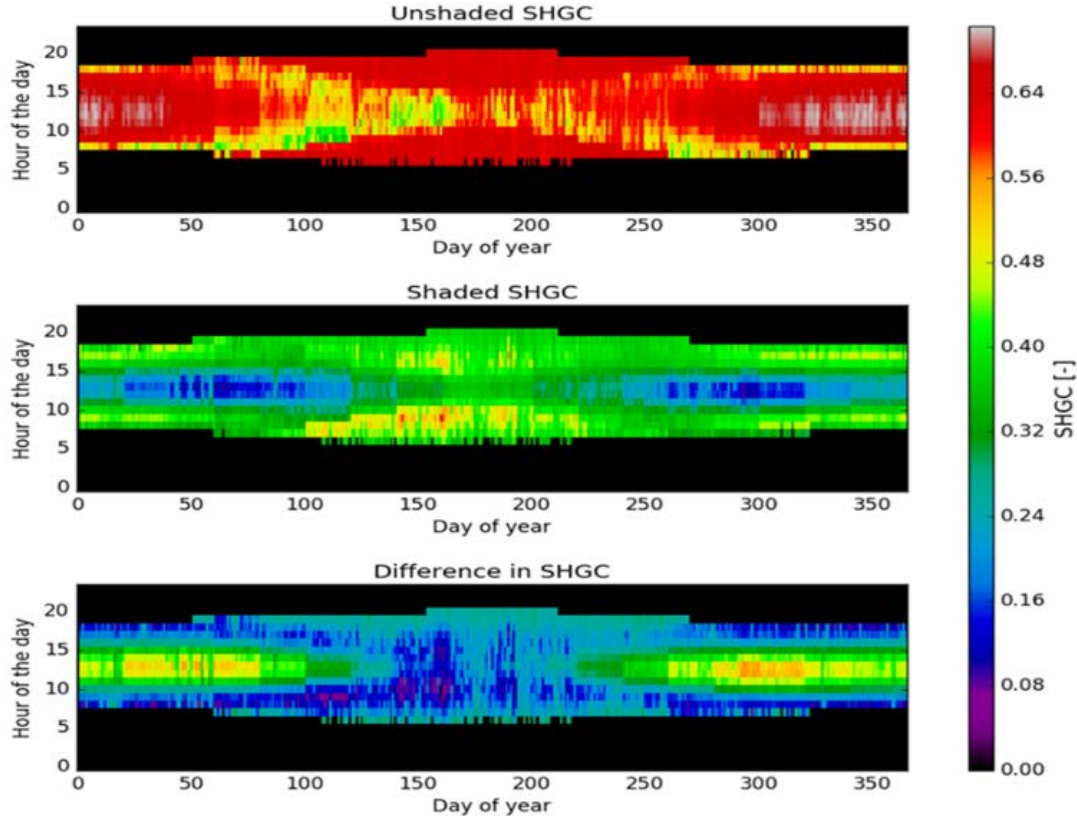


- **Favorable Factors**
 - Low nighttime DBT
 - Less and Periodic internal loads
 - Uninterrupted electricity
- **Unfavorable Factors**
 - No possibility of fresh air intake
 - Low ceiling to floor height
 - Poor insulation / no thermal mass

Highly efficient, low noise fans and low-pressure drop needed, night cooling for high mass can offset ~20-30 W/m² heat gains

Source: Nwaigwe, K. N., Anthony, O. C., Ogueke, N., Ugwuoke, P. E., & Anyanwu, E. E. (2012). Transient Analysis and Performance Prediction of Nocturnal Radiative Cooling of a Building in Owerri, Nigeria. Retrieved from https://www.researchgate.net/publication/274066021_Transient_Analysis_and_Performance_Prediction_of_Nocturnal_Radiative_Cooling_of_a_Building_in_Owerri_Nigeria

Passive Design Strategies: Shading

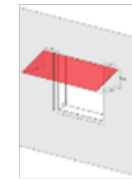


Improved SHGC for the Window

- Shading devices
- Change in Glass Material



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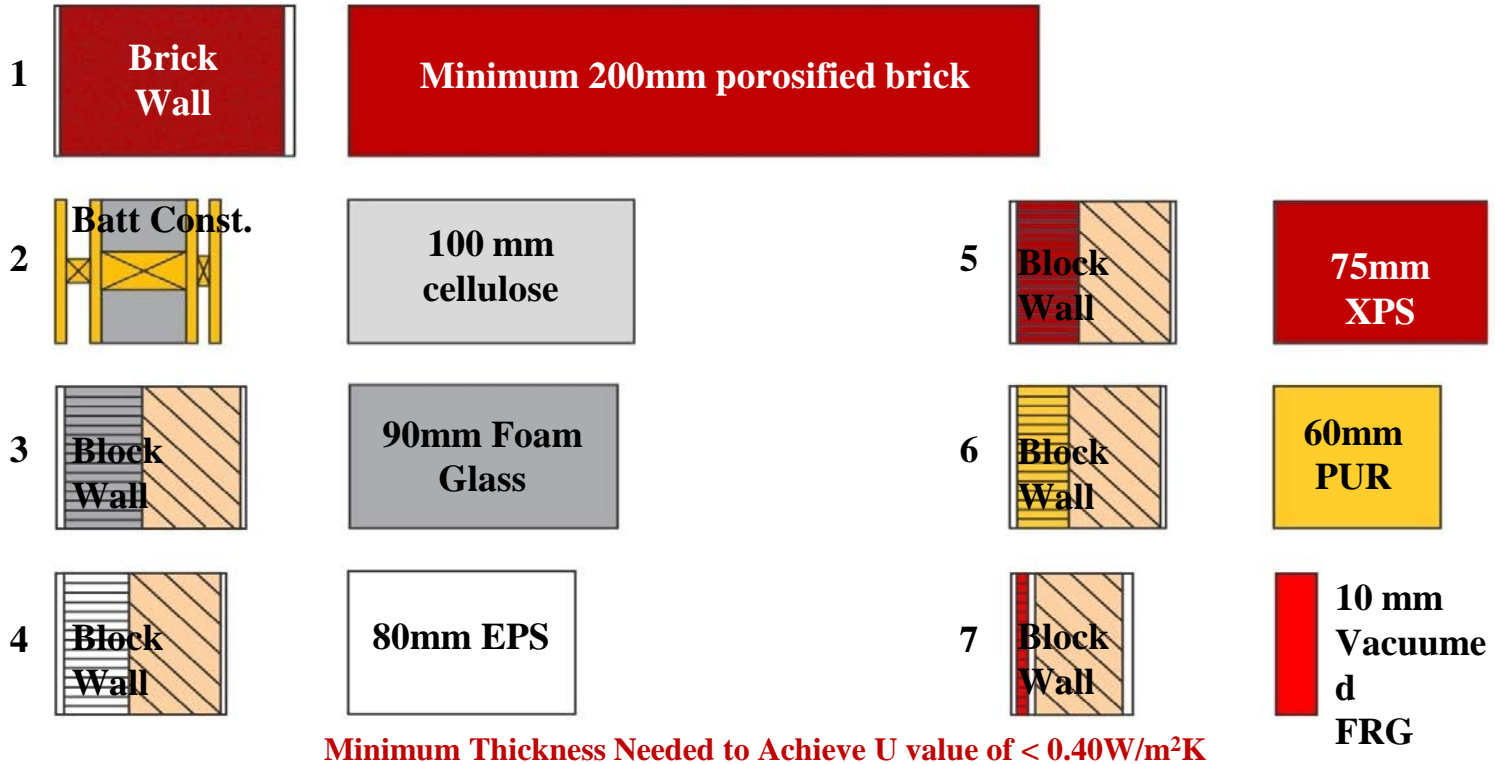


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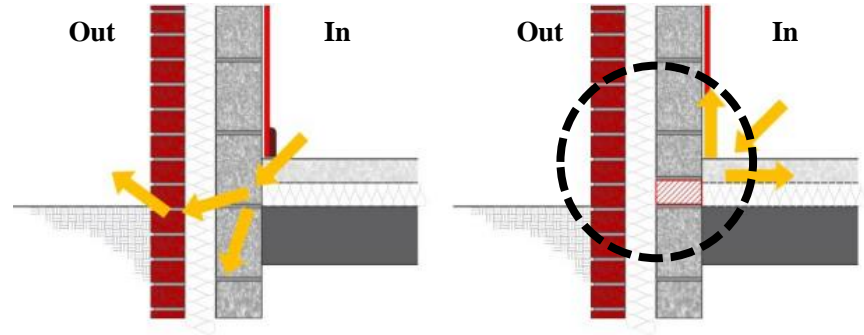
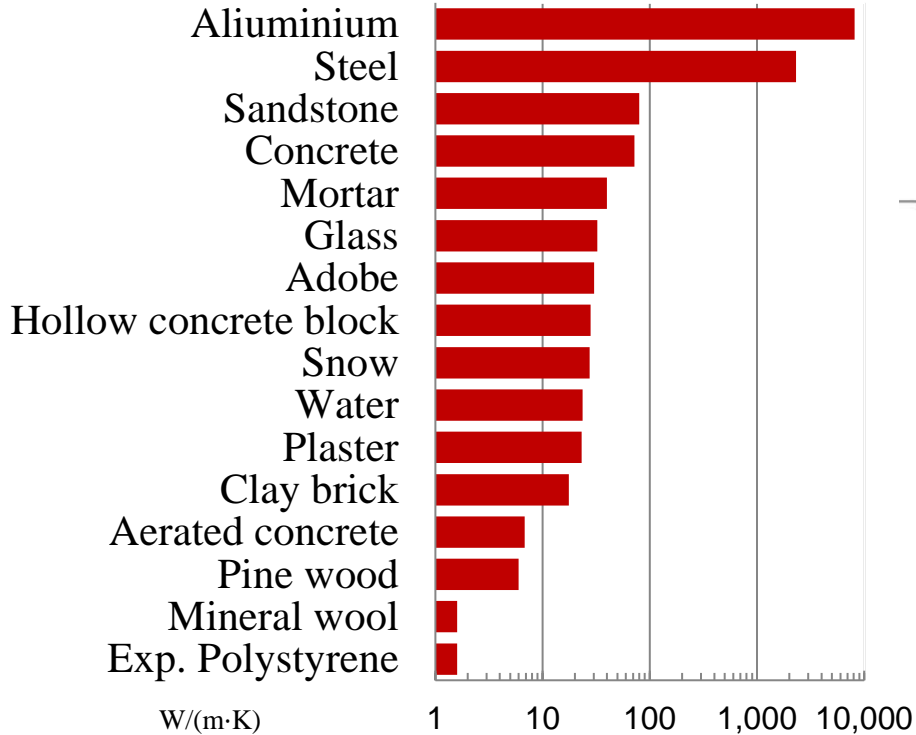
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Envelope Materials and Methods : Construction

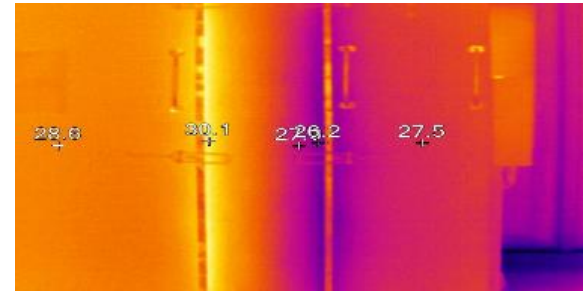


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Envelope Materials and Methods: Thermal Bridge

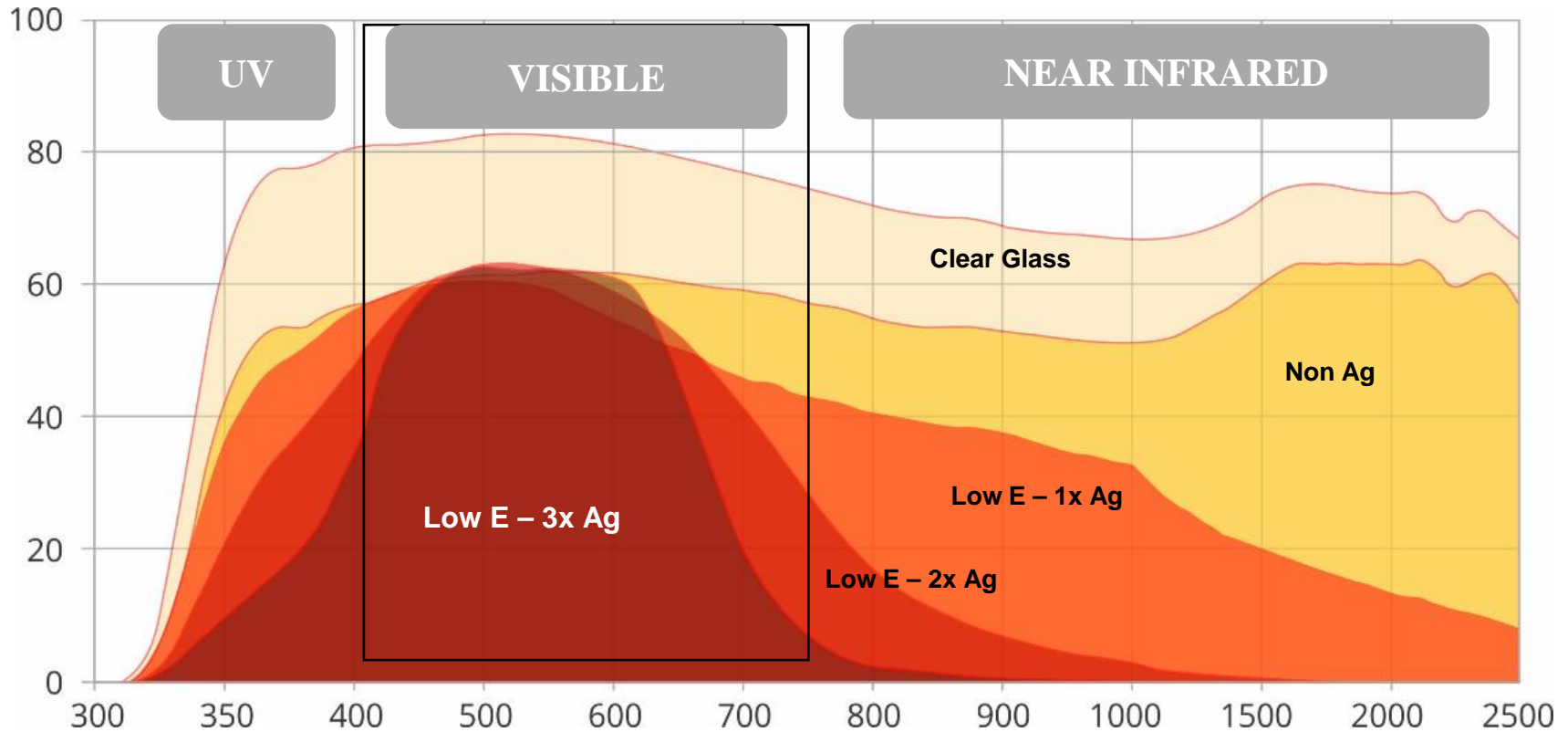


Air = 1
 0.0002 Sq mts of aluminium (2 Sq Cms) = 1 Sq mts of insulation



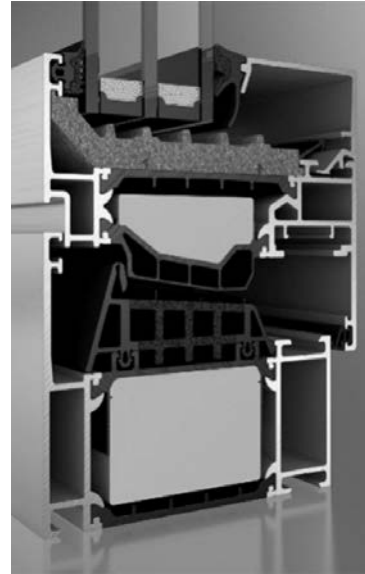
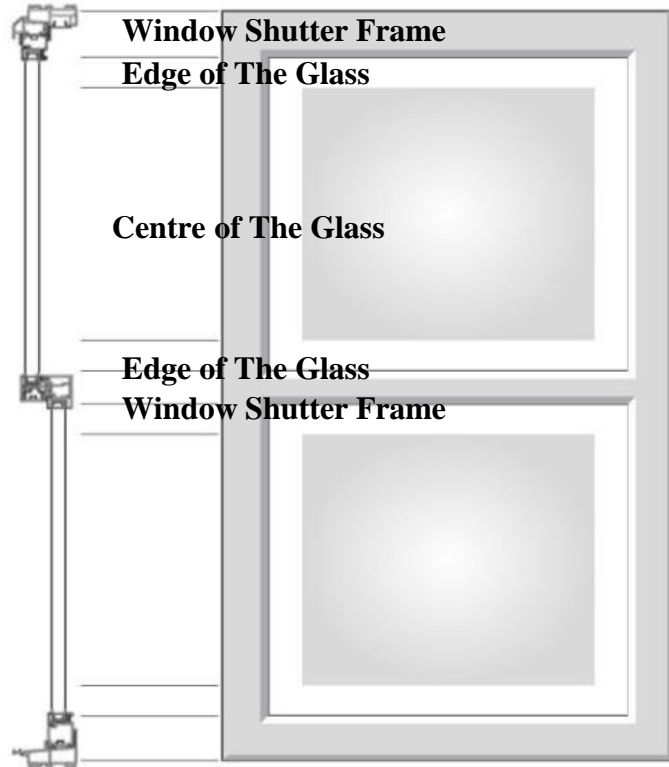
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Glazing Material and Methods : Solar Control



Information and Image Courtesy: A.R Unnikrishnan, Saint Gobain Glass

Glazing Material and Methods : Window Frame

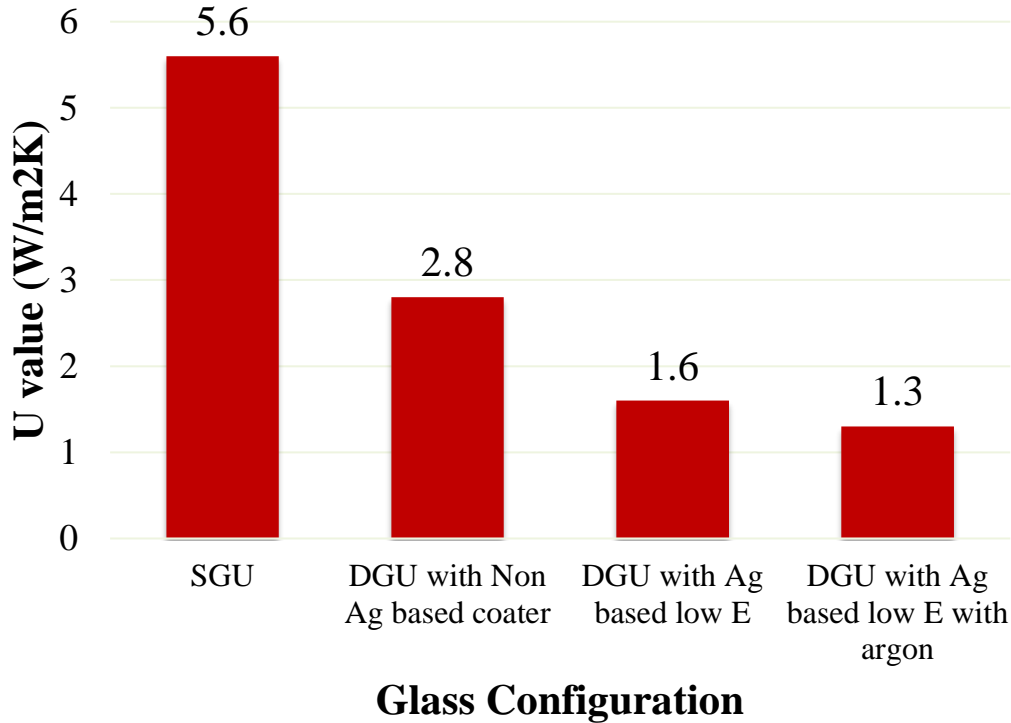


Thermal Break Window Frames
Airtightness of window frame (Mixed-mode buildings)

Source: Neuffer. (n.d.). Schüco Aws 90. Neuffer. Retrieved from <http://192.169.1.1:8090/httpclient.html> Grabex. (n.d.). Sliding-Folding Doors For Your Space. Grabex. Retrieved from <https://grabex.co.uk/doors/bi-fold-doors/cf68-bi-fold-doors/>

Glazing Material and Methods : Window Frame

U value based on glass & frame configuration



SGU



DGU with air



DGU with Argon gas



1.1 W/m².K

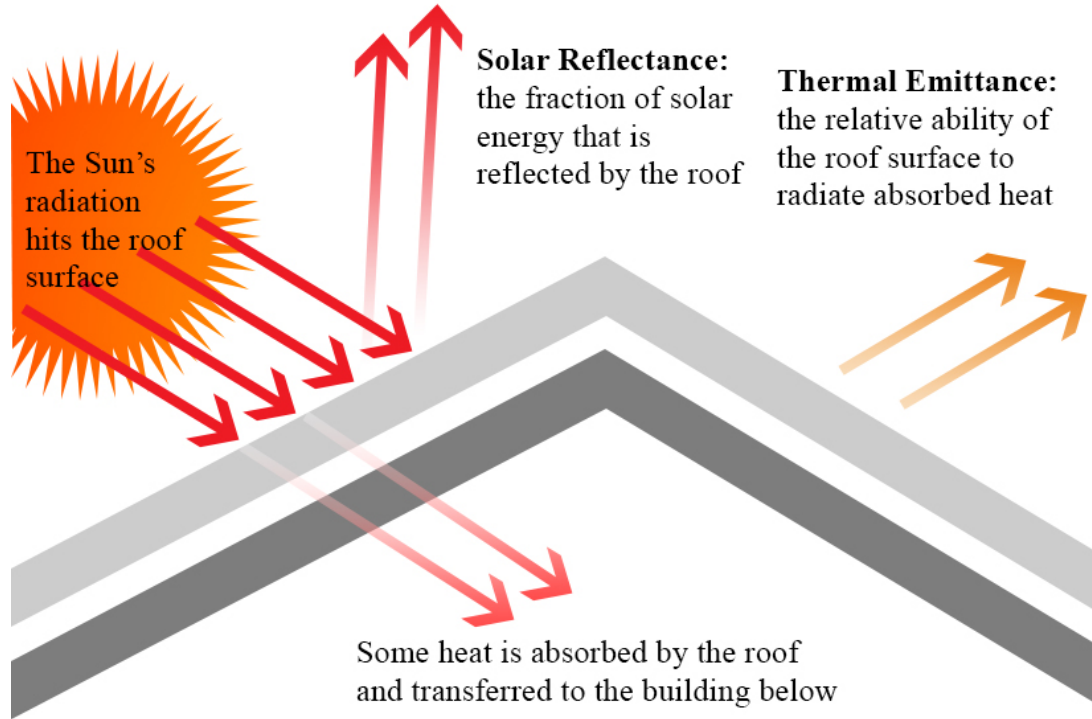


1.5 W/m².K



1.7 W/m².K

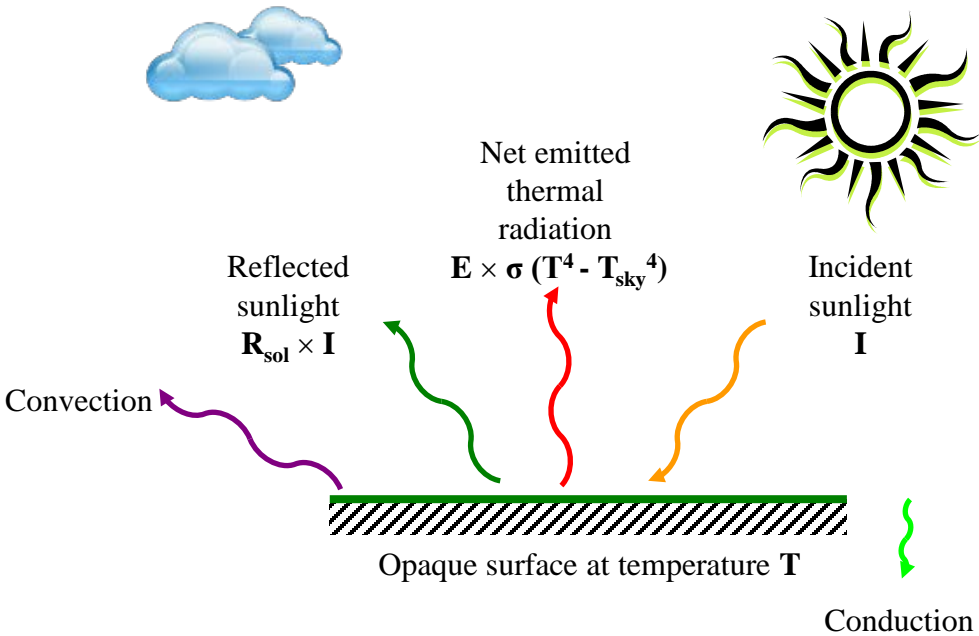
Roofing Coating Material and Solar Reflectance Index



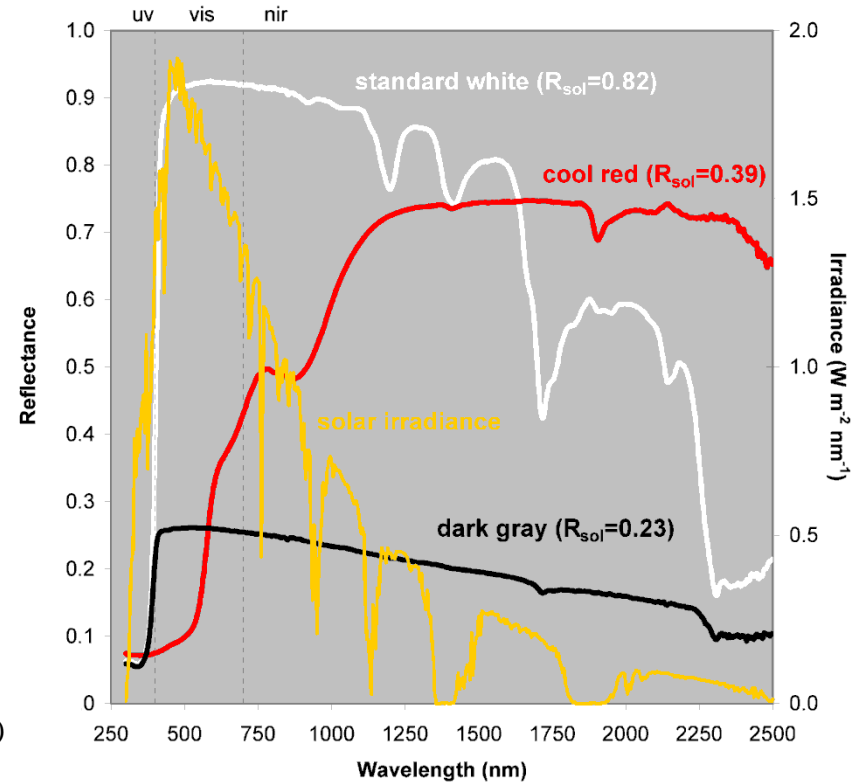
- Reflectance
- Thermal Emittance.
- Emissivity
- Solar Reflectance Index (SRI)

Source: ASC Building Products. (2020). Energy-Efficient Cool Colors in Today's Metal Roofing. ASC Building Products. Retrieved from <https://www.ascbp.com/cool-colors-and-energy-savings/>.

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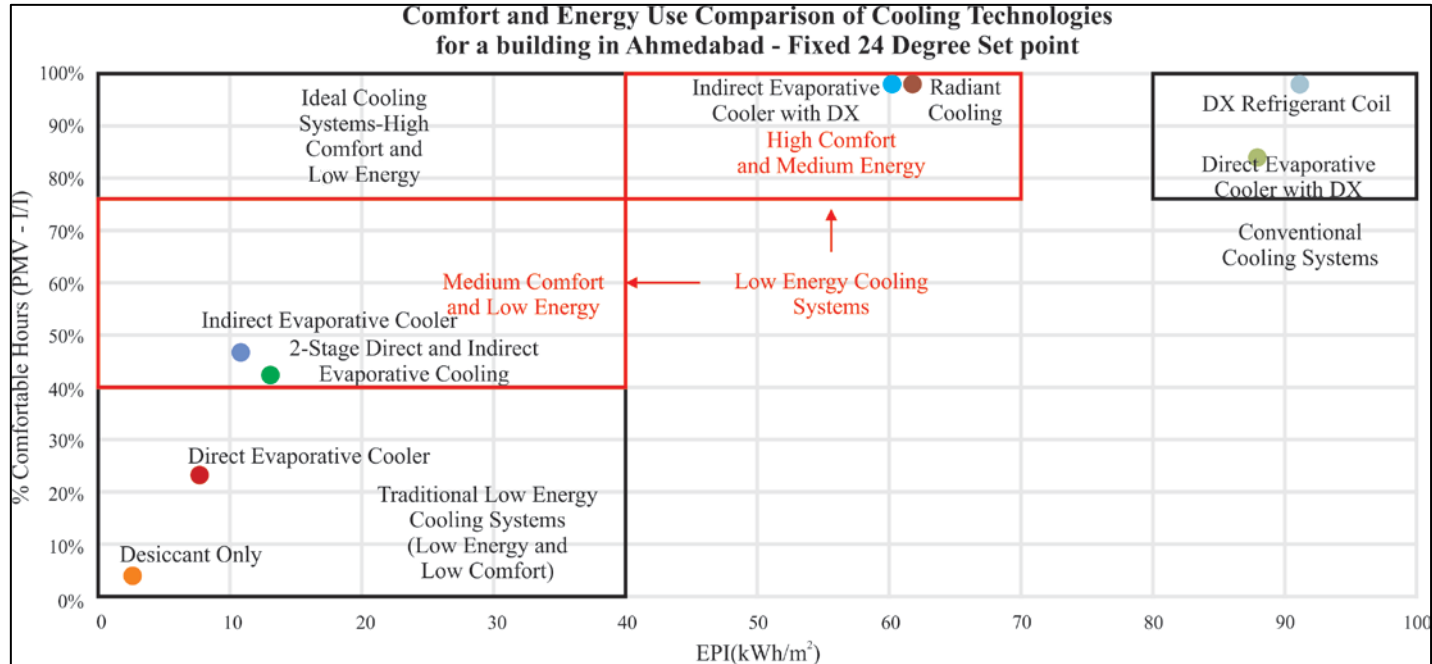


- High solar reflectance (R_{sol}) lowers solar heat gain (0.3 - 2.5 μm)
- High thermal emittance (E) enhances thermal radiative cooling (4 - 80 μm)



Low Energy Cooling Systems

Establish the relevance of Low Energy Cooling Evaluate – Improve - Deploy



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