Affordable Strategies to Reduce Heat Stress in Urban Housing

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Buildings are our Third Skin

They help us manage our thermal environment







Biological Skin

Cloths

Buildings

Thermal Comfort depends upon

Thermal Comfort is State of Mind





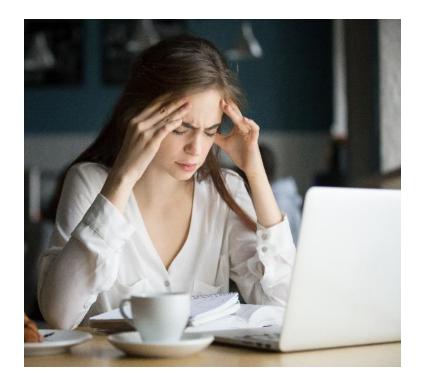


Psychology



Behaviour

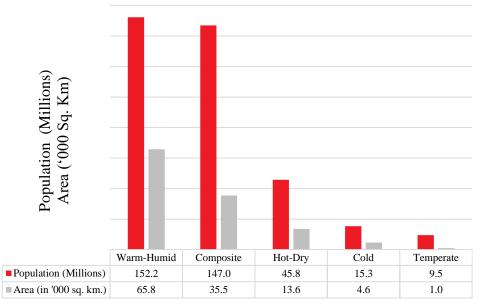
Importance of thermal comfort : Conditioning and Comfort



- 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

Importance of thermal comfort : Conditioning and Comfort



• More than 50% of India lives in a warm and humid climate

Cooling Degree Days

Kolkata 3360 (19.7 million)

New Delhi 3015 (29.9 million)

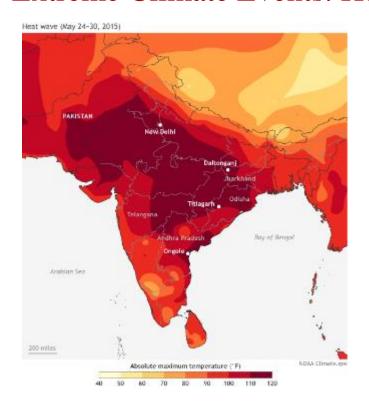
Mumbai 3469 (24.5 million)

Chennai 4108 (10.6 million)

■ Population (Millions) ■ Area (in '000 sq. km.)

Source: Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Population projection. Census of India. (2011). Retrieved 12 April 2022, from https://www.censusindia.gov.in/2011census/dchb/DCHB.html

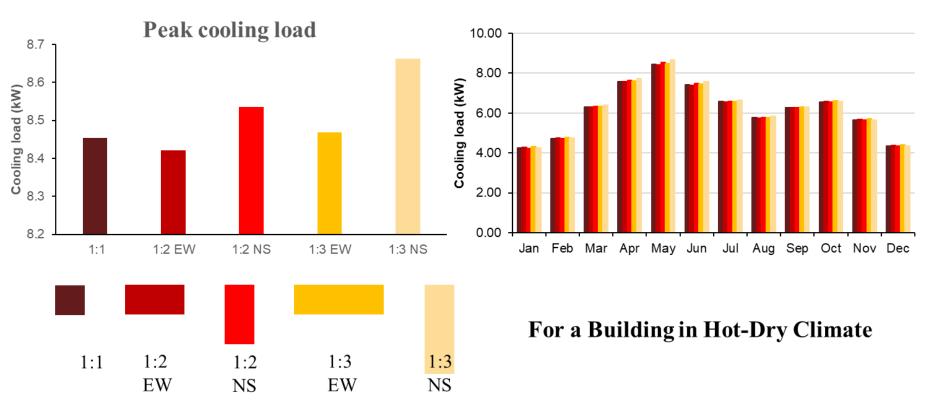
Extreme Climate Events: Heat waves



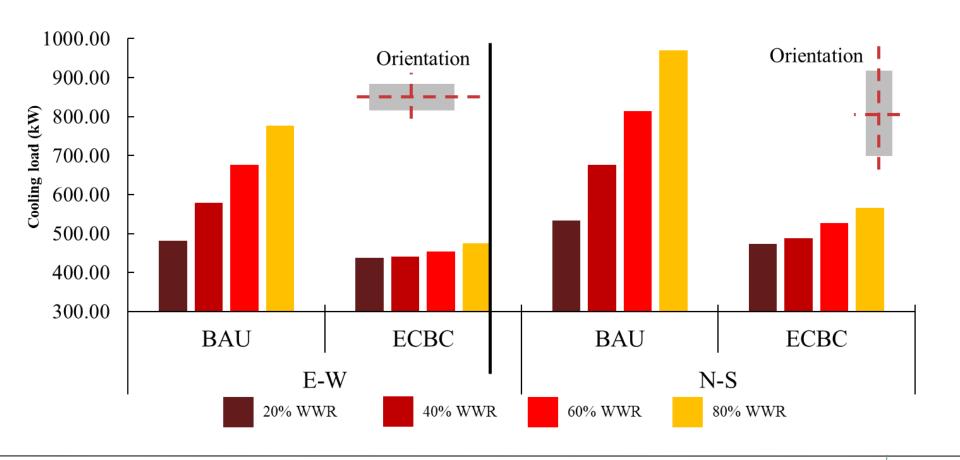
- 495,000 human deaths across the world in 1999–2020
- 12,000 extreme weather events led to losses worth USD 3.54 trillion (measured in terms of purchasing power parity or PPP)
- Housing needs to provide comfort over an extended period
- Less reliance on electro-mechanical systems
- Affordability to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

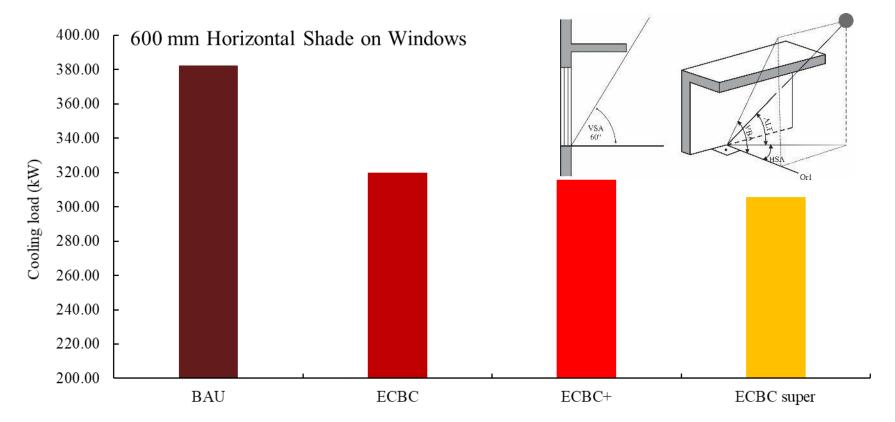
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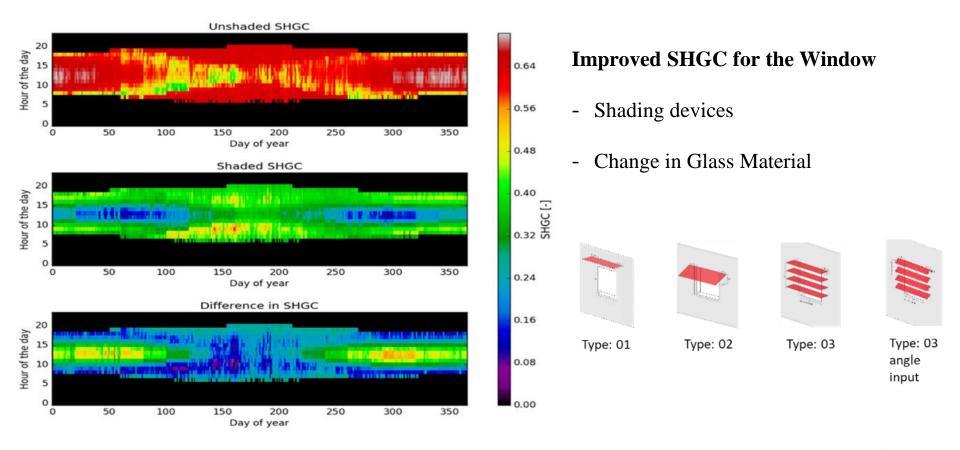
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Heat Transfer in Buildings: Interactions Between Parameters



Extreme Climate Events: Degree Discomfort Hours



- Measure to understand how many hours are outside comfort hours inside residential units
- And extent / severeness of it.
- Increase discomfort leads to heat stress and health related symptoms

Other Passive Design Strategies: Construction Configuration

3.1 WALL SUPER STRUCTURE

- u VALUE (W/m 2)=0.42
- $R VALUE (m^2.K/W)=2.38$

3.2 WALL BASEMENT

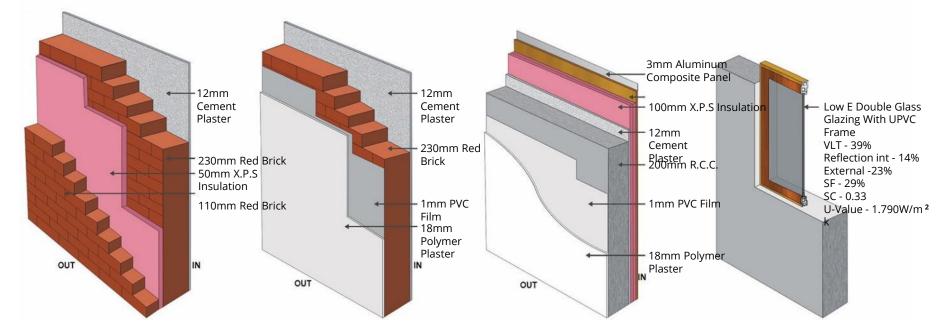
- $u VALUE (W/m^2) = 2.01$
- R VALUE (m
- 2 .K/W)=0.50

3.3 WALL BASEMENT

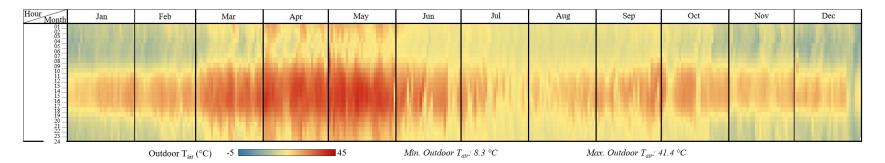
- $u VALUE (W/m^2) = 0.28$
- R VALUE (m
- 2 .K/W)=3.59

3.4 WINDOW

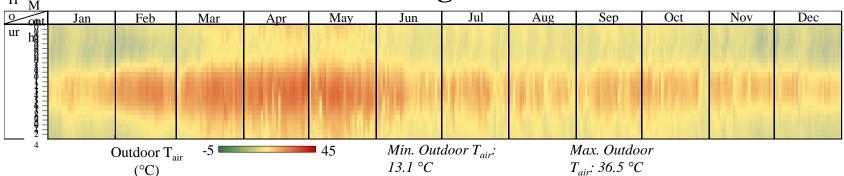
- $u VALUE (W/m^2)=1.70$
- $R VALUE (m^2.K/W) = 0.588$



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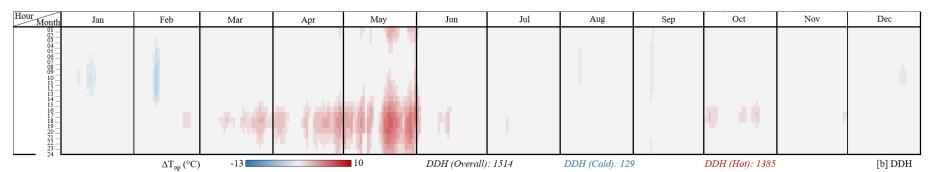


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Degree Discomfort Hours Reduction due to Walling Technology

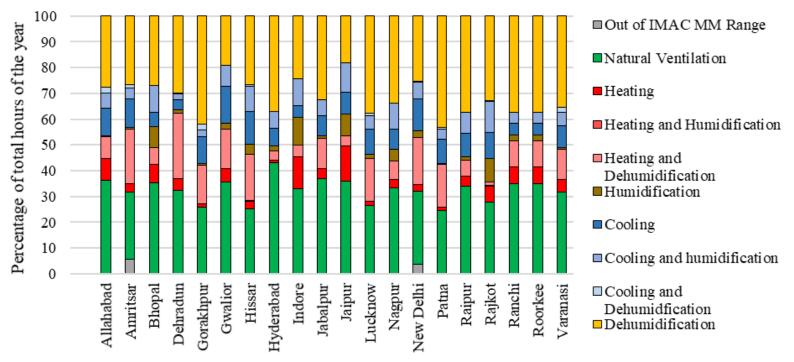


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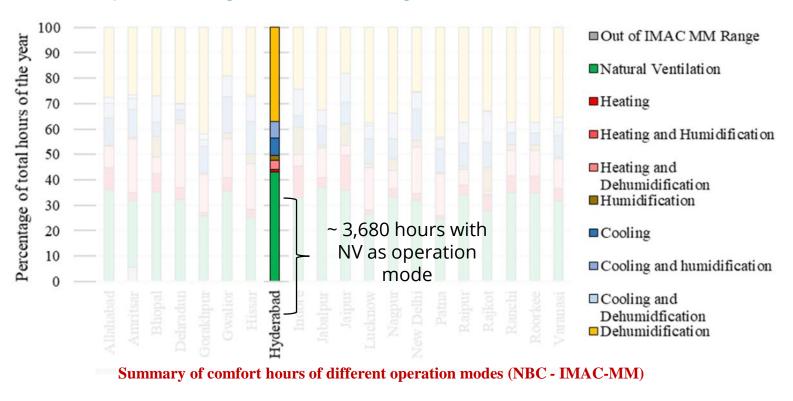
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Summary of comfort hours of different operation modes (NBC - IMAC-MM)

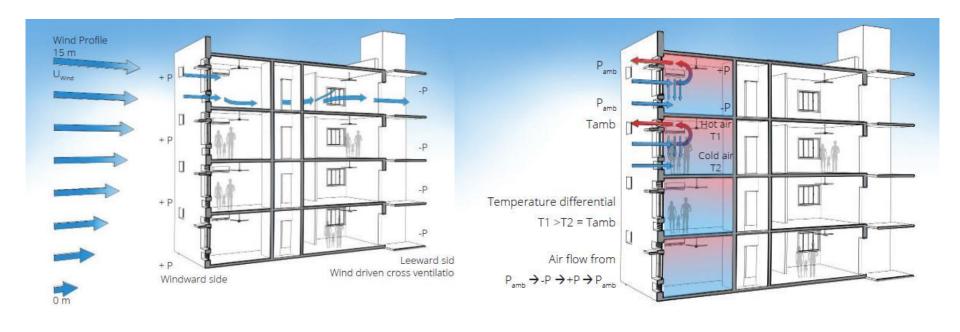
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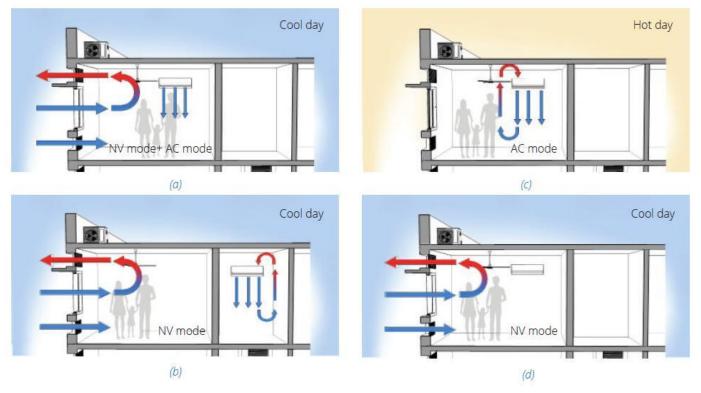
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Harnessing Ventilation for Thermal Comfort



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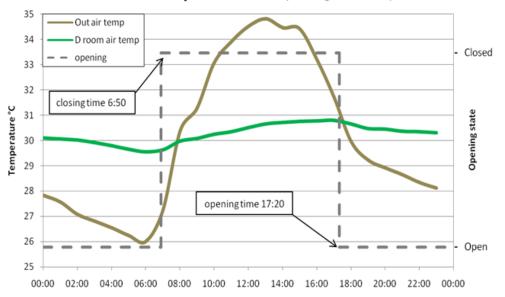
Ventilation Design using Windows (*LECaVIR Guide*)



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Operation of the Buildings Equally Important

In and out air temperature - hourly average 26 - 30 April 2014



- Balancing Thermal Mass and Insulation
- NV operation with controlled Ventilation
- Warm Humid Climate

Day shutting and nighttime comfort strategy show good results in preventing excessive temperature rise in the building

Source: Doctor-Pingel, M., Vardhan, V., Manu, S., Brager, G., & Description of Southern India. Building and Environment, 151, 1–14. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2019.01.026



Thank You



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