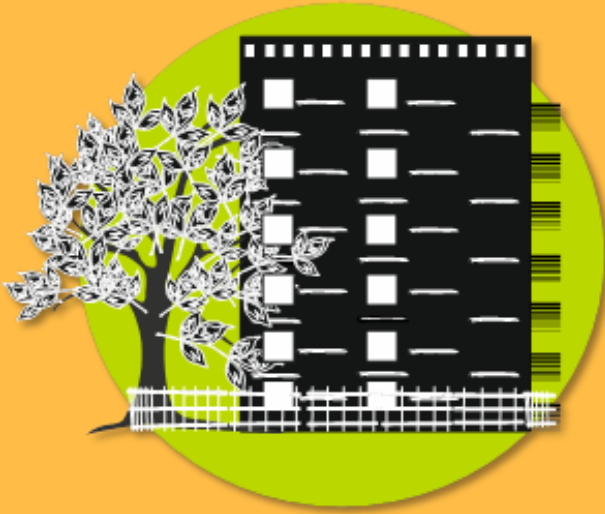


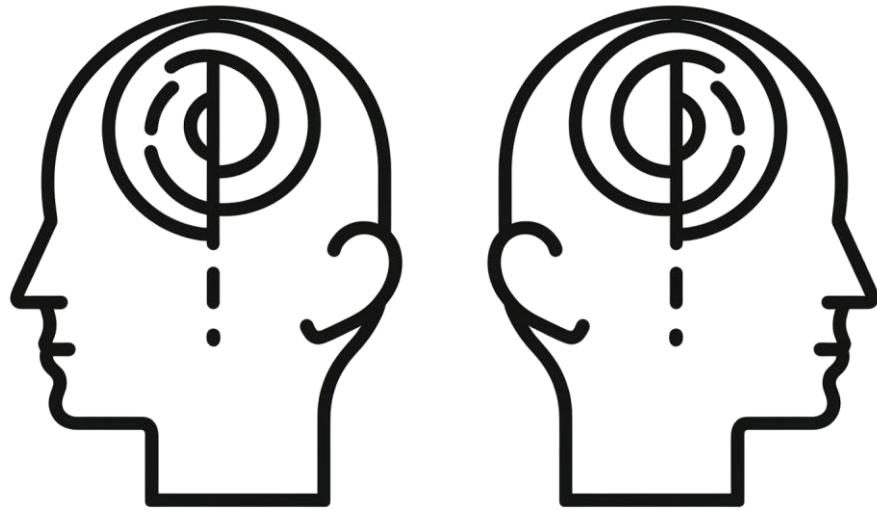
Session 1 - Fundamentals of Thermal Comfort

Date | Place



What is Thermal Comfort

Thermal Comfort - Definition



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ISO 7730 defines thermal comfort as
'...that condition of mind which expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment.'

ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 55 defines thermal comfort as...
'The condition of the mind that expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment and is assessed by subjective evaluation'

Thermal Comfort – Natural Phenomenon



Dogs sweat through their paws & heavy panting



Dissipate excessive heat by panting



Crocodiles open their mouths and essentially sweat through their mouths.

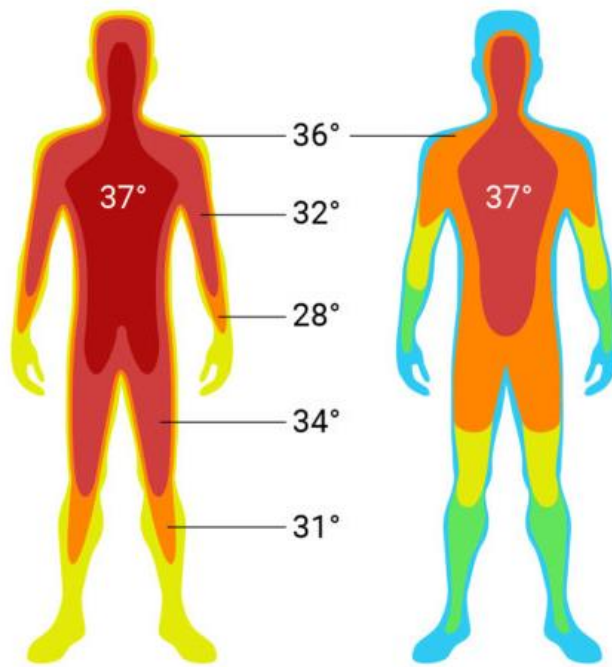


Frog's use their moist skin to perspire

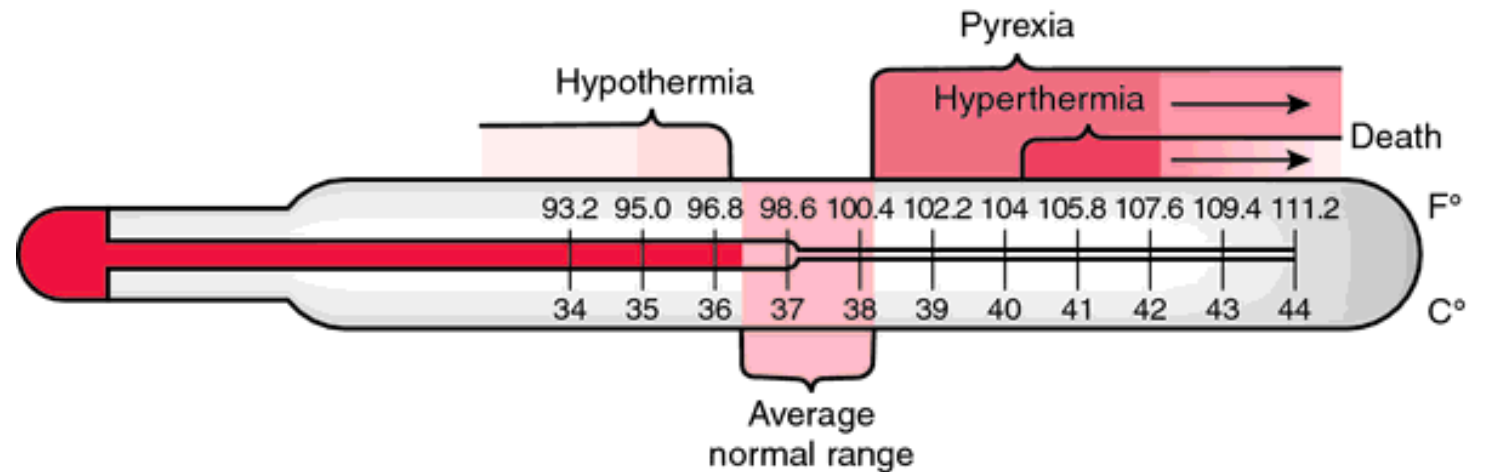


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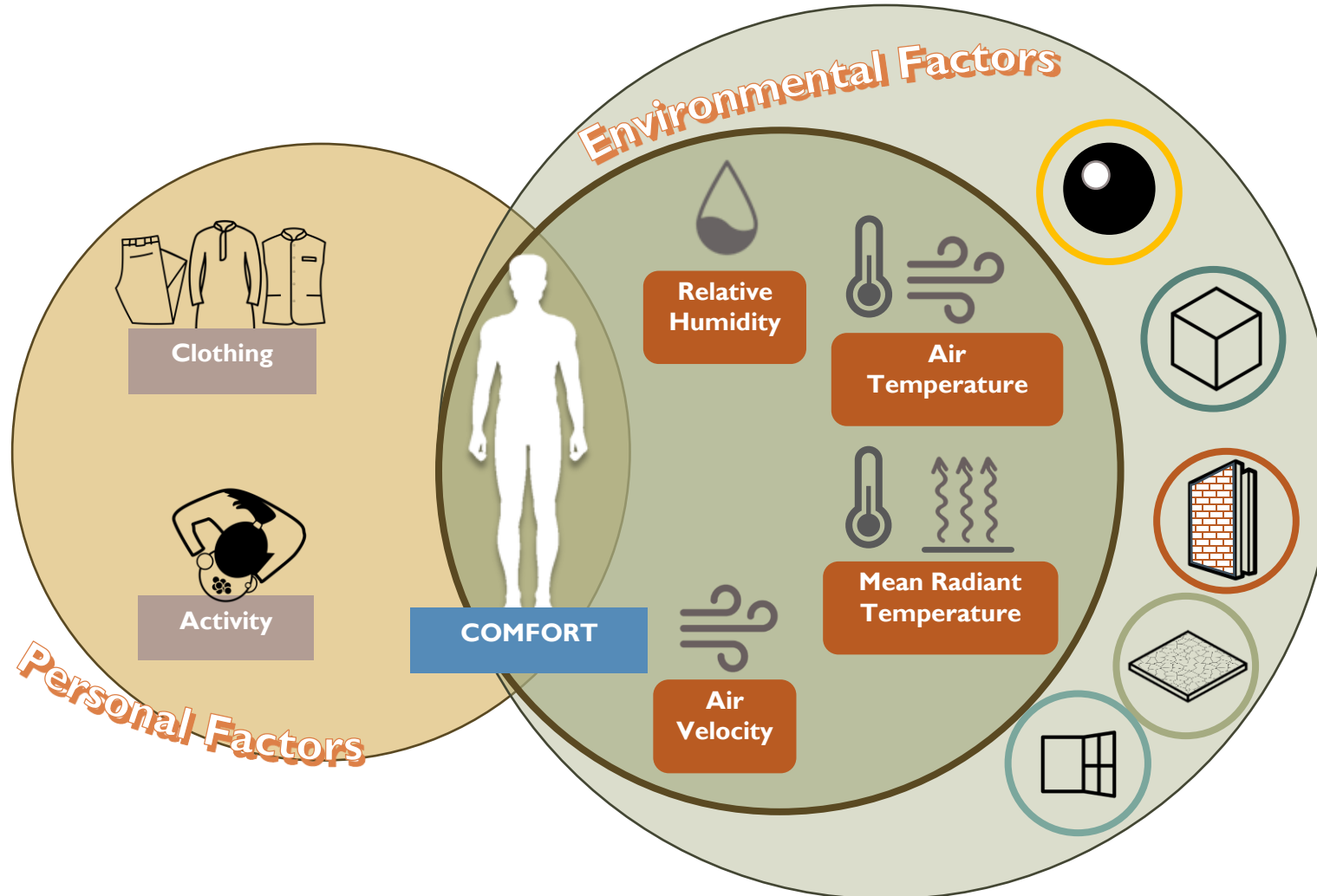
Thermal Comfort – Human Body Requirements



30°C — Ambient temperature — 20°C



Thermal Comfort – Factors



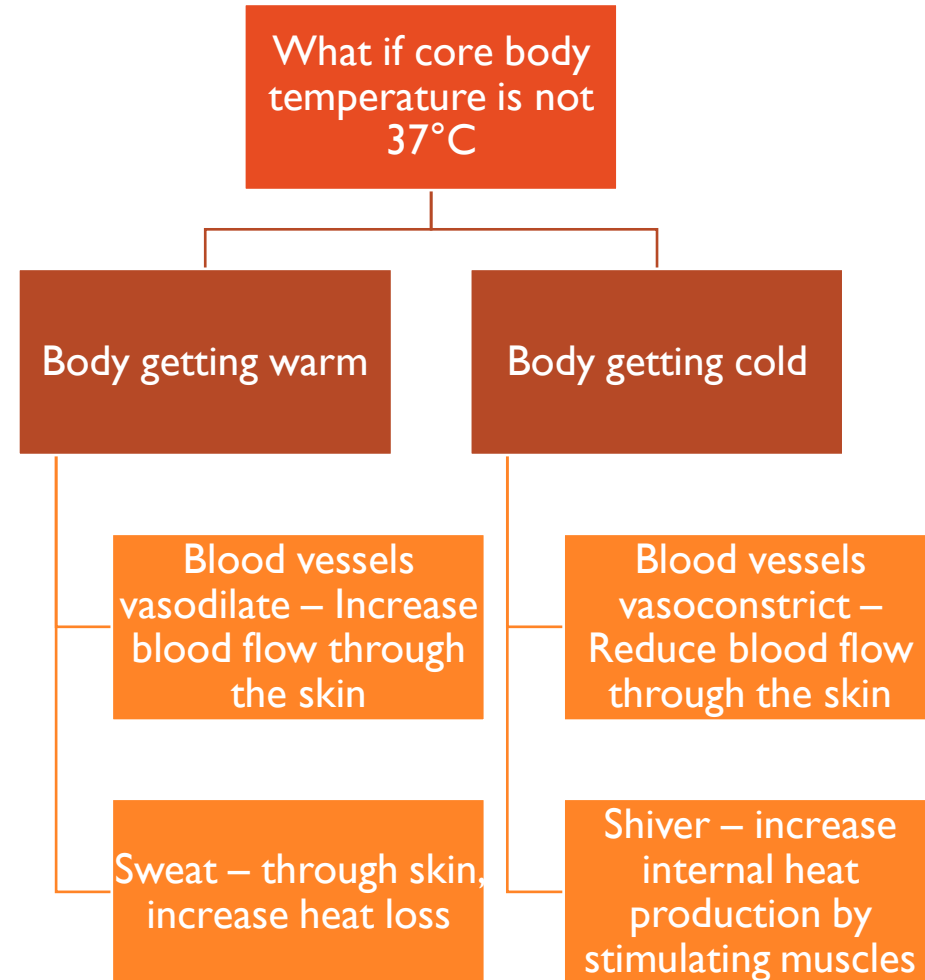
Thermal Comfort – How is body temperature regulated?

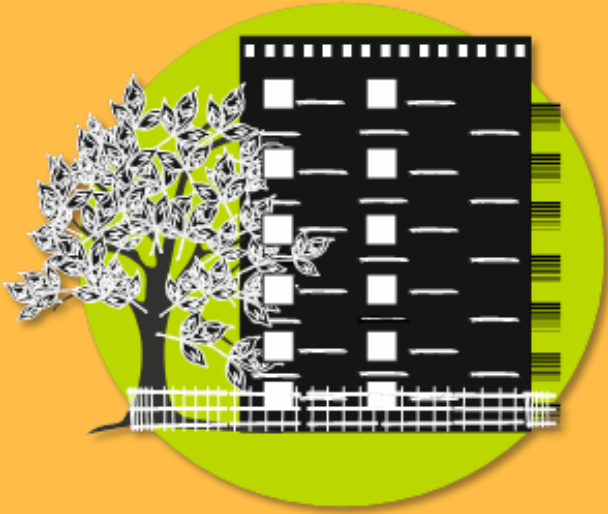


Vasodilation and Sweating



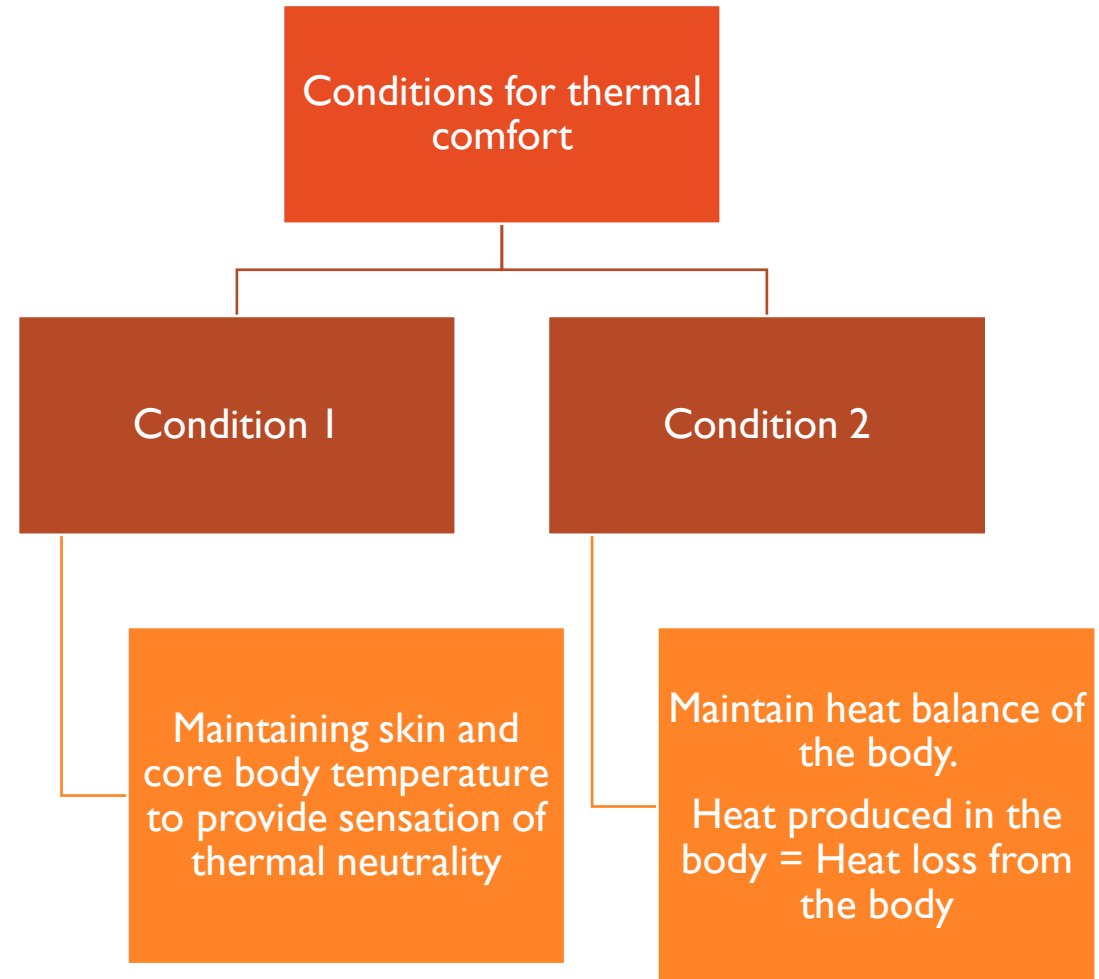
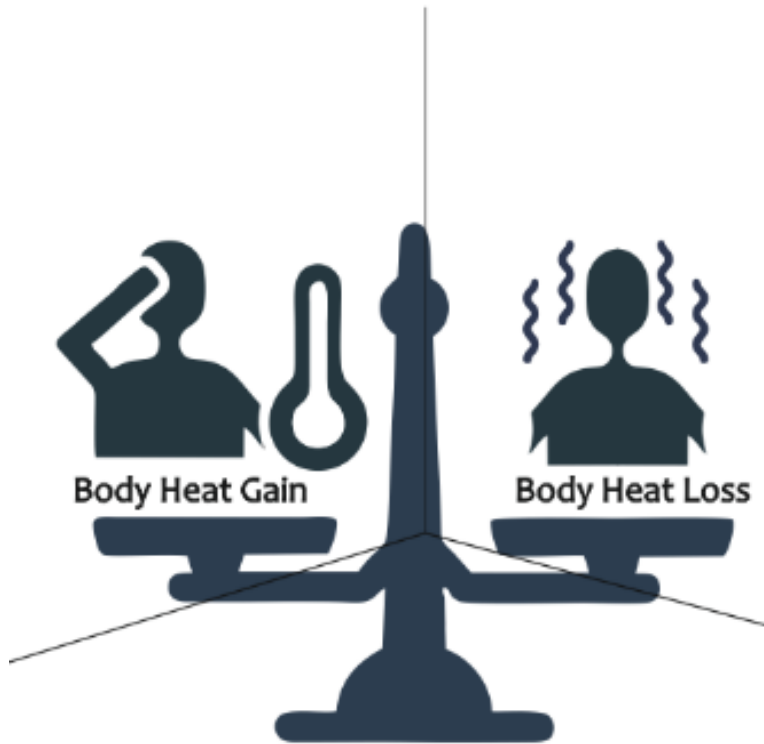
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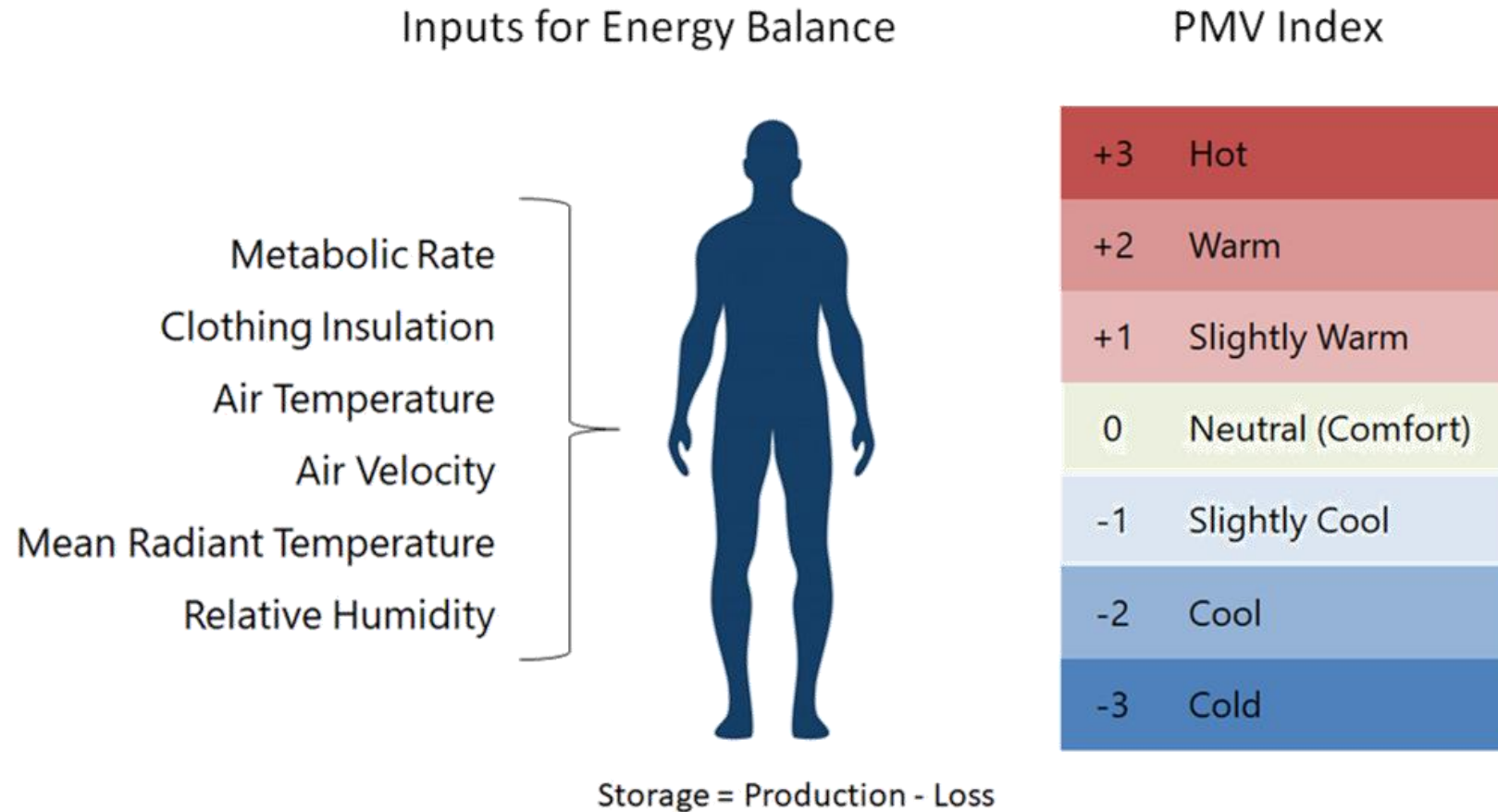


Metrics of Thermal Comfort

Thermal Comfort – First Conditions

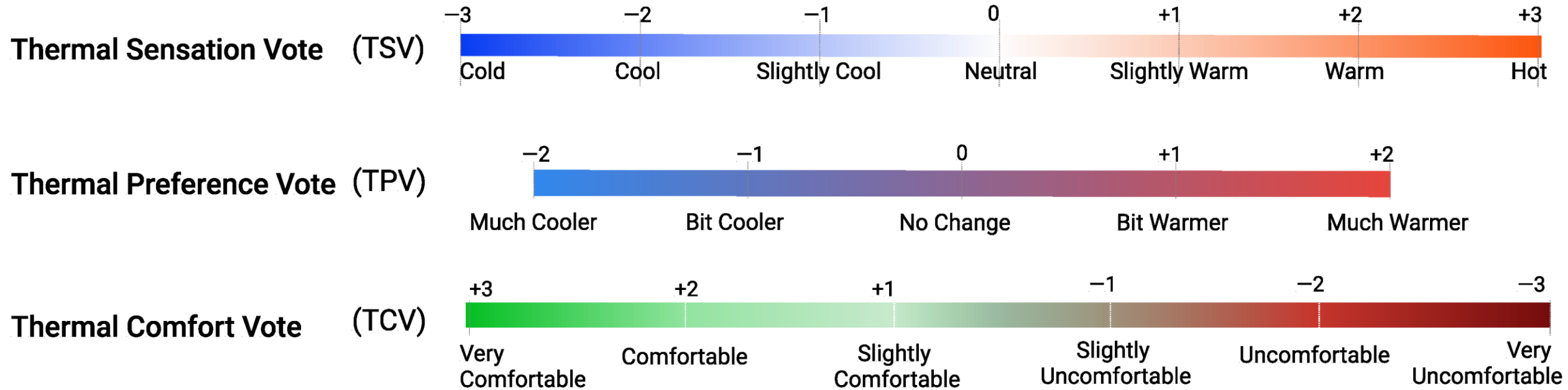


Thermal Comfort – Metrics



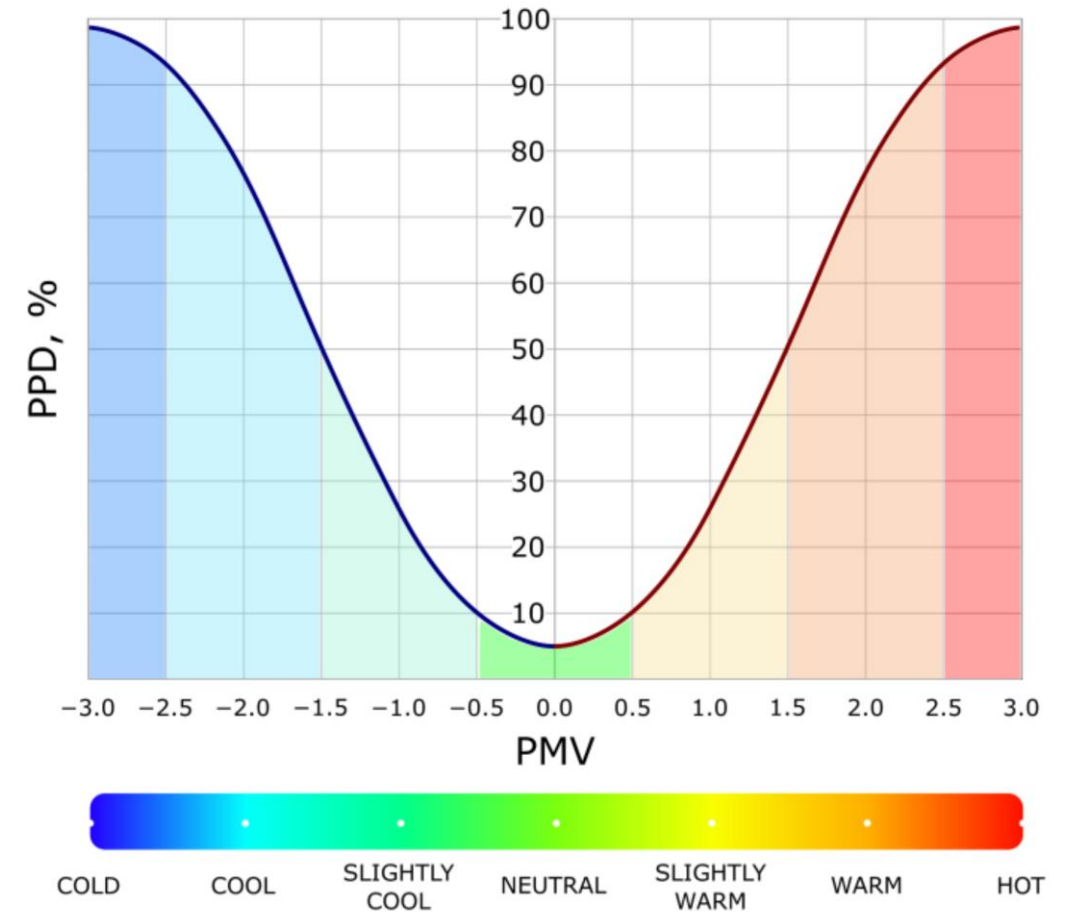
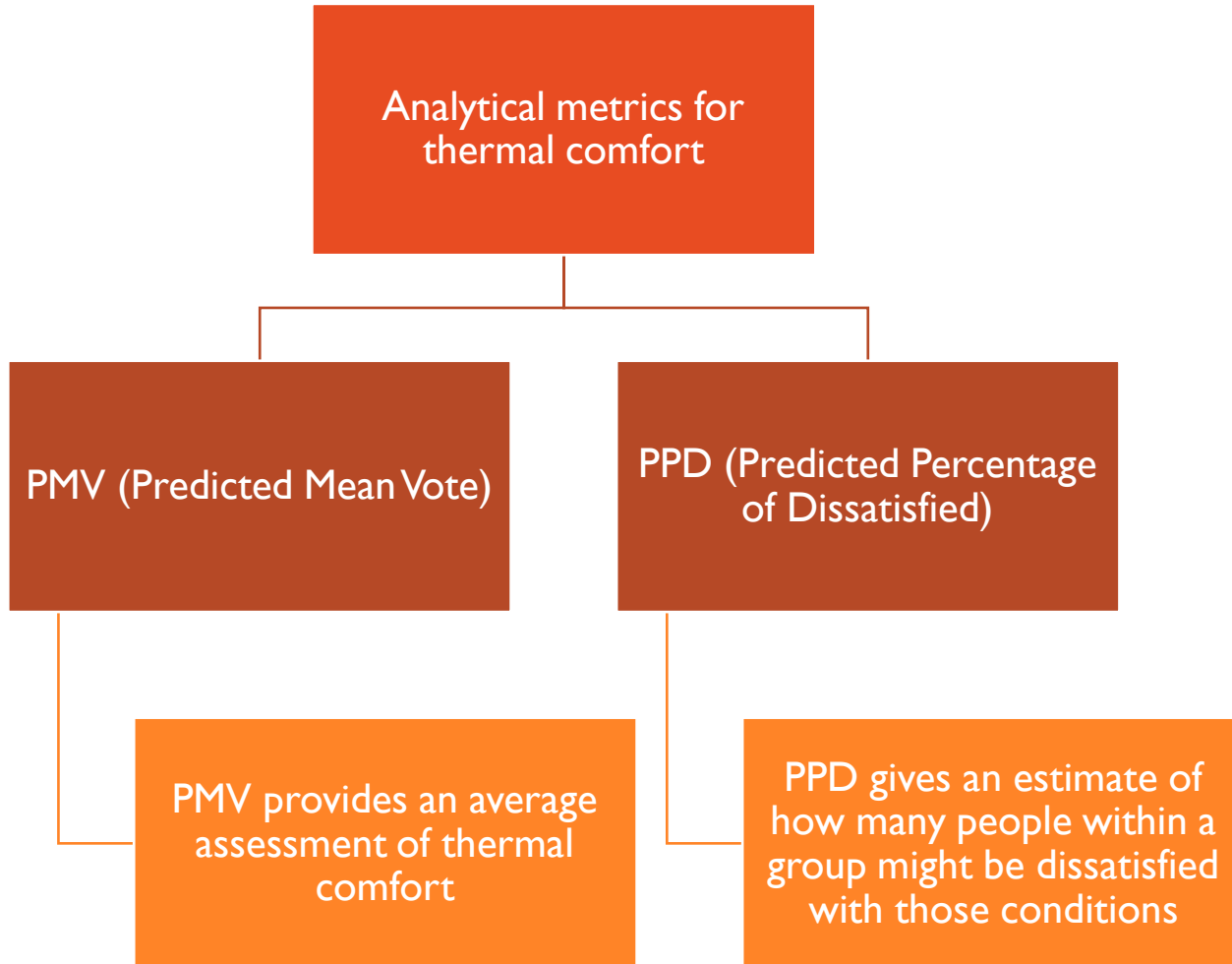
Source: <https://www.simulationhub.com/blog/role-of-cfd-in-evaluating-occupant-thermal-comfort>

Thermal Comfort – Metrics



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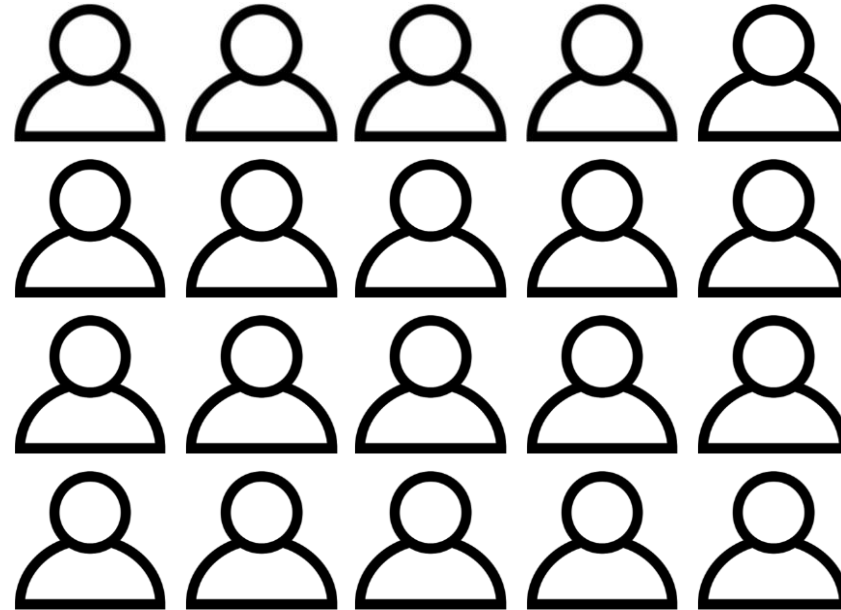
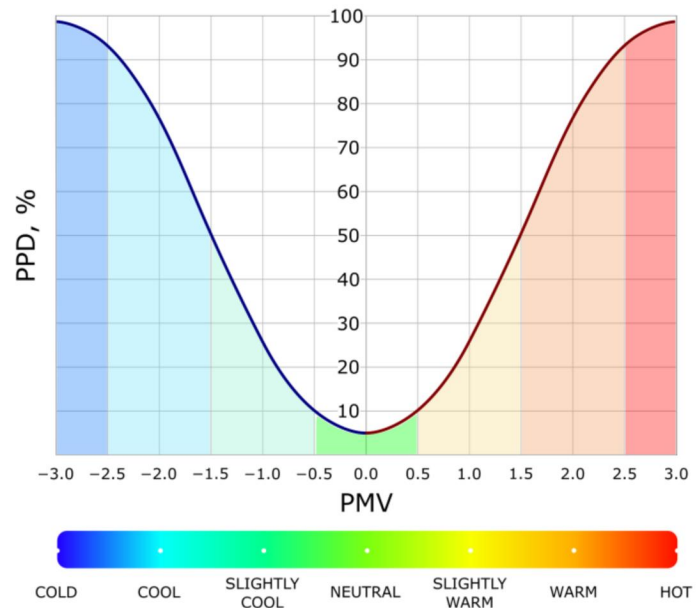
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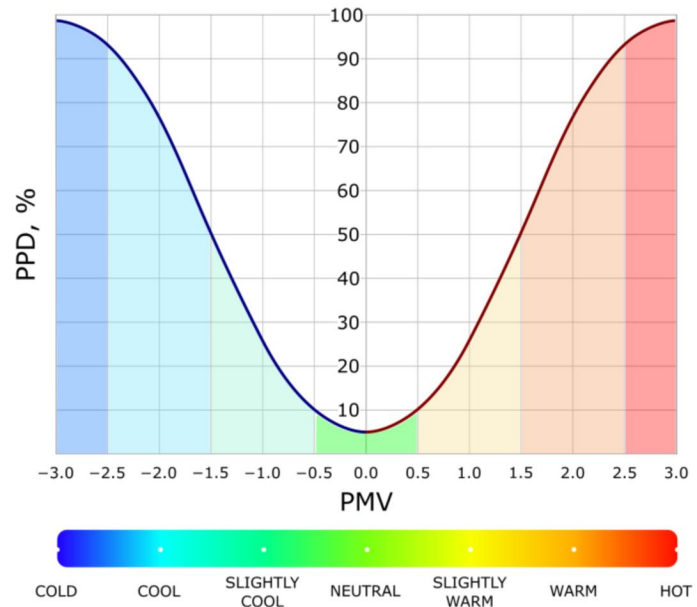
Let us say we have a room with 20 people

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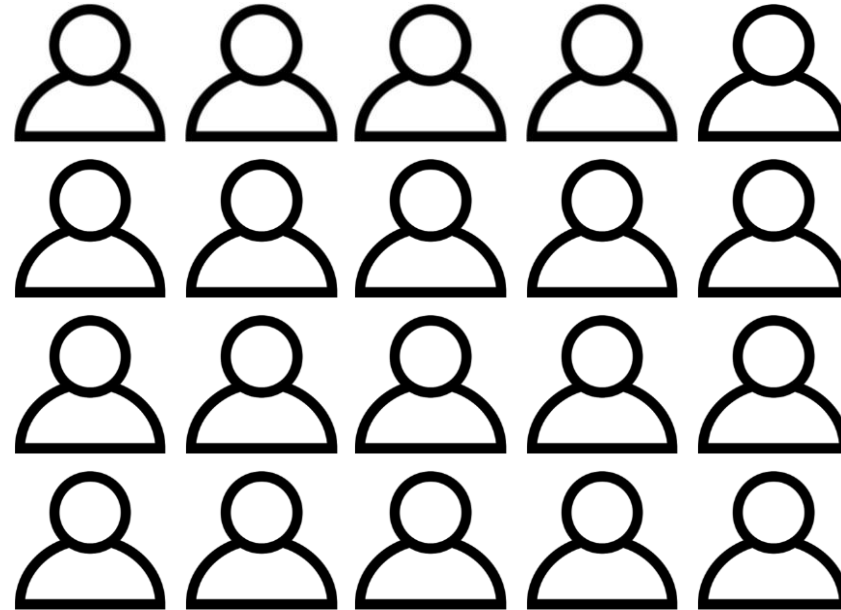


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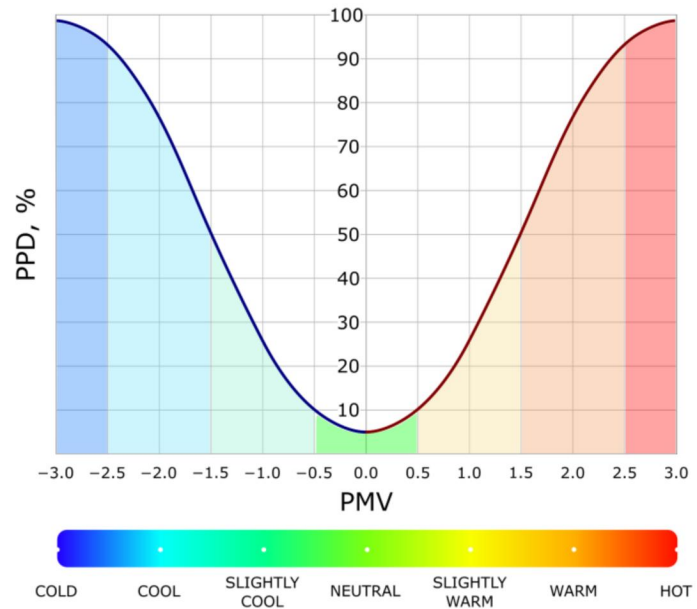


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Then PPD will be around _____?

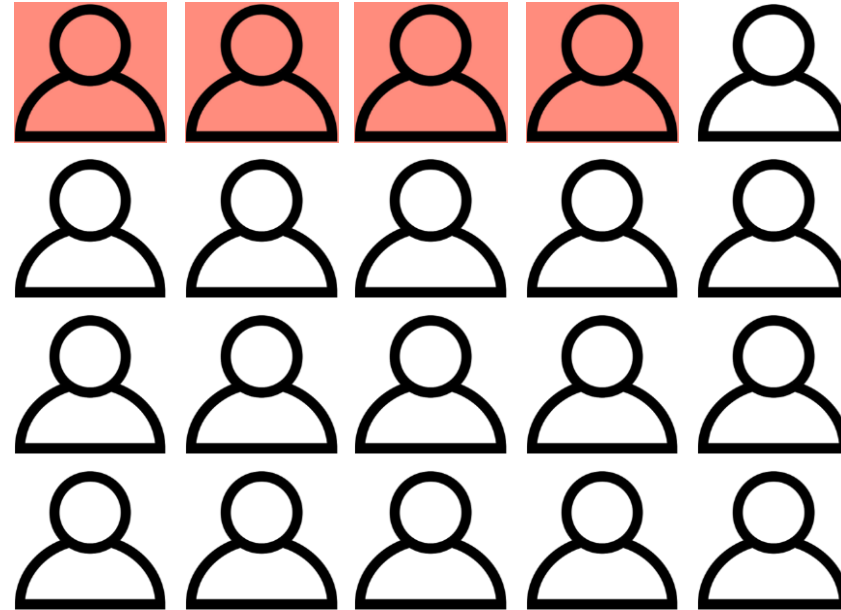


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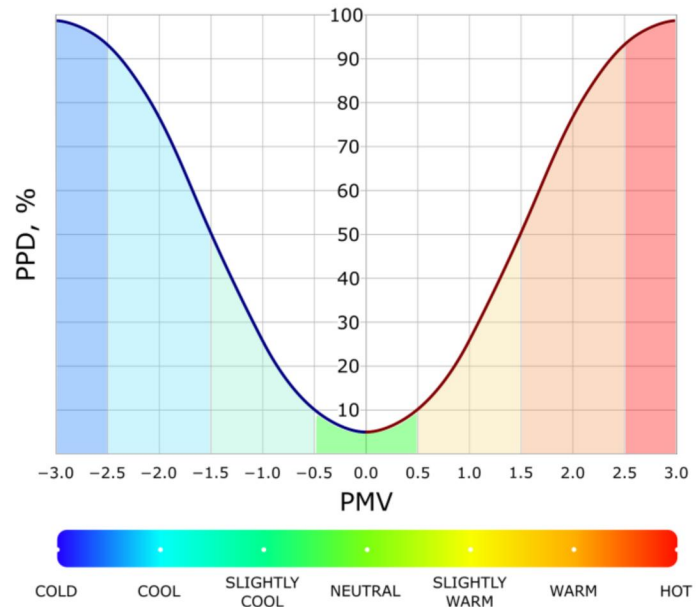


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Then PPD will be around **20%**

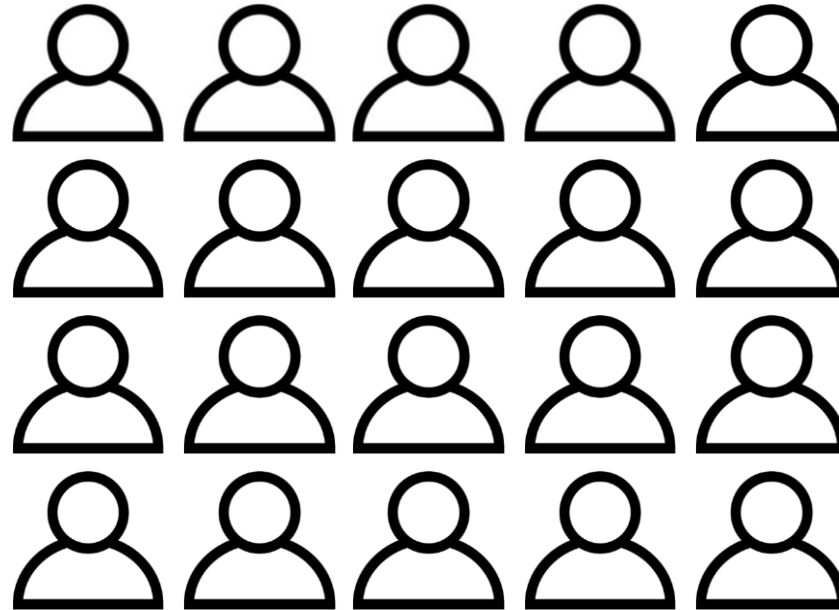


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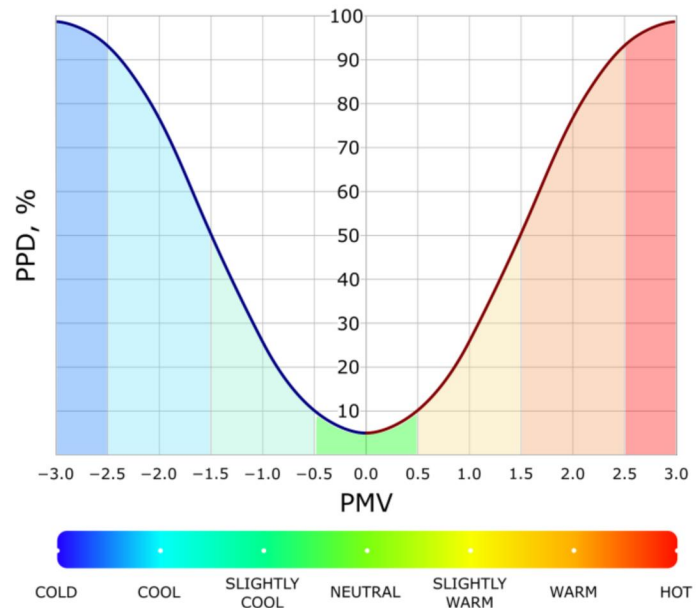


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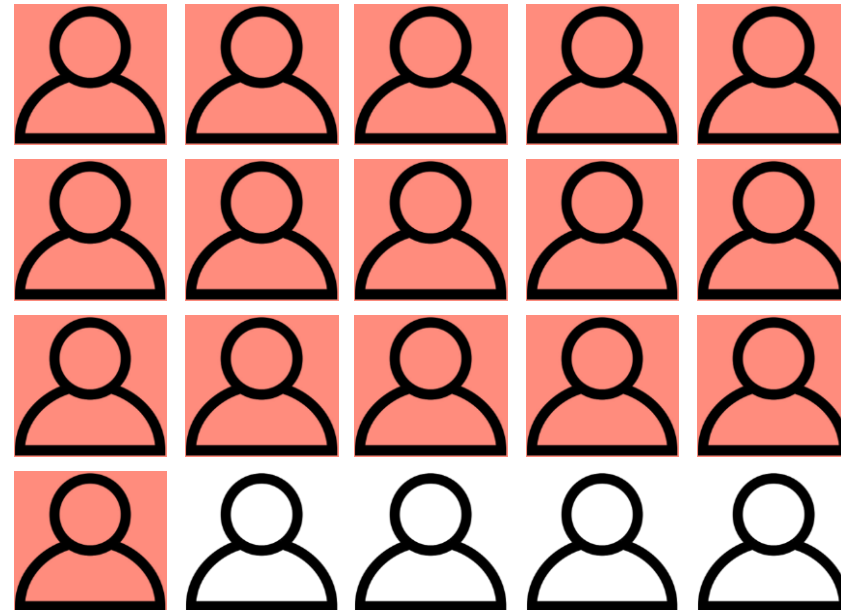


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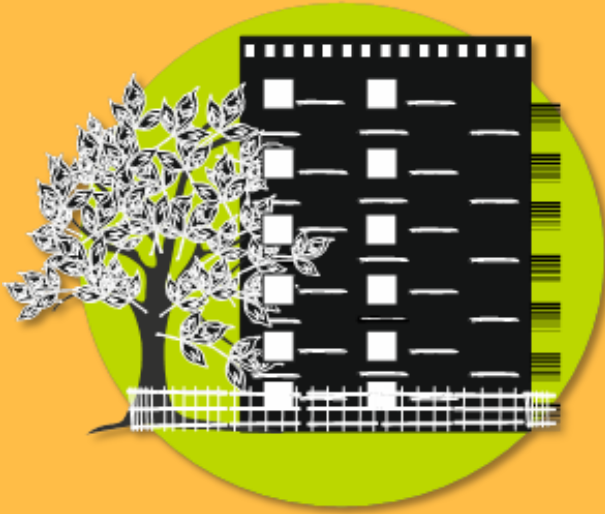


If PMV is **-2.5** (cool)
Then PPD will be around **80%**



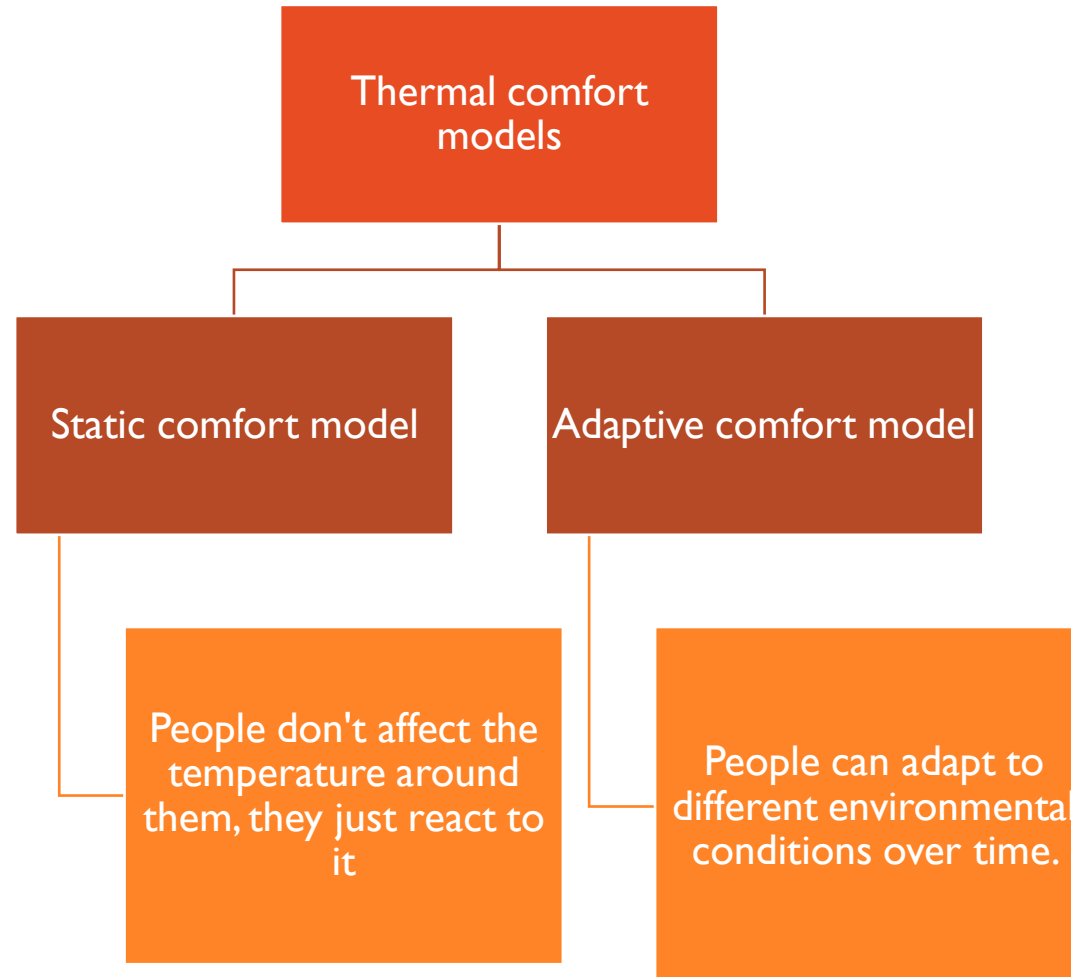
Thermal Comfort – Metrics

Designing for thermal comfort typically involves targeting a PMV close to 0 while keeping PPD at an acceptable and manageable level.



Thermal Comfort Models

Thermal Comfort – Comfort Models



Thermal Comfort – Static Model

Comfort Equation

$$\begin{aligned} M - W &= q_{sk} + q_{res} + S \\ &= (C + R + E_{sk}) + (C_{res} + E_{res}) + (S_{sk} + S_{cr}) \end{aligned}$$

Where,

M = rate of metabolic heat production, W/m²

W = rate of mechanical work accomplished, W/m²

q_{sk} = total rate of heat loss from skin, W/m²

q_{res} = total rate of heat loss through respiration, W/m²

$C + R$ = sensible heat loss from skin, W/m²

E_{sk} = total rate of evaporative heat loss from skin, W/m²

C_{res} = rate of convective heat loss from respiration, W/m²

E_{res} = rate of evaporative heat loss from respiration, W/m²

S_{sk} = rate of heat storage in skin compartment, W/m²

S_{cr} = rate of heat storage in core compartment, W/m²

What to estimate

MET·VALUE (Metabolism)
CLO·VALUE (Clothing level)

What to measure

Air Temperature + Mean
Radiant Temperature
+ Air Velocity + Humidity

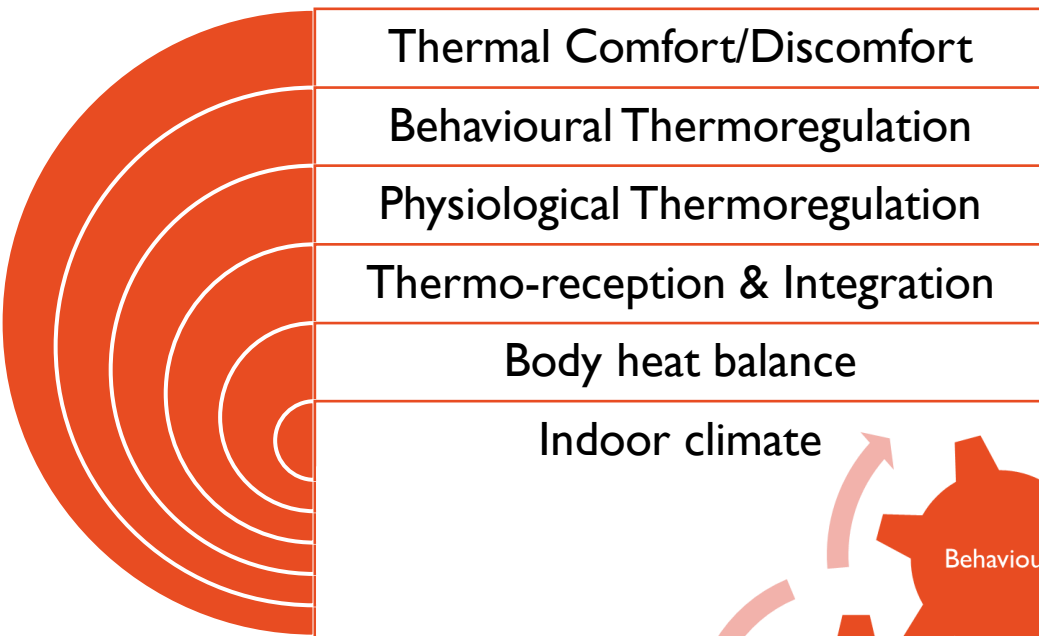
OR

Operative Temperature +
Air Velocity + Humidity

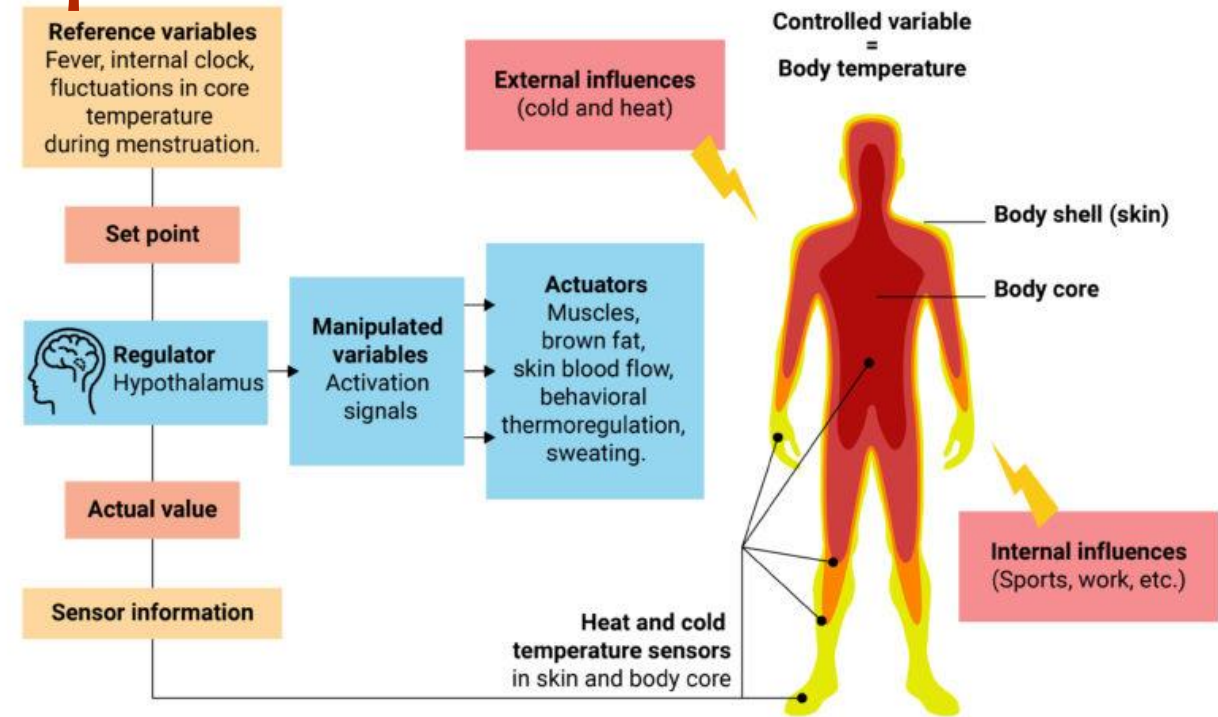
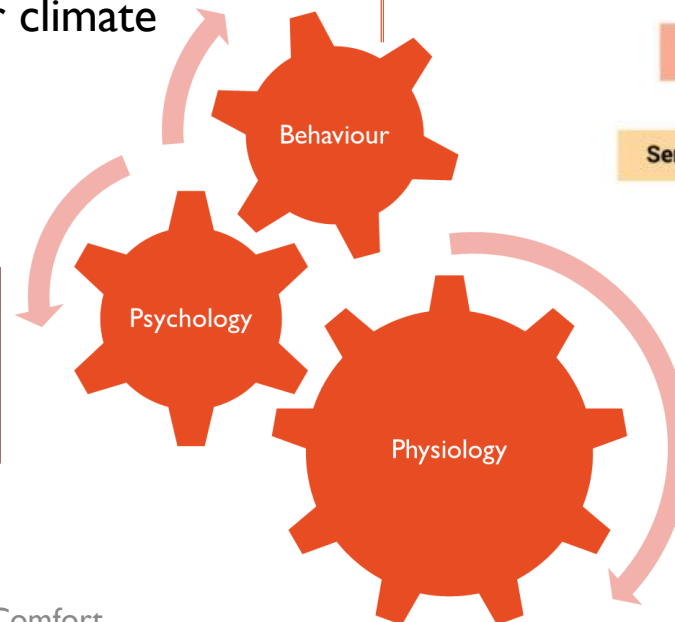
OR

Equivalent Temperature +
Humidity

Thermal Comfort – Adaptive Model

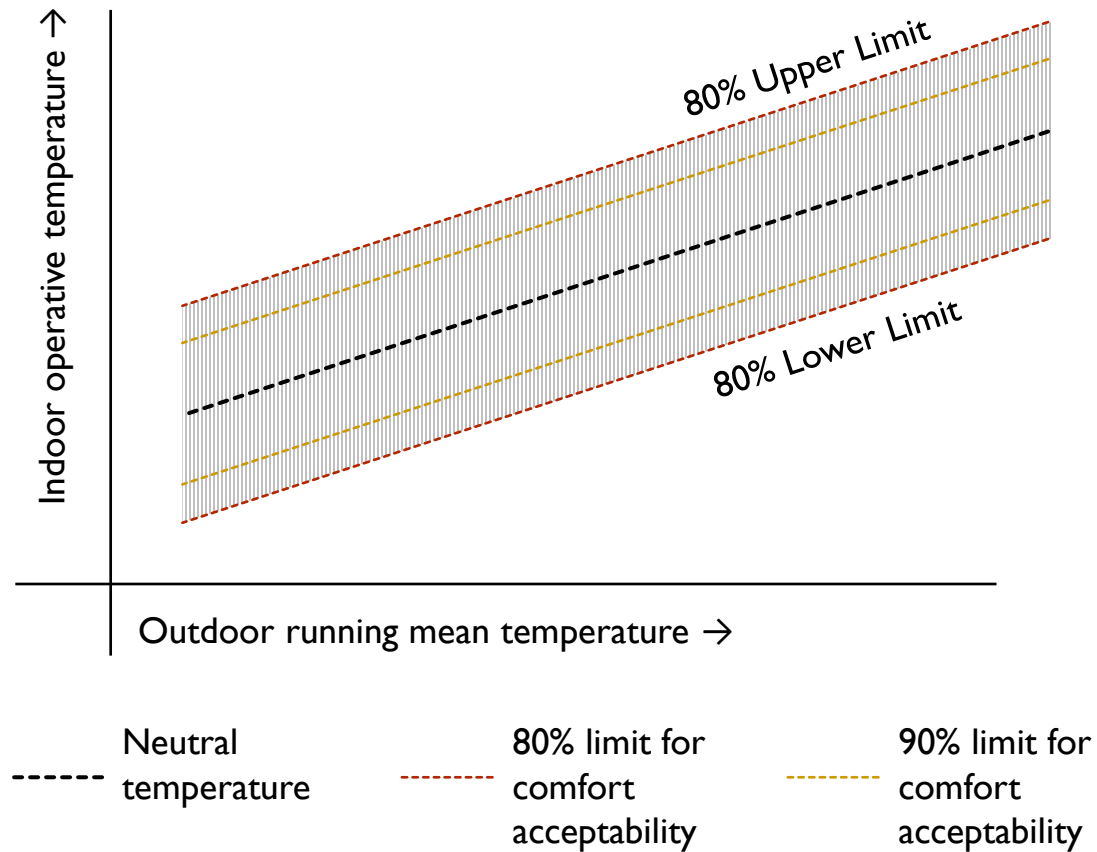


- The body's temperature is influenced by various factors.



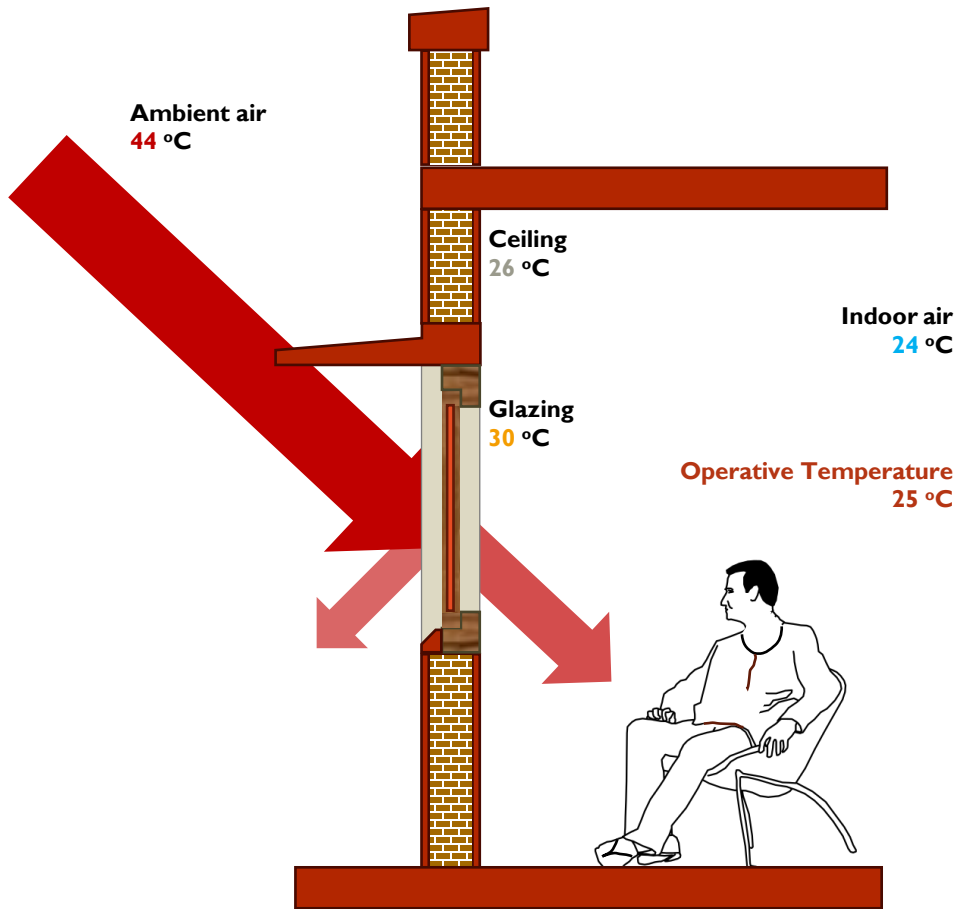
- The hypothalamus detects these changes and initiates adjustments to return the temperature to the setpoint.

Thermal Comfort – Adaptive Model



The 80% and 90% comfort limits define the range of temperatures in which a specific percentage of people are expected to feel thermally comfortable based on statistical predictions.

Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort

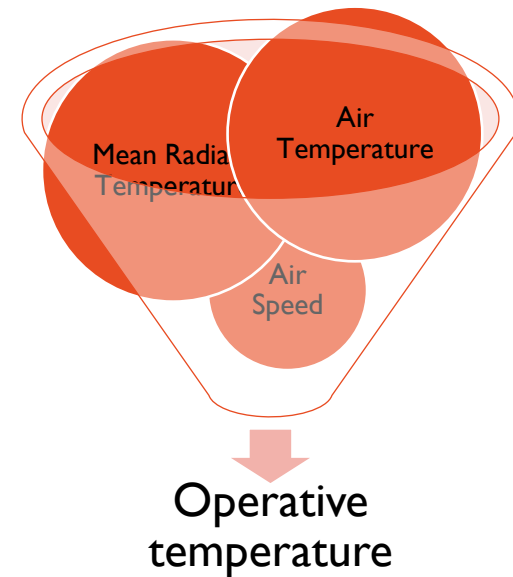


- There are more than **40 indices** to measure thermal comfort (indoor and outdoor).
- The Indoor Operative Temperature is one of the simpler metrics that is also utilised by the adaptive comfort model for determining acceptable temperature ranges.

Operative temperature

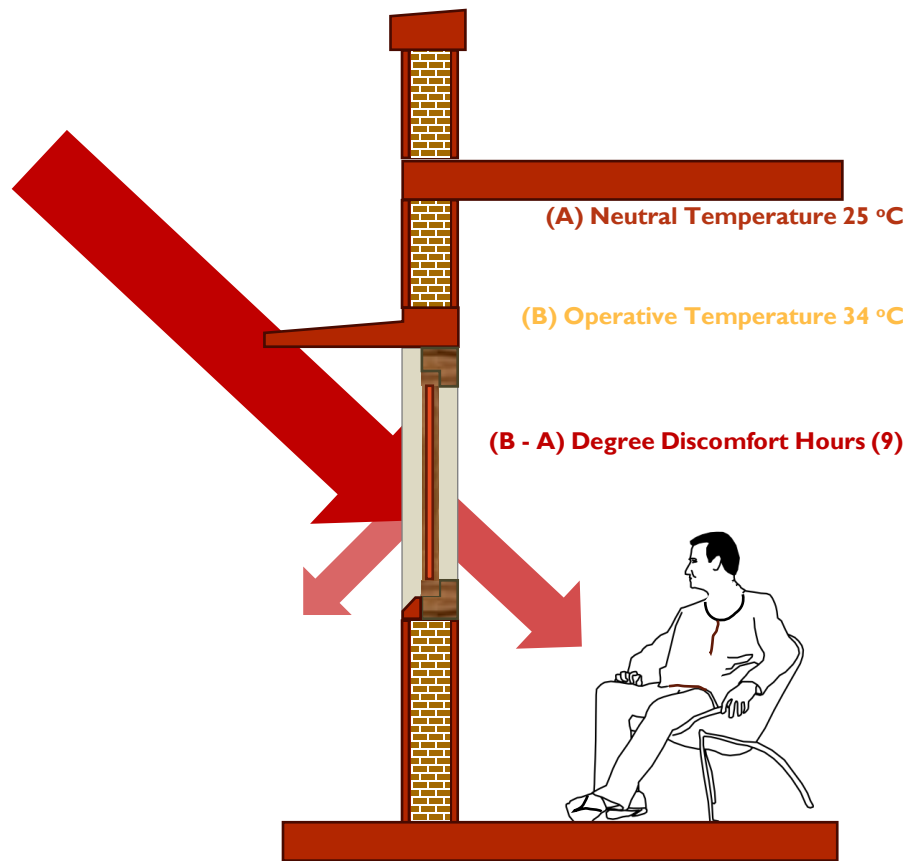


Air temperature



Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort

Degree Discomfort Hours (DDH) helps quantify how far the actual temperatures deviate from the desired comfort range over a specific period, giving an indication of discomfort due to thermal conditions.



$$DDH = \sum_{i=1}^{8760} |T_{neut}^i - T_{op}^i|$$

Summer
Discomfort

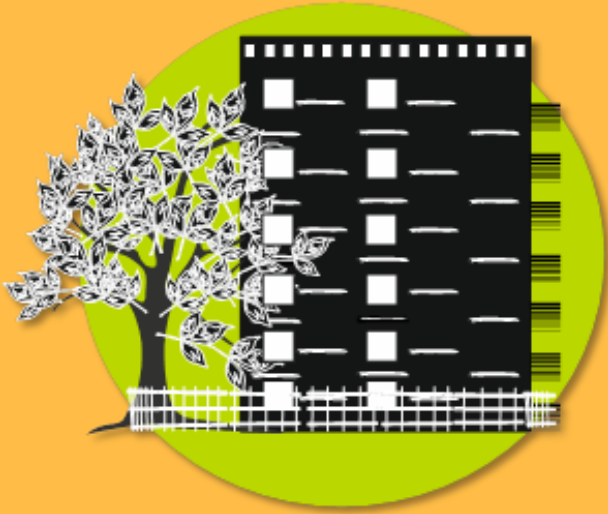
Reported
as positive
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Winter
Discomfort

Reported
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Annual
Discomfort

Use only
absolute
values

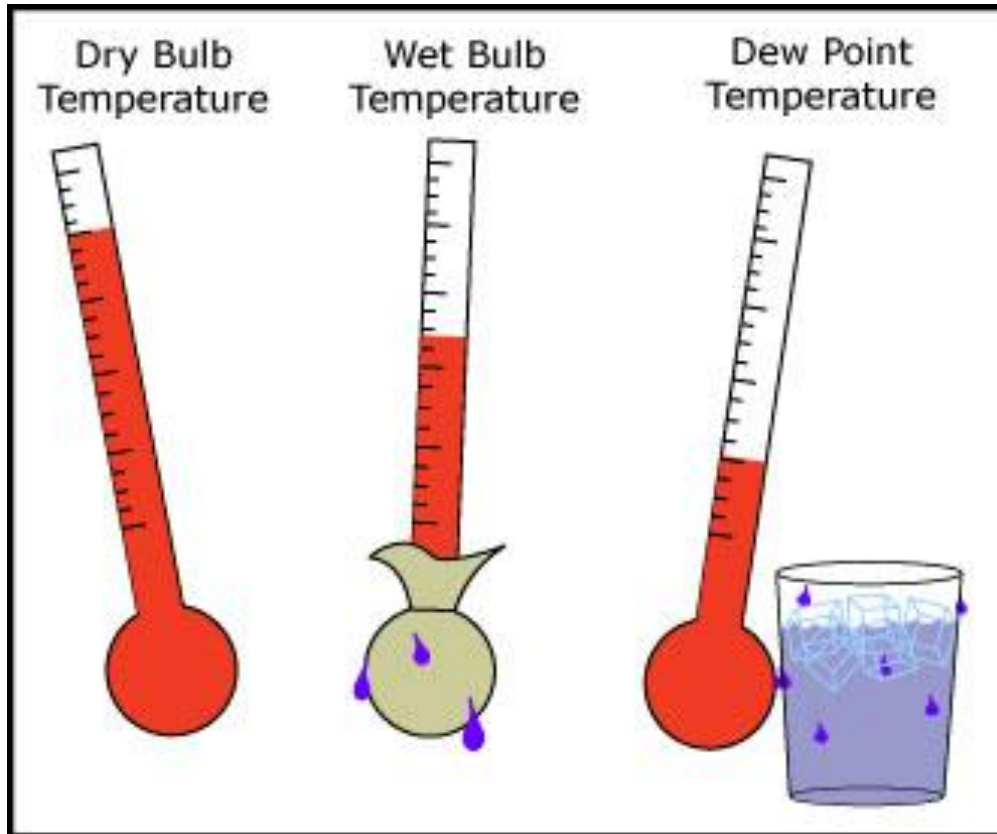


How to Measure Thermal Comfort?

Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort



Air
Temperature



Source: [Wet-Bulb temperature | EvapoPedia](#)

Temperature of the air surrounding the body
Dry Bulb Temperature (DBT)

Measured by a thermometer freely exposed to the air, but shielded from radiation and moisture.

Expressed in

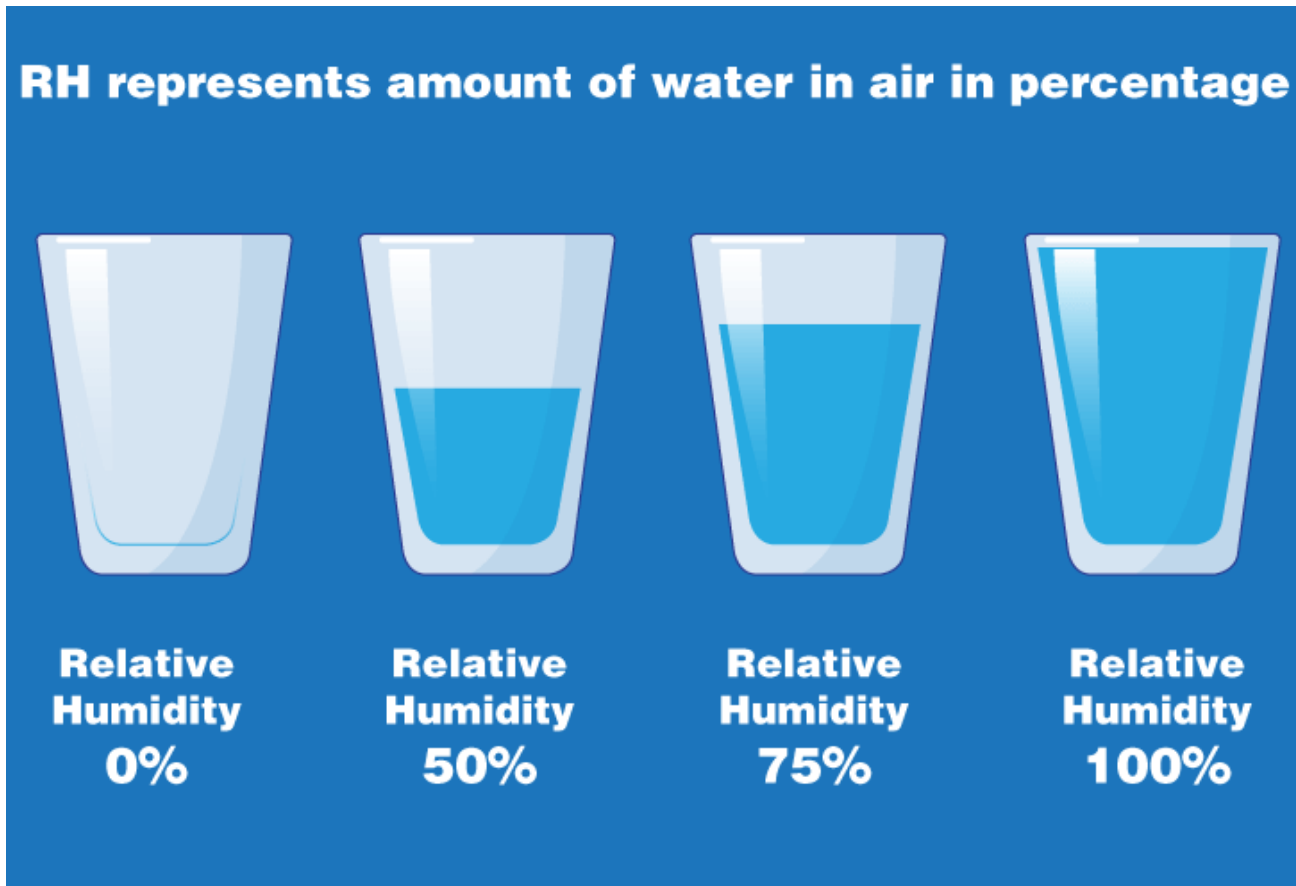
- Degrees Celsius (C)

- DBT directly affects how warm or cool the air feels.
- If DBT is too high, it can make a space feel uncomfortably hot, and when it's too low, it can make a space feel uncomfortably cold.

Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort



Relative
Humidity



Source: <https://scijinks.gov/what-is-humidity/>

Moisture Content of the air

The amount of moisture in the air depends upon

- Air Pressure
- Air Temperature

Expressed in

- Percentage (%)

- RH affects how effectively our bodies can cool themselves through sweat evaporation.
- Ideal RH for thermal comfort is typically between 40% and 60%

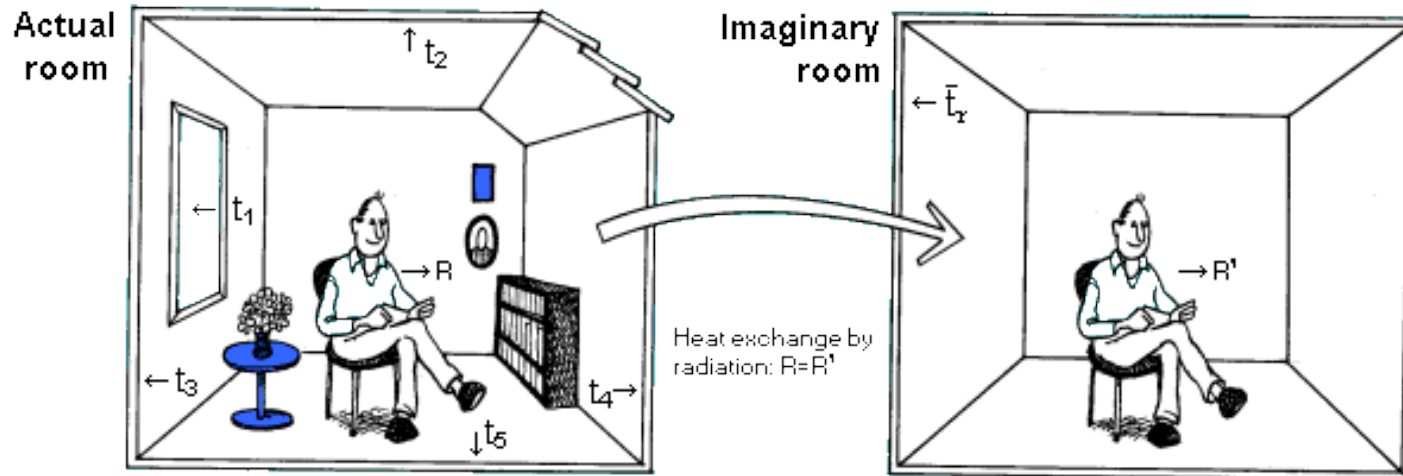
Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort



Mean Radiant Temperature



Globe temperature



- Uniform temperature of an imaginary enclosure
- Measure of the effect of Radiant interchanges at a point in space
- Calculated using Globe temperature (T_g), Air temperature (T_a), and air velocity
- Perceived Temperature: People don't just feel the air temperature; they also exchange heat with their surroundings. For example, sitting next to a cold window will make you feel cooler, even if the air temperature is warm.

Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort



Air
Velocity



Air Speed is the rate of air movement at a point, without regard to direction

Average air speed, height and directions

Specified in

- Meter per second (m/s)
- It affects how we feel temperature and humidity. Managing air movement is essential in creating comfortable environments.
 - It influences heat loss, moisture evaporation, and personal comfort preferences.

Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort



Clothing

	0.19		0.28
+			
	0.04		0.25
+			
	0.11		0.04
+			
	0.02		0.25
+			
	<u>0.02</u>		0.05
	0.38		<u>0.04</u>
			0.91

The resistance to sensible heat transfer provided by clothing ensemble

Clothing Insulation Value (clo-Icl)

Impact of furniture such as chair and beddings

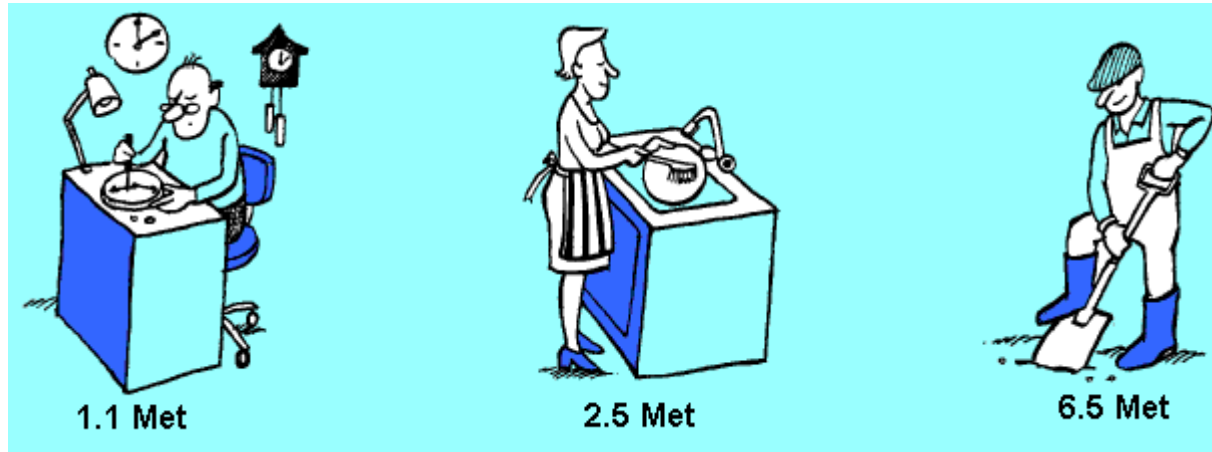
- Clo value determines the insulating properties of your clothing.
- It affects how well your clothing keeps you warm or cool, which is crucial for maintaining comfort in different environmental conditions.

Source: <http://www.blowtex-educair.it/downloads/thermal%20comfort.htm>

Thermal Comfort – Measuring Thermal Comfort



Activity



The rate at which metabolism occurs in a living organism.

Rate of energy expenditure per unit time

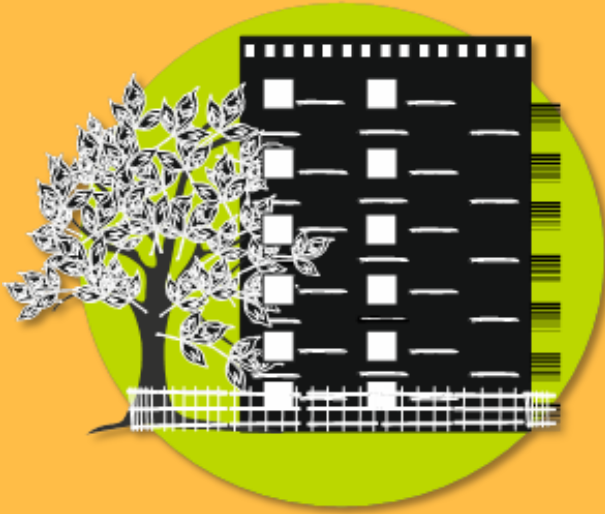
Average adult 1.8 square meter.

Expressed in:

- watts per square meter (W/m^2)

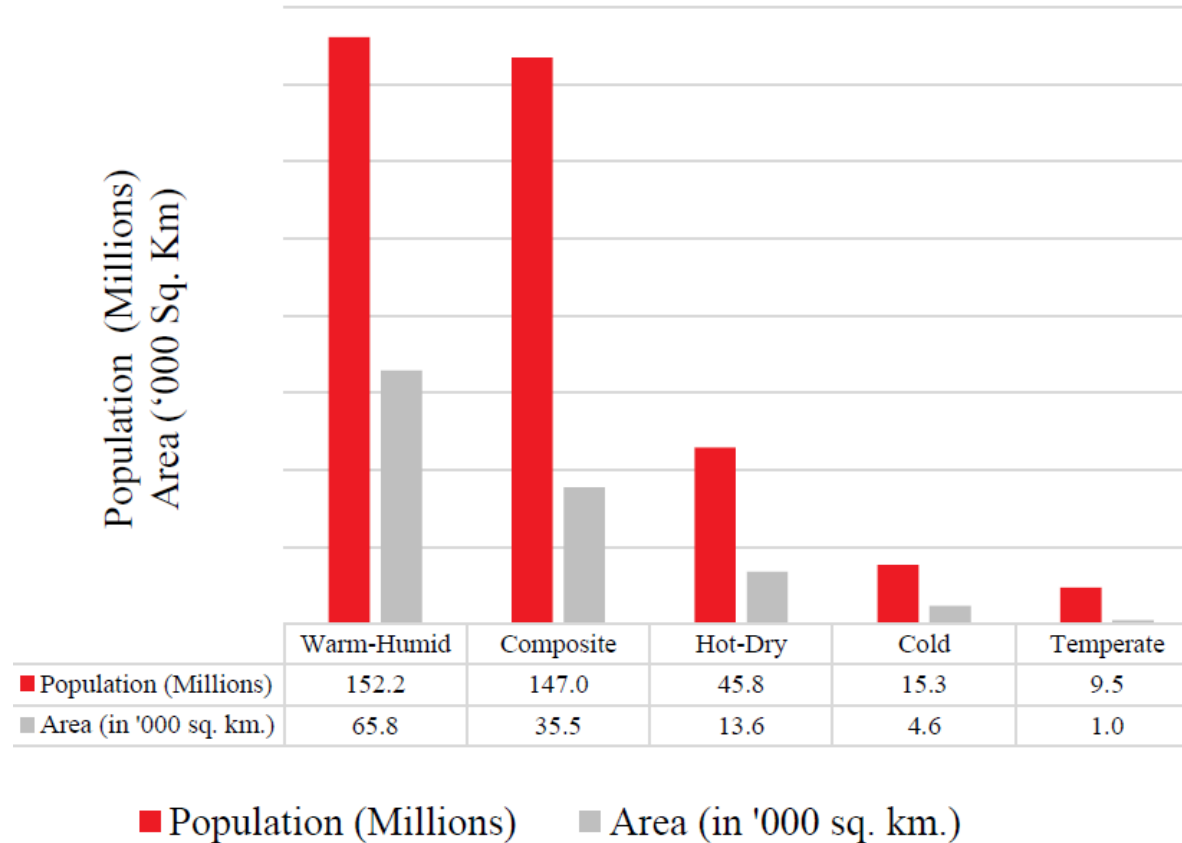
- Met value quantifies a person's level of physical activity and heat production.
- It helps assess how much heat a person generates, which is a key factor in maintaining comfort in various thermal environments.

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Thermal Comfort – Indian Context

Indian Context



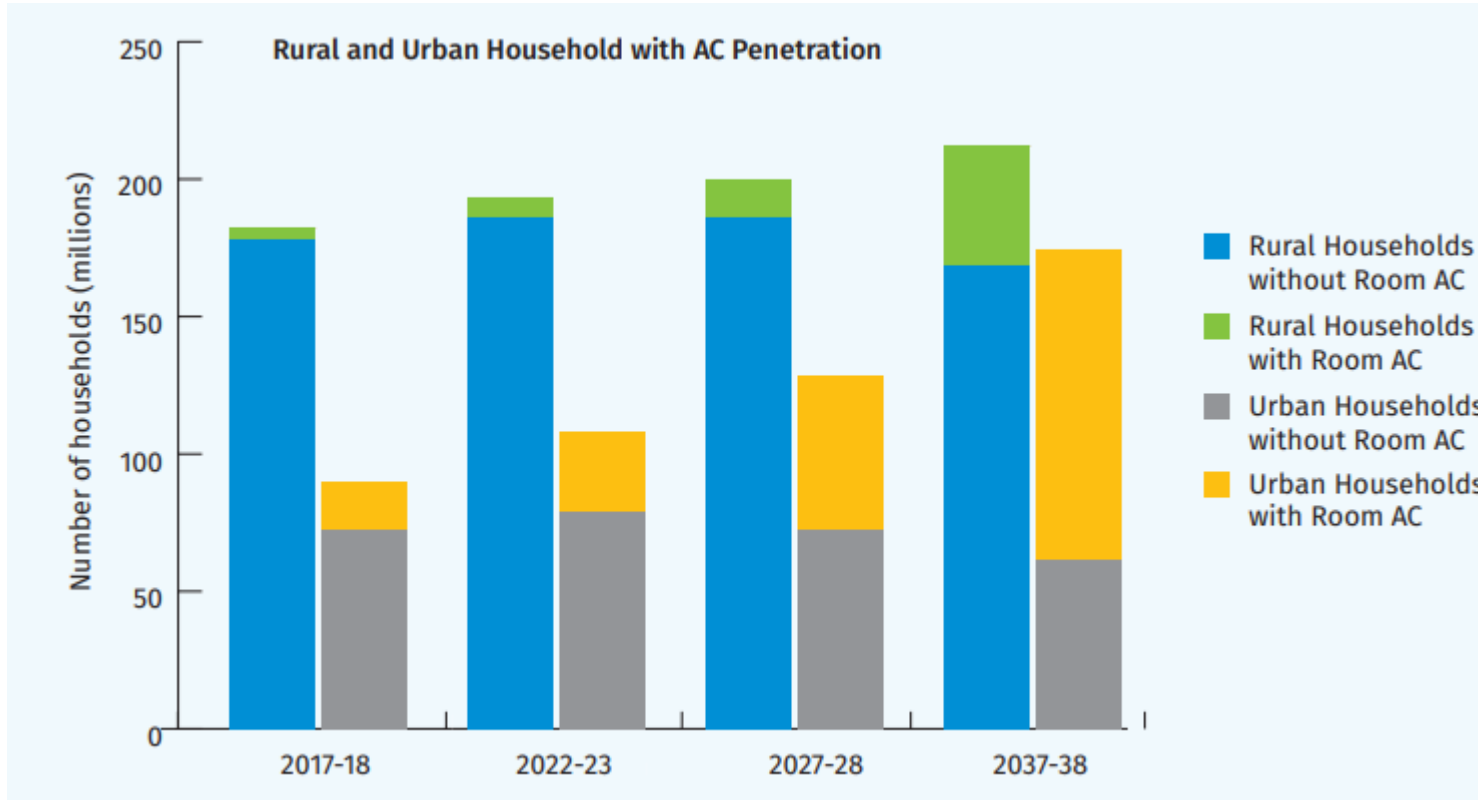
More than 50% of India lives in a warm and humid climate

Cooling Degree Days

- Kolkata 3360 (19.7 million)
- New Delhi 3015 (29.9 million)
- Mumbai 3469 (24.5 million)
- Chennai 4108 (10.6 million)

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

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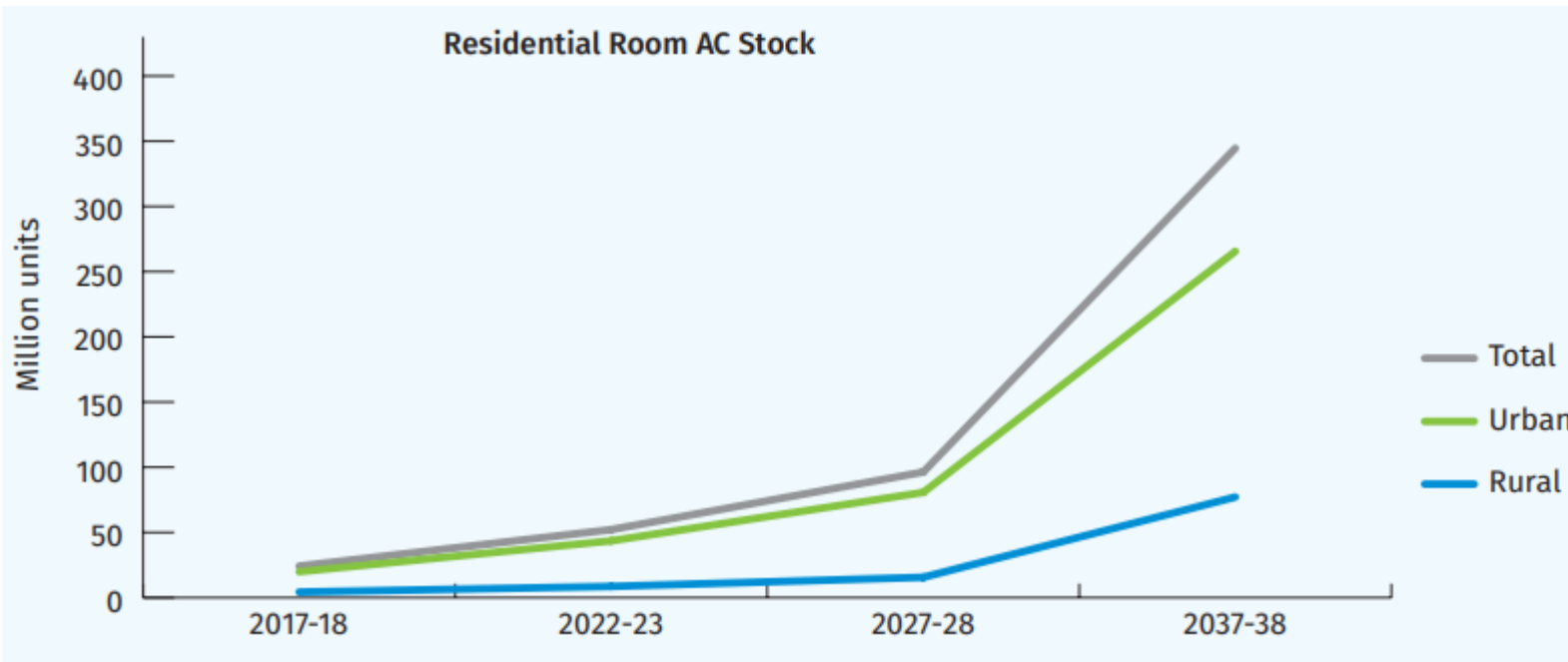


Source: [INDIA-COOLING-ACTION-PLAN-e-circulation-version080319.pdf \(ozonecell.nic.in\)](#)

India's cooling demand

- 8 times by 2037-38
- 11 times for Building Sector compared to the baseline 2017-18
- India's Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) for Cooling 4.5 times in 2037-38
- 30% reduction possible due to intervention –from better design and technology

Indian Context

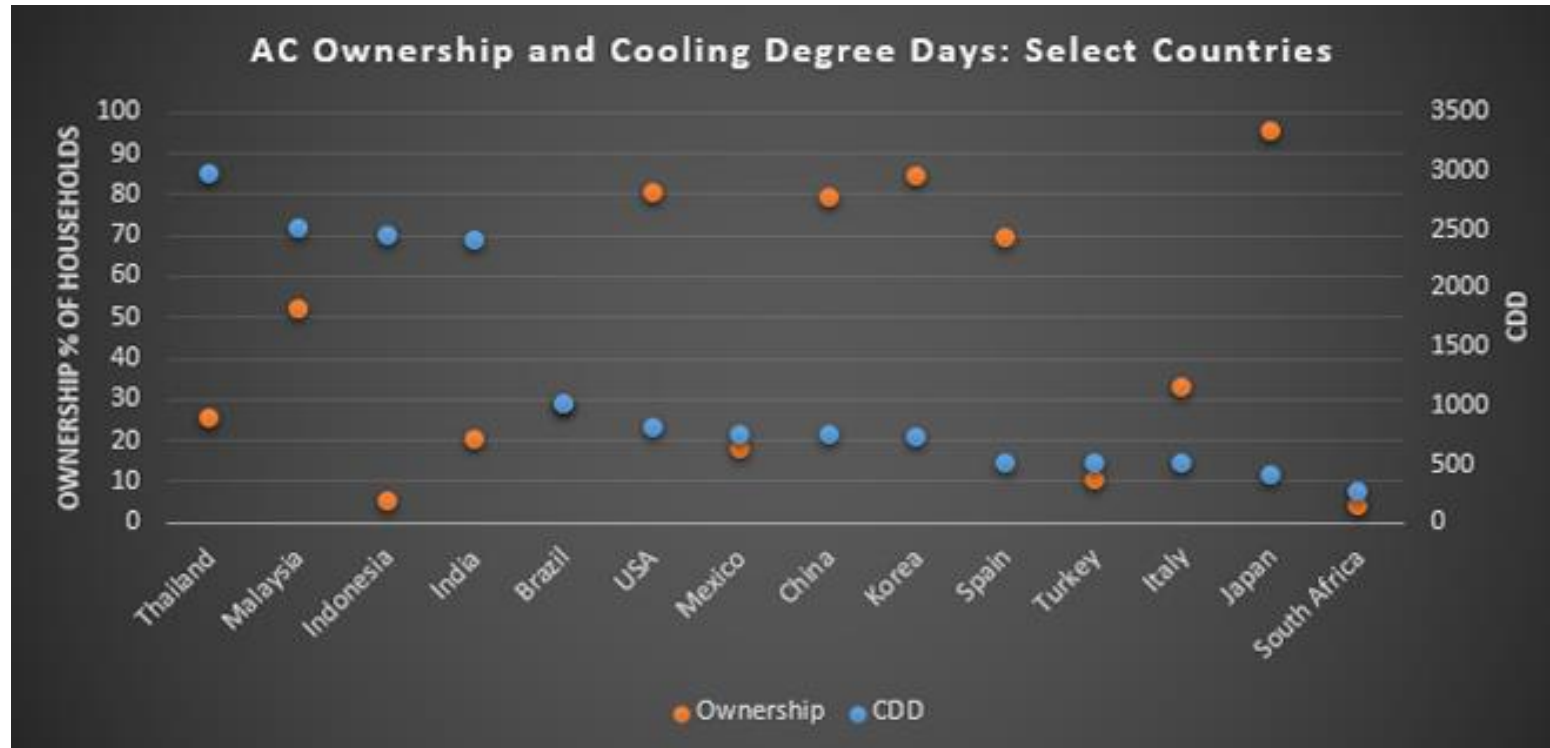


AC Stock for Residence

- Urban AC stock expected to rise 2.5 times in 2037-38 as compared 2017-18.
- Rural AC stock expected to rise by 5 times in 2037-38 as compared 2017-18.

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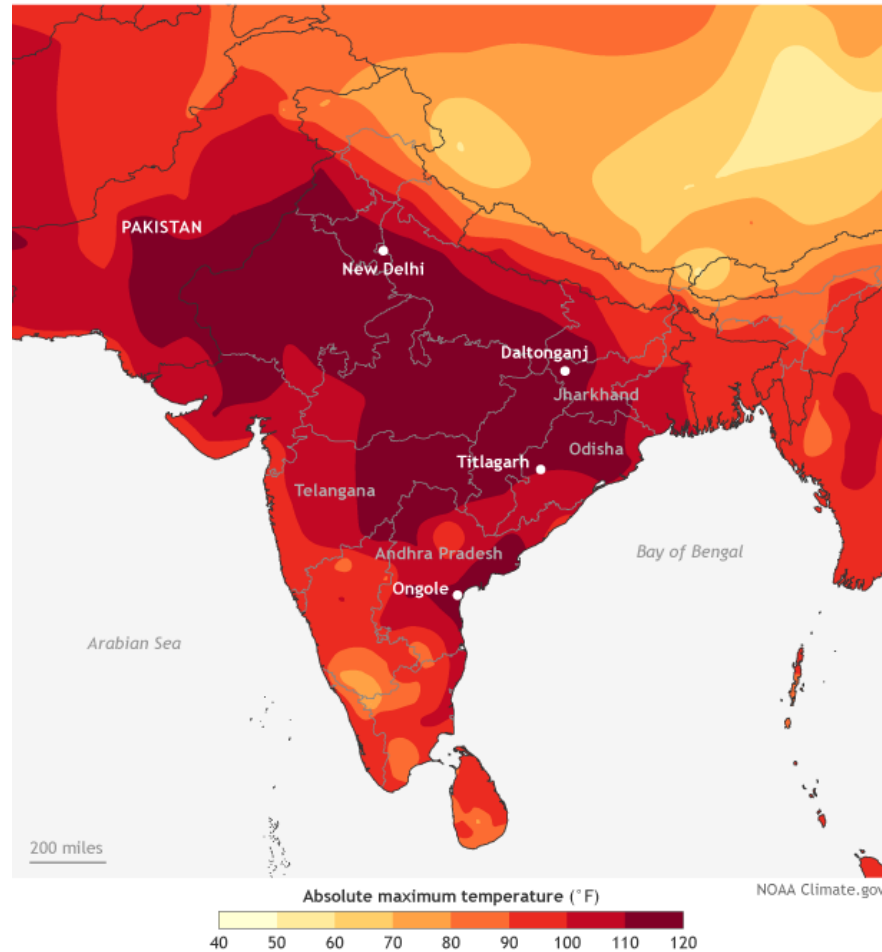


- India, which has more than 3000 CDDs consumes just 70 kilowatts hours (kWh) for space cooling compared to 800 kWh in South Korea which has only 750 CDDs.
- This disparity is mainly on account of the low affordability of AC use in India.
- Currently, less than 10 percent of Indian households own ACs but the demand is growing rapidly.
- Studies show that the correlation between wealth and AC use is stronger than the correlation between climate and AC use.

Source: [Air-conditioner use in India: The cause of or the solution to a warmer world? | ORF \(orfonline.org\)](#)

Indian Context

Heat wave (May 24–30, 2015)



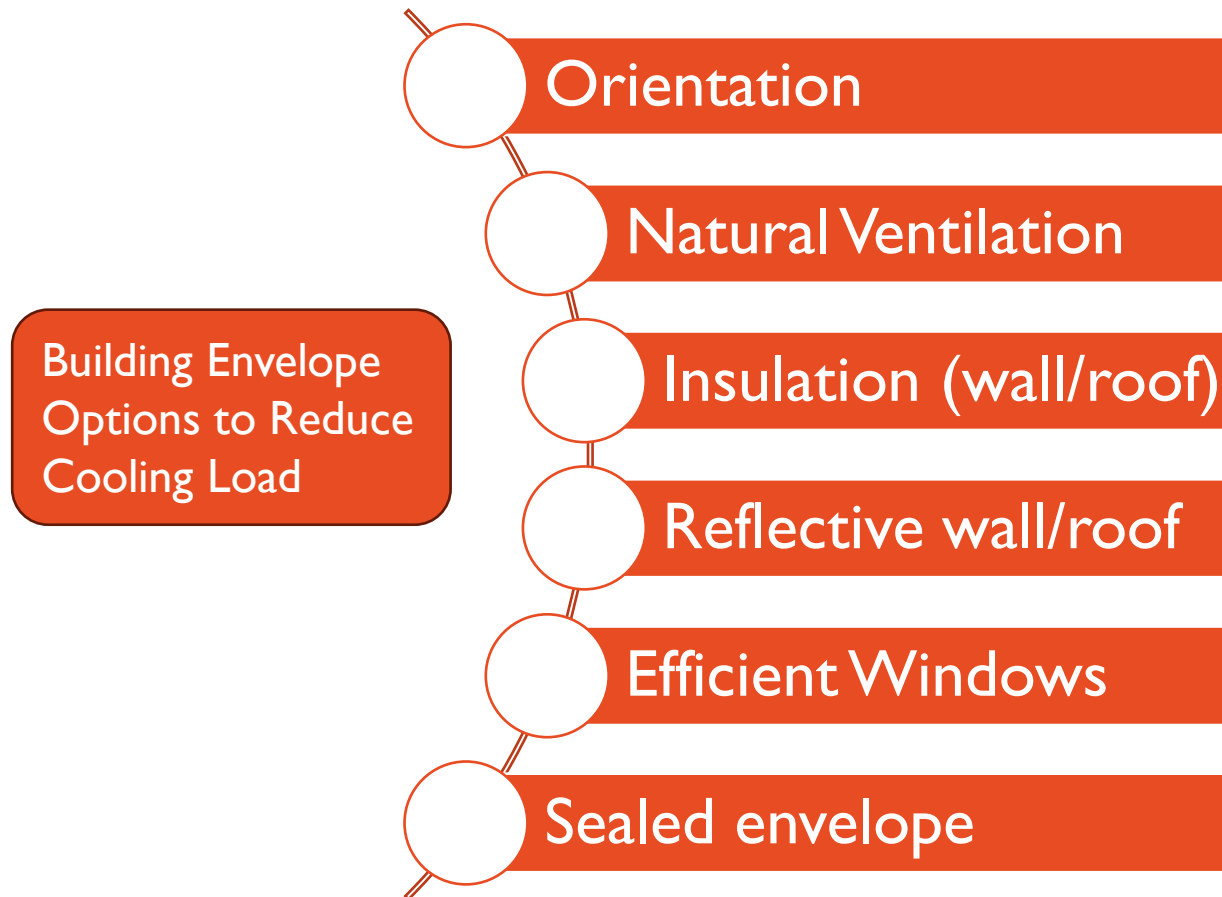
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- Severe heat wave in plains of India.
- Temperatures exceed 43°C in the Indo-Gangetic plain & Deccan Plateau region.
- Peak temperatures exceed 47.6°C.
- Over 2,300 deaths.
- Vulnerable groups most affected.
- People suspended work during peak heat hours (Construction labourers, Transport operators, etc.).

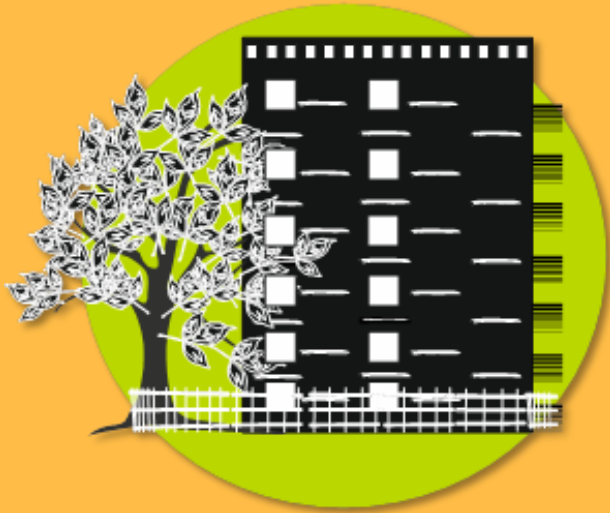
Indian Context

So,
What to do?

Indian Context



- India's future buildings offer a chance to enhance energy efficiency and reduce cooling needs.
- Passive design strategies can minimize heat gain and lower the demand for air conditioning.
- Building codes play a crucial role in promoting efficient building practices.
- Accelerating ECBC/ENS compliance can ensure better insulation and reduced cooling requirements.
- This contributes to sustainable and energy-efficient construction.



Thanks!