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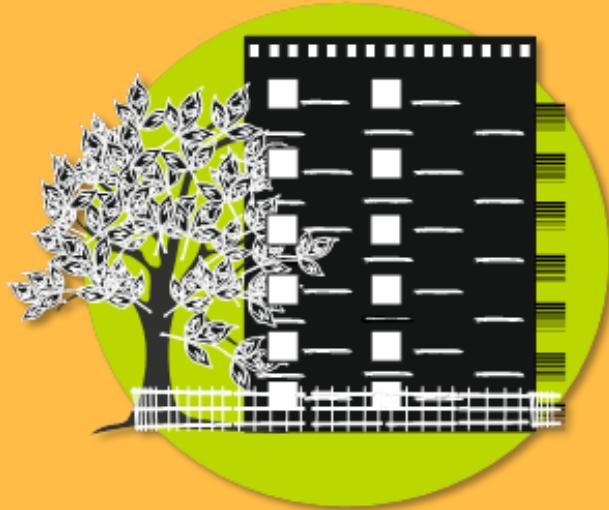
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# Session 2 – Understanding Indian Climate

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# What is Climate?

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**Average weather or an integration in time of weather conditions**

e.g., tropical climate have heat as a dominant problem with annual average temperature not less than 20°C

**30 years average (WMO)**

**Climate changes very slowly (scale of tens, hundreds and thousands of years)**

# What is Climate?

*“We must begin by taking note of the countries and climates in which homes are to be built if our designs for them are to be correct.*

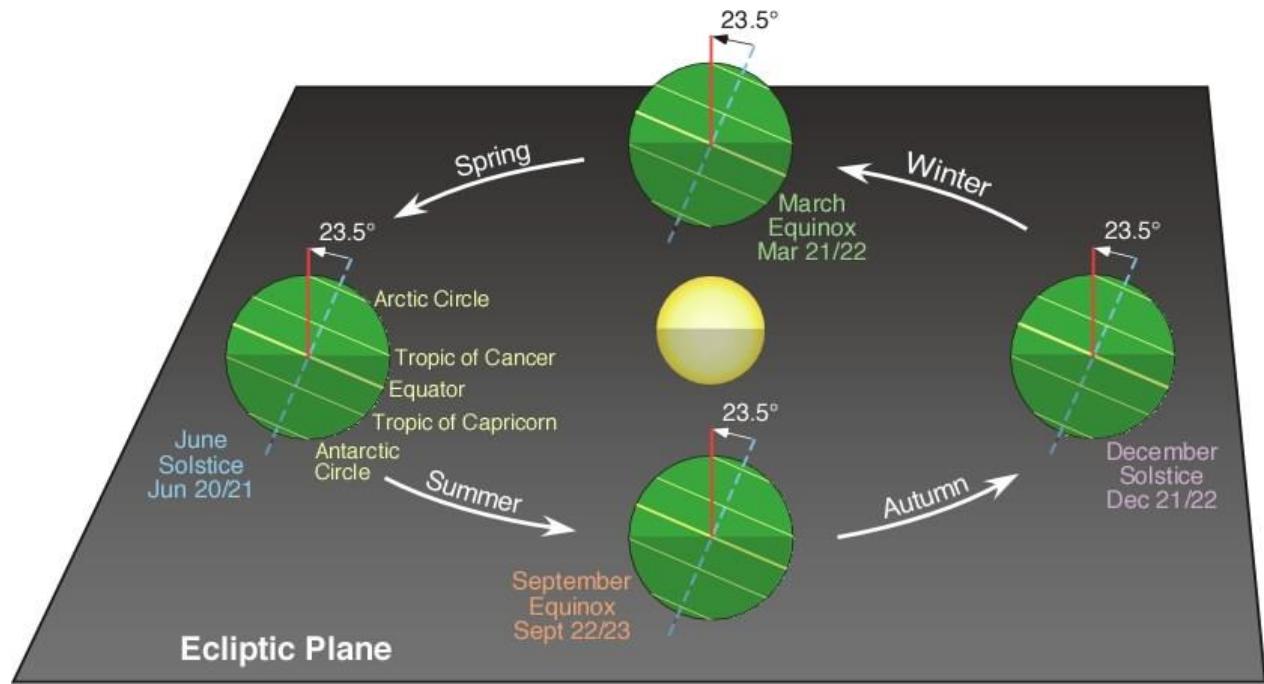
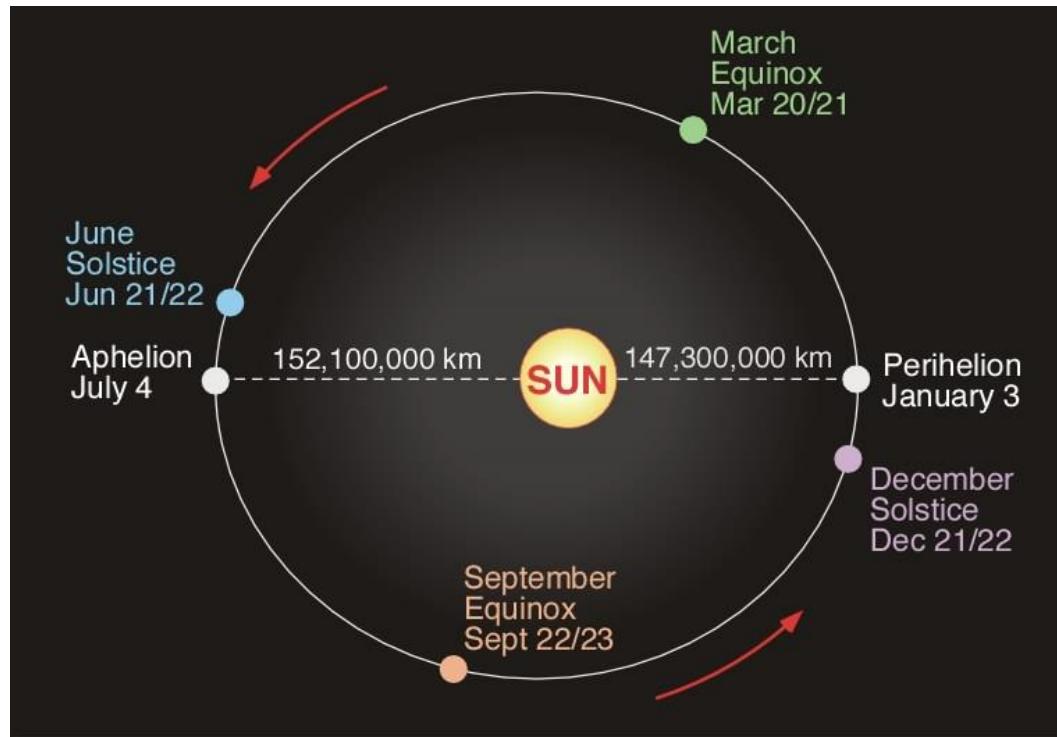
*One type of house seems appropriate for Egypt, another for Spain . . . one still different for Rome.*

*... It is obvious that design for homes ought to conform to diversities of climate.”*

***Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, De architectura***  
***(The Ten Books on Architecture) Architect, I century B.C.***

# Determinants of Climate

## Sun-Earth Relationship

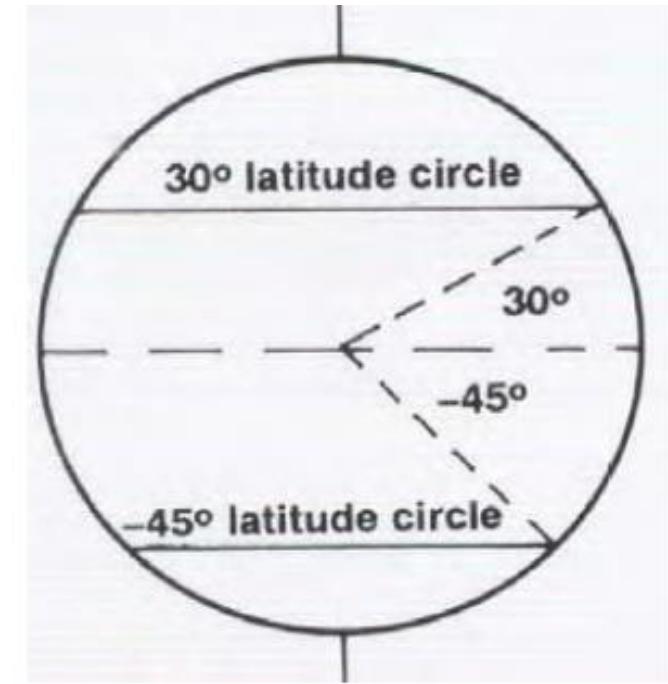
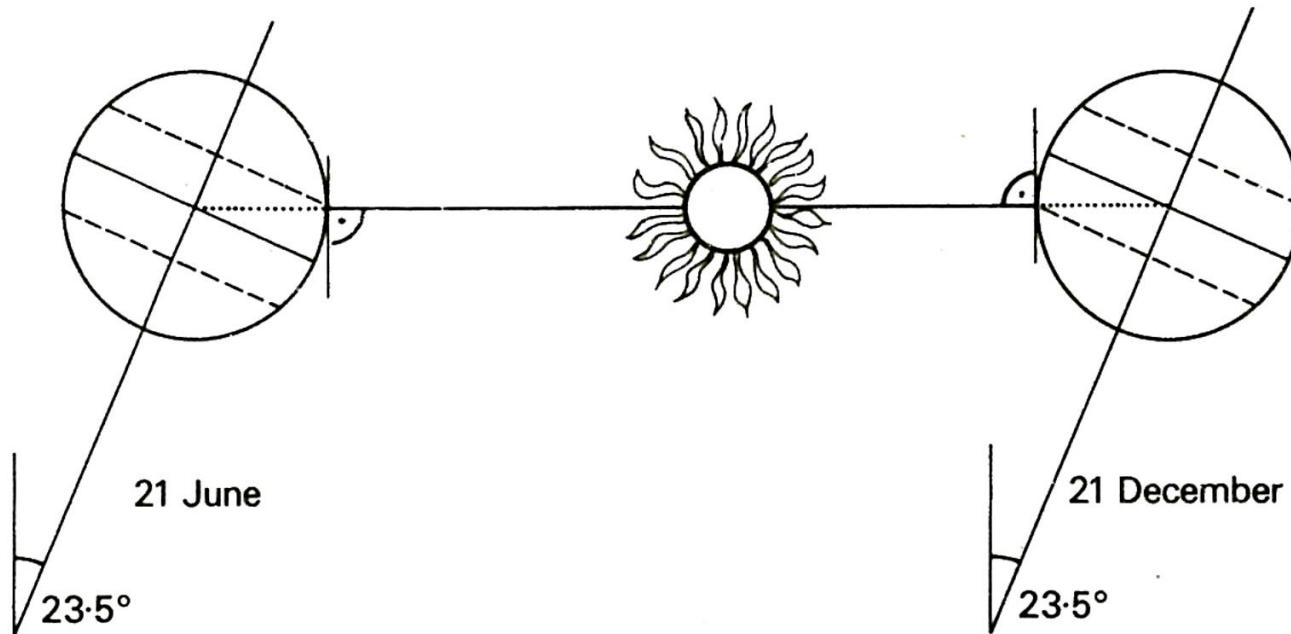


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**klima (Greek) – slope of earth w.r.t. Sun**

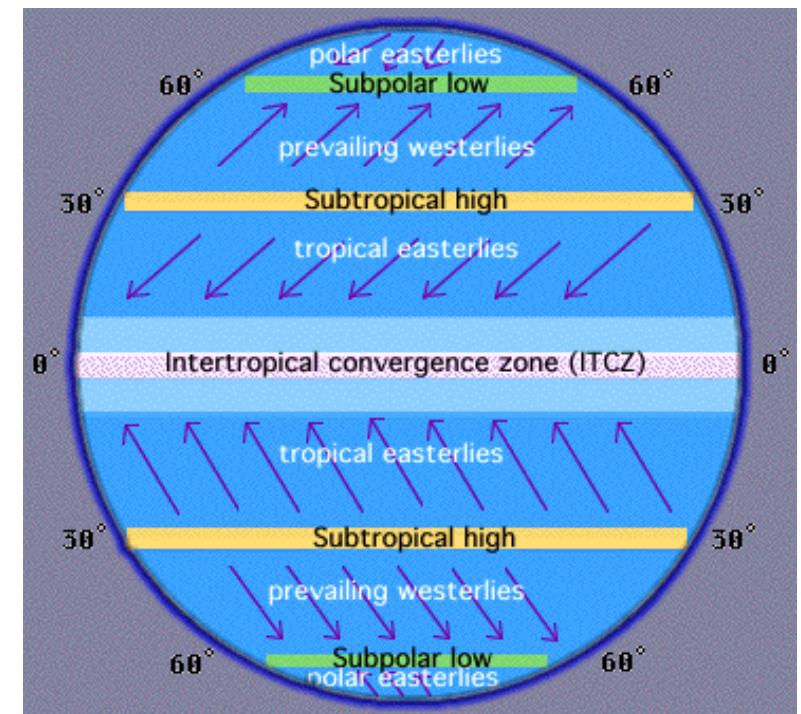
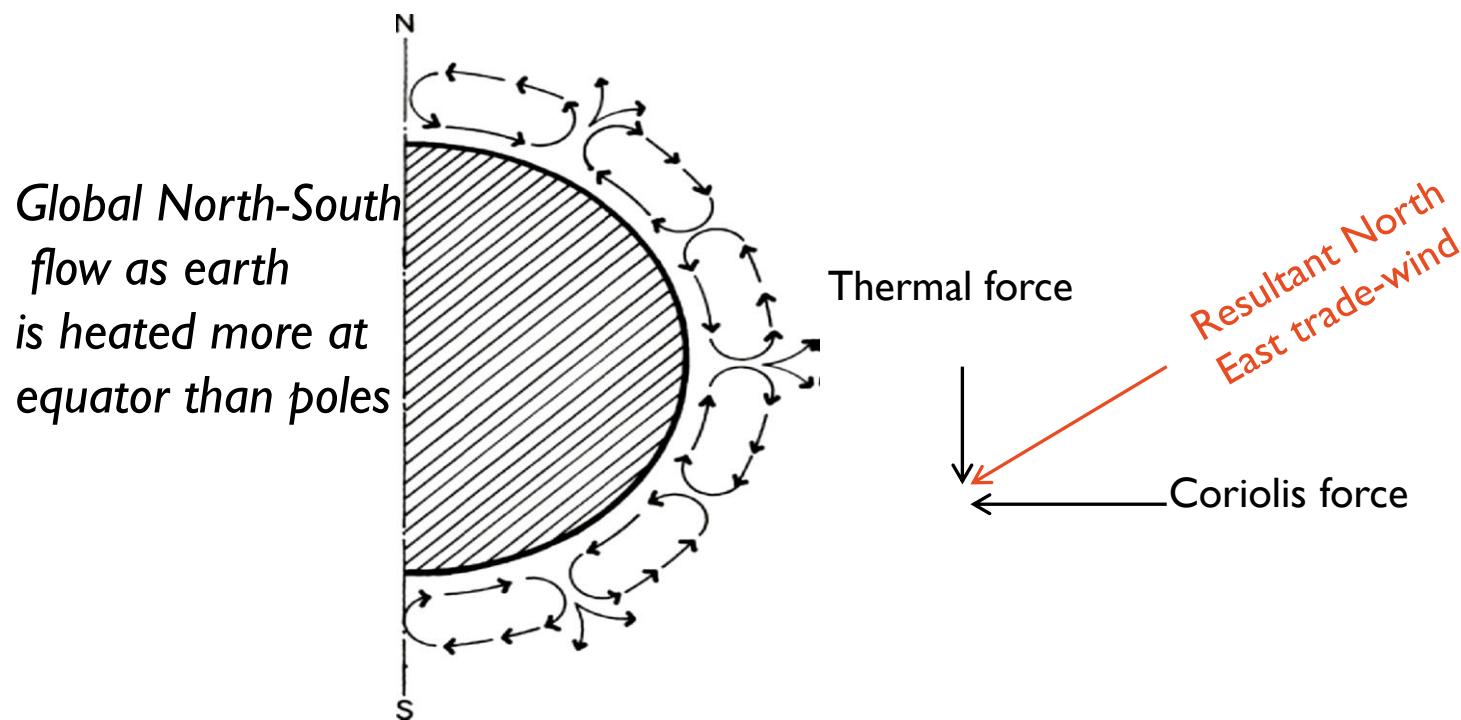
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## Earth's Tilt



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## Radiation & Winds

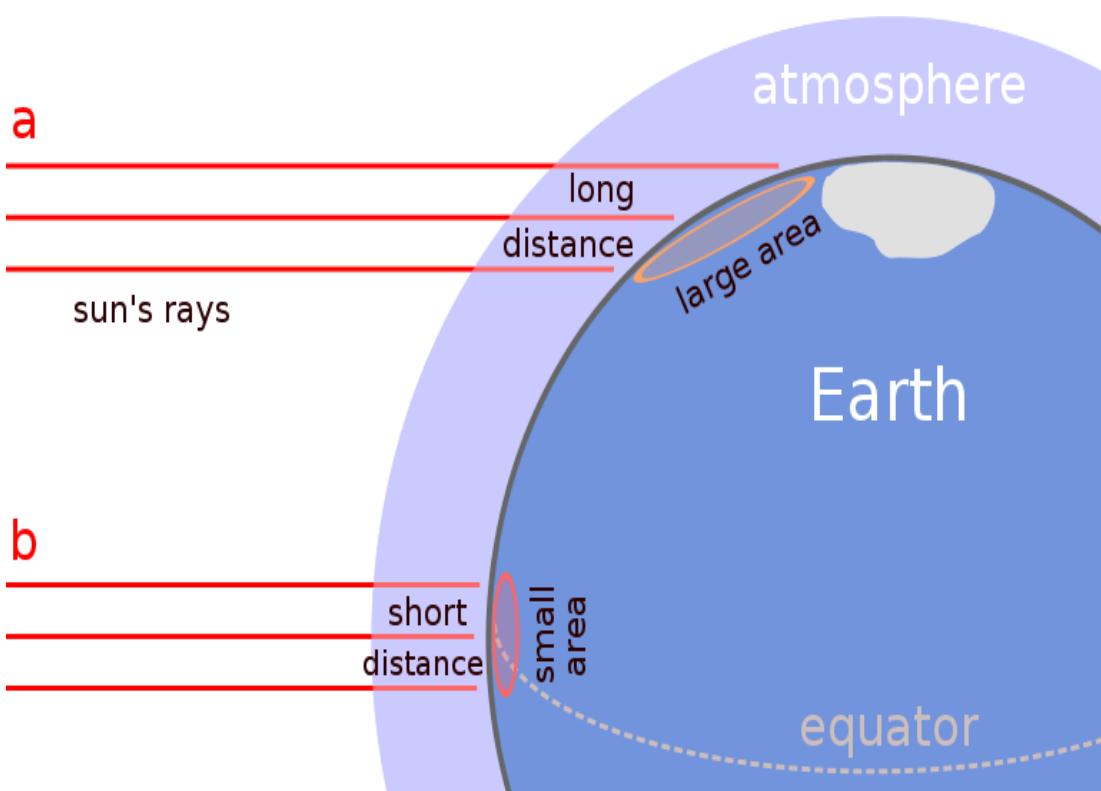


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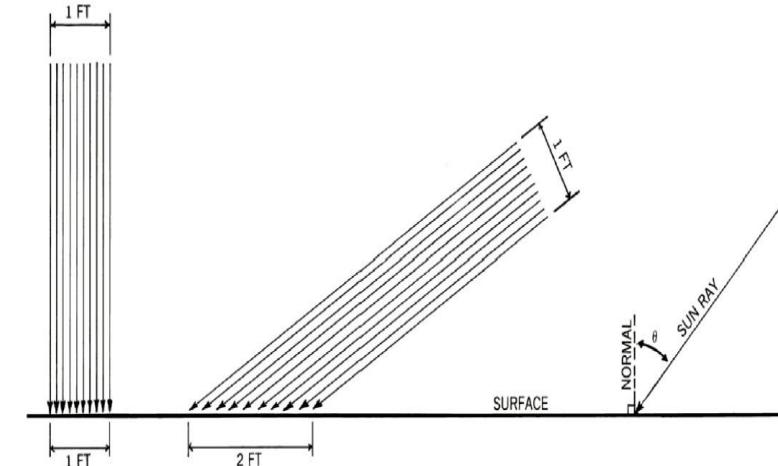
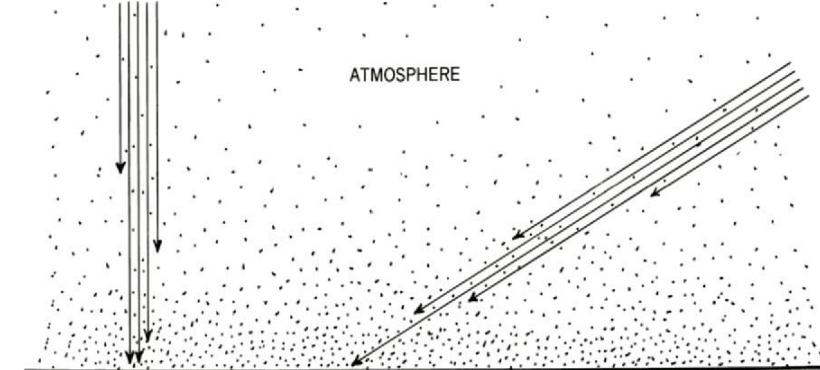
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## Measure of distance from the equator

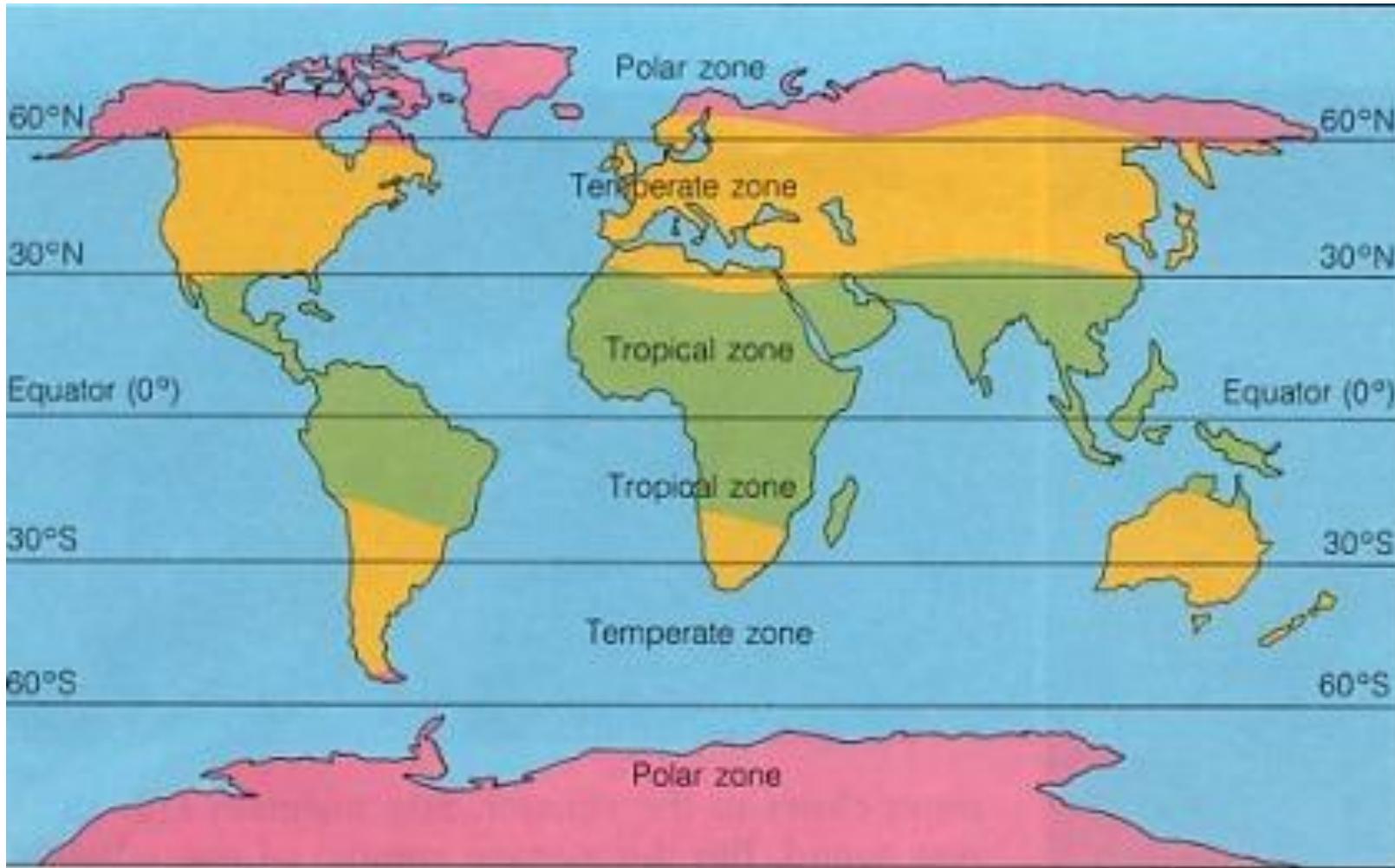


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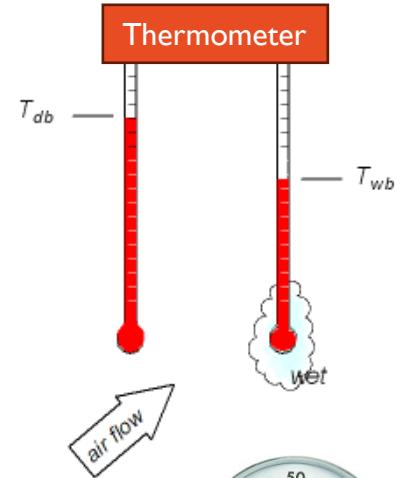
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Source: <http://climateofberlingermany.weebly.com/temperature-affecting-climate.html>

# Determinants of Climate

- Temperature
- Humidity
- Radiation
- Precipitation
- Wind
- Sky cover
- Daylight hours



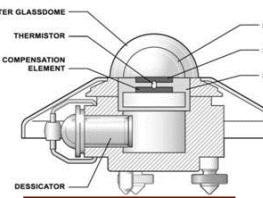
Thermometer

Hygrometer

Anemometer



Pyroheliometer



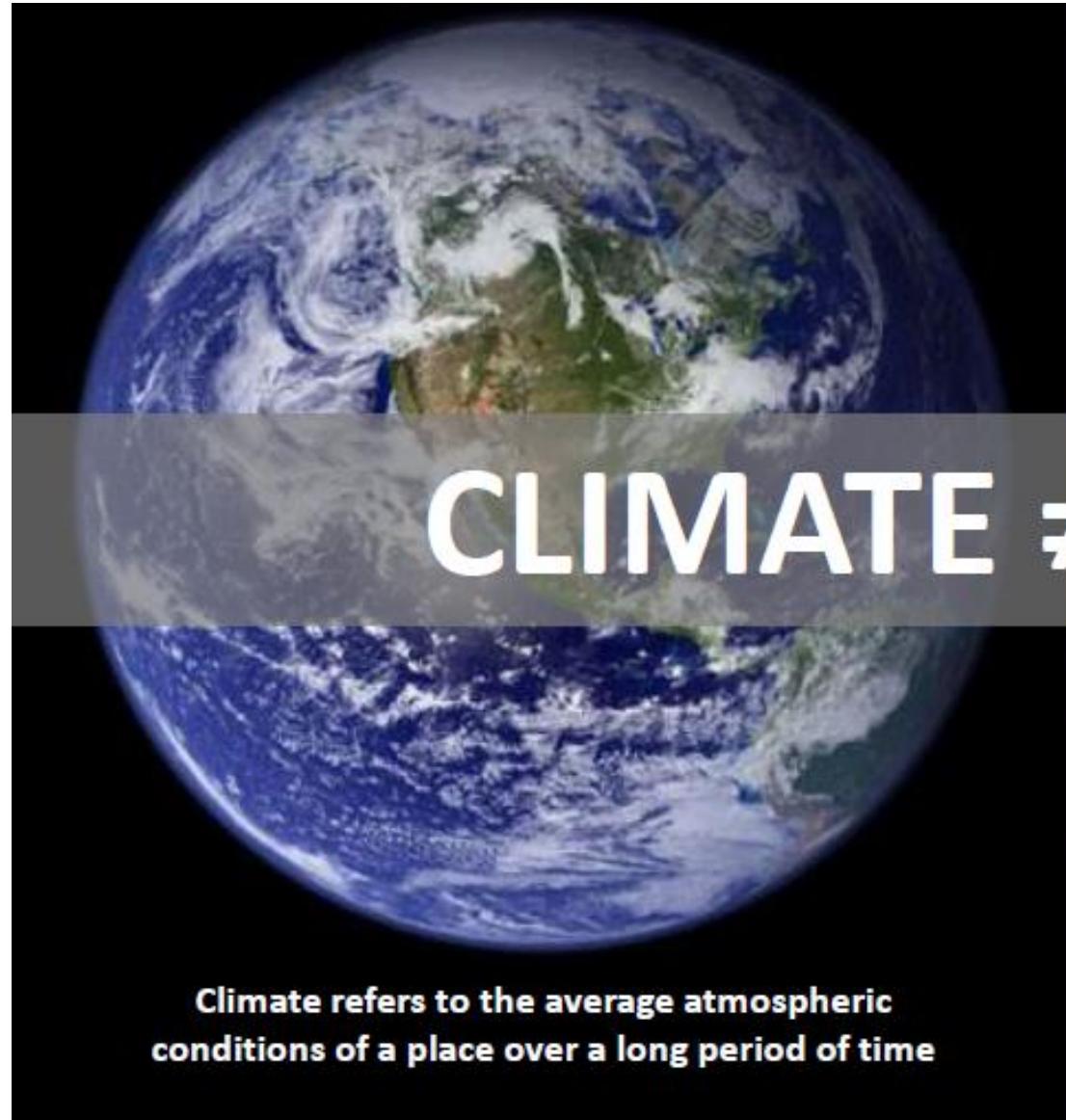
Pyranometer



skycover



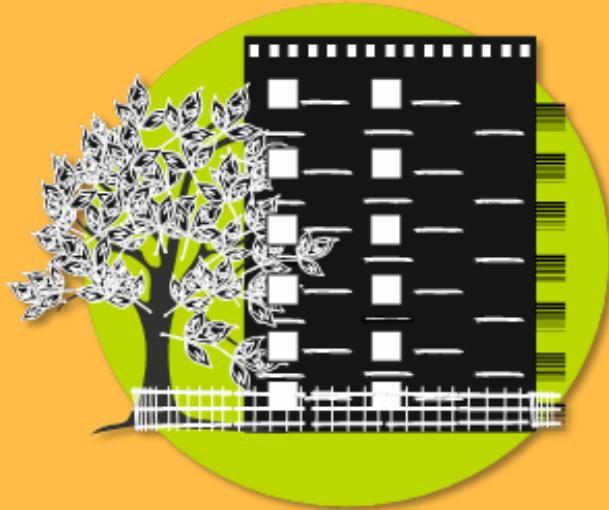
Rain gauge meter



**Climate refers to the average atmospheric conditions of a place over a long period of time**



**Weather refers to the change of temperatures and atmospheric conditions over a short period of time...**



# Climate of India

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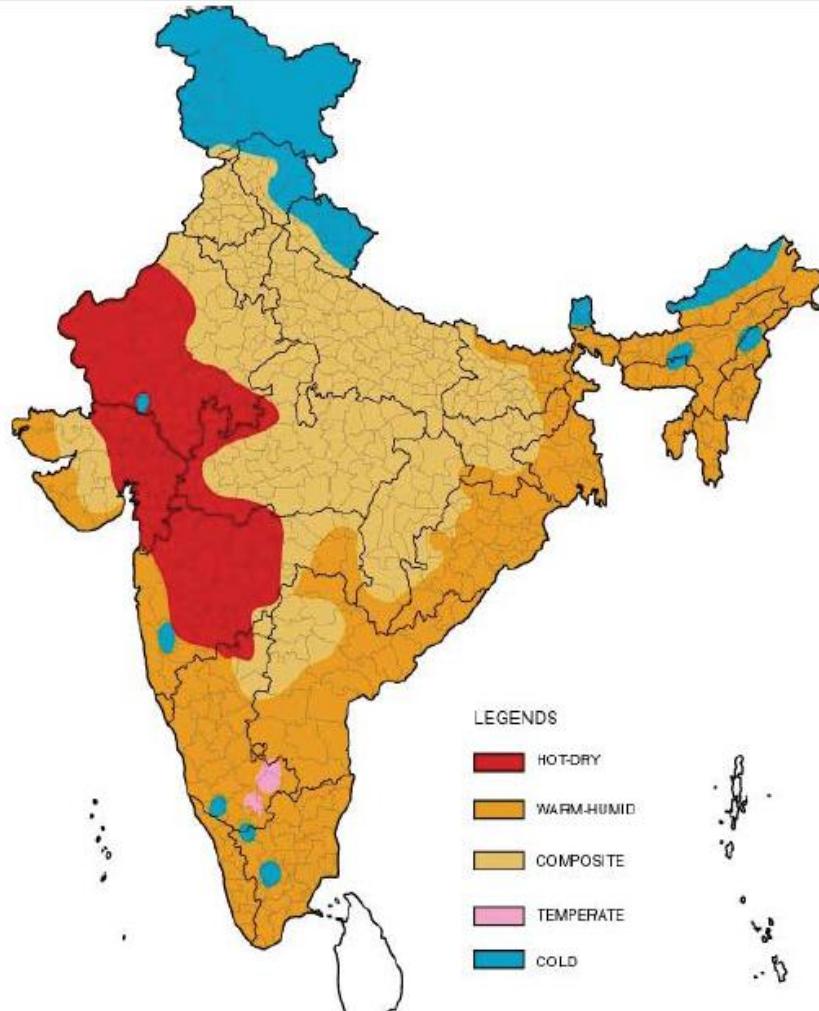
**Table 2 Classification of Climate**  
*(Clause 3.2.1)*

Sl No.	Climatic Zone	Mean Monthly Maximum Temperature °C	Mean Monthly Relative Humidity Percent
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	Hot-dry	Above 30	Below 55
ii)	Warm-humid	Above 30	Above 55
		Above 25	Above 75
iii)	Temperate	25-30	Below 75
iv)	Cold	Below 25	All values
v)	Composite		see 3.2.2

Classification of various climates as per the National Building Code

- Designers must grasp the local climate before building.
- Each climatic zone may have distinct seasons.
- Careful site-specific climate analysis is essential.
- Microclimates within a region also influence design.

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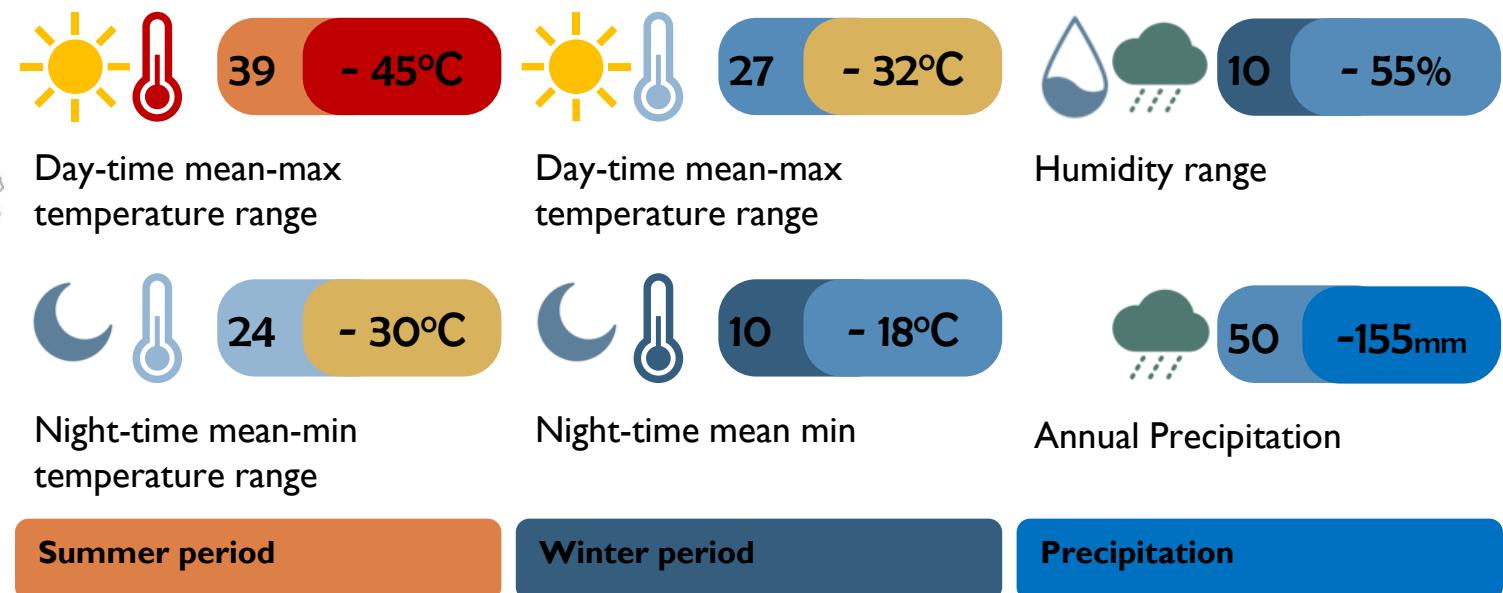
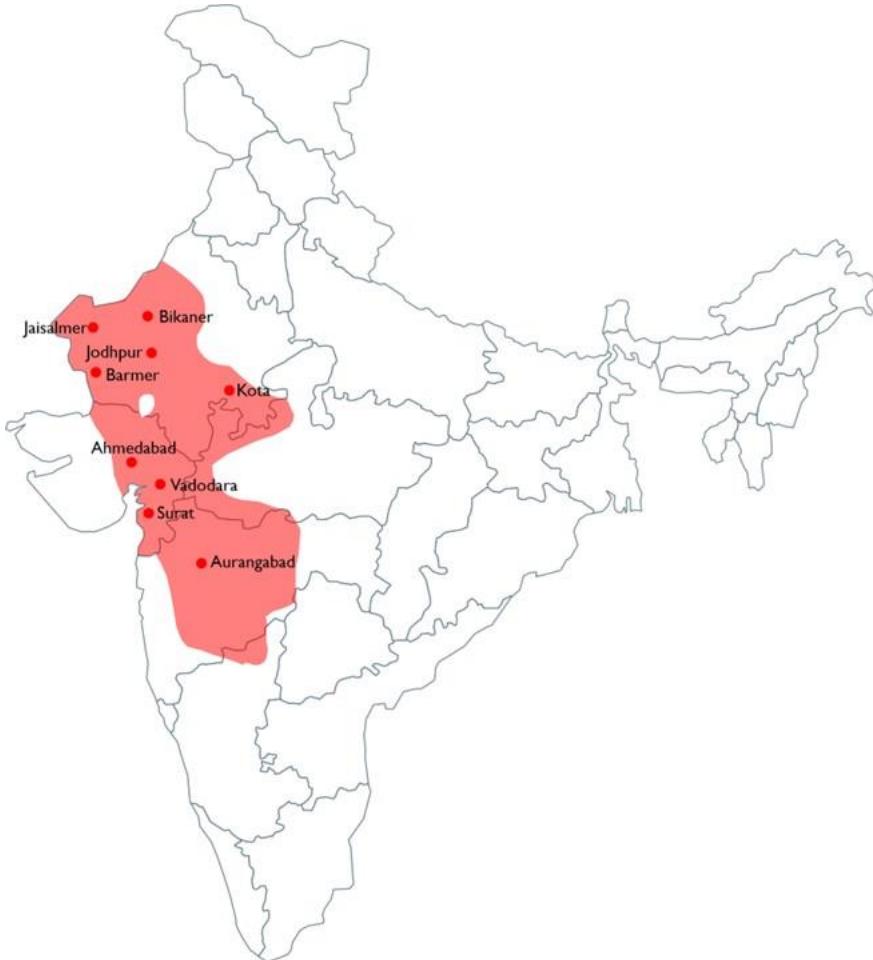


- There are 5 climate zones in India as per NBC
- Each climate zone has its own characteristics
- Building design needs to respond to the climate accordingly



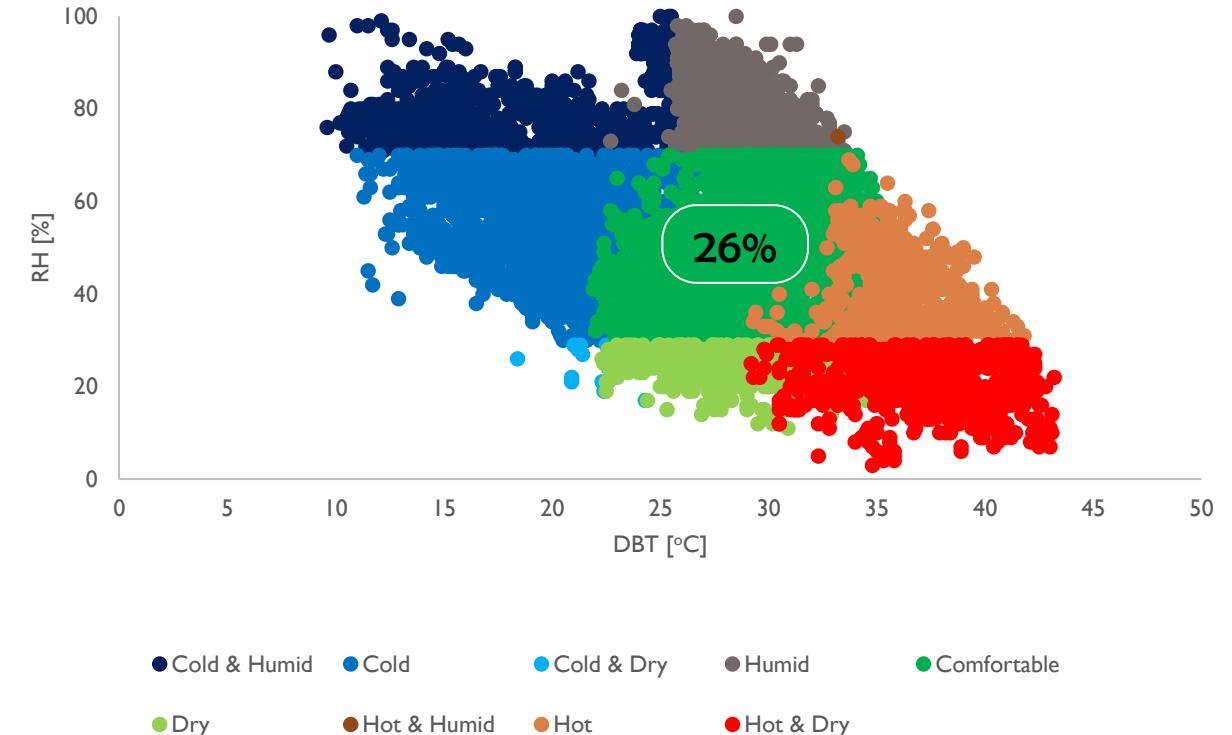
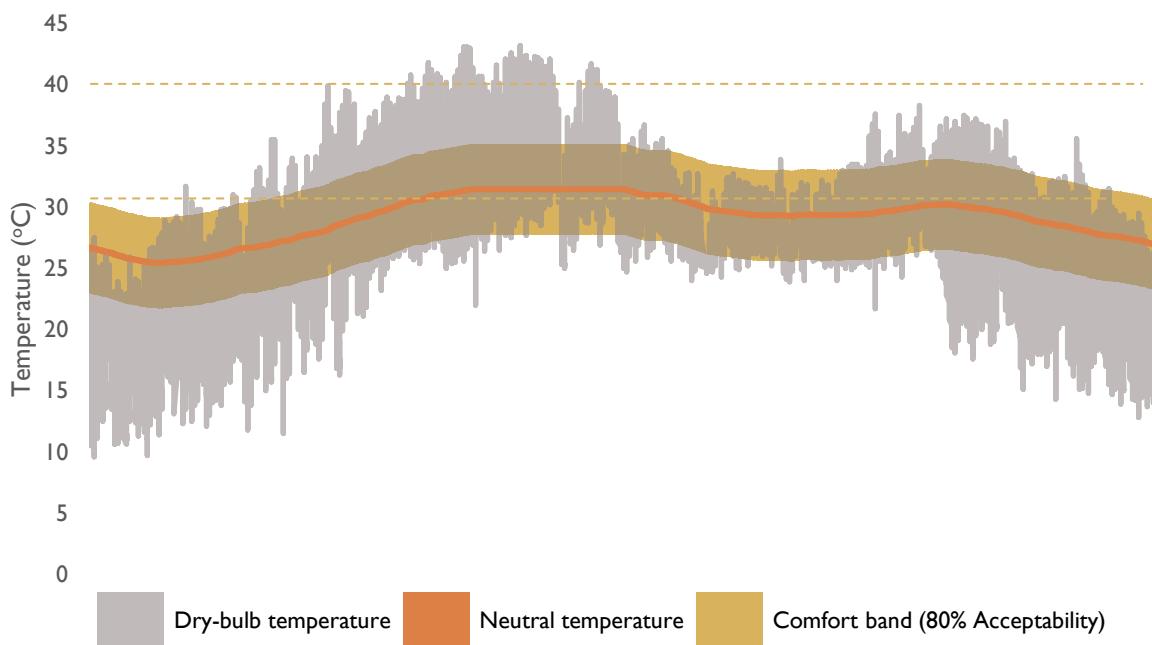
# Understanding Hot-Dry Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics



Hot-dry climate is characterised by two seasons; hot and dry summers, and somewhat cooler winters. Daily extremes in summers and winters i.e., hot days and cool nights in summers and warm days in winters are a characteristic feature of Hot-dry climate.

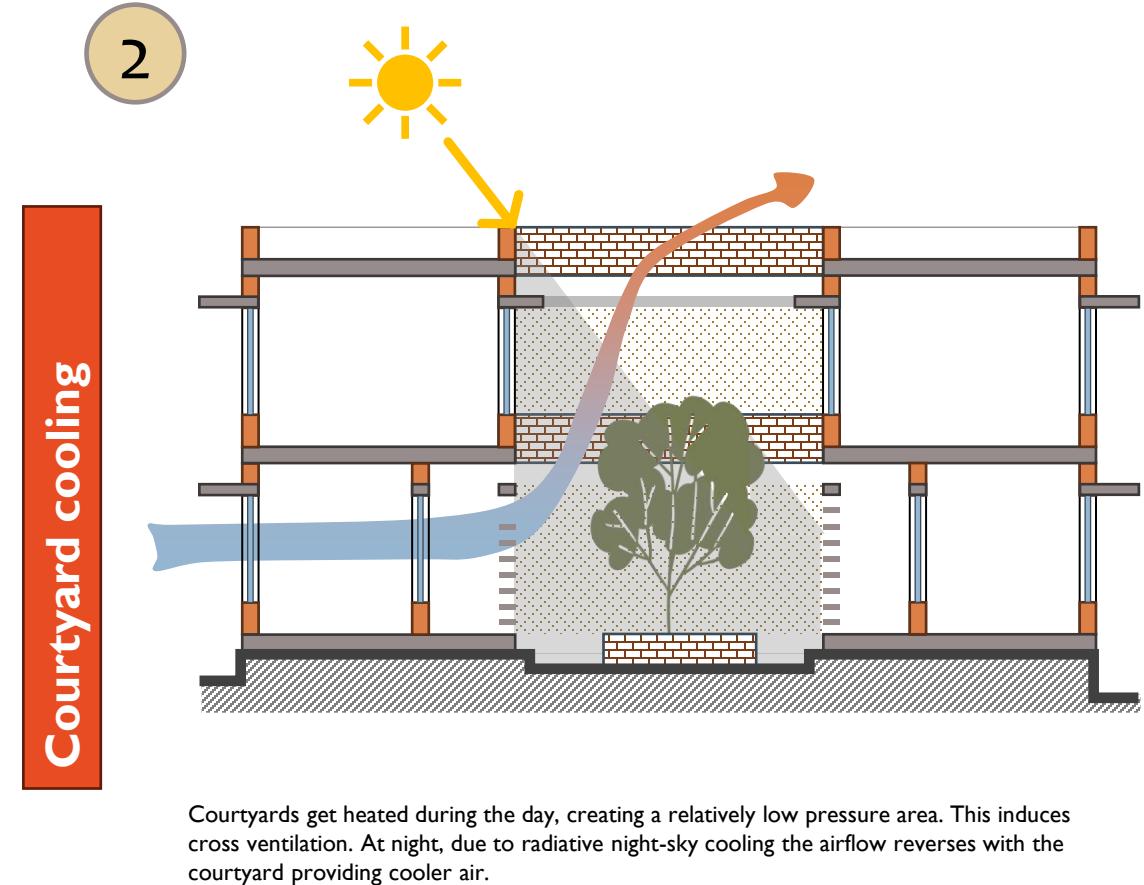
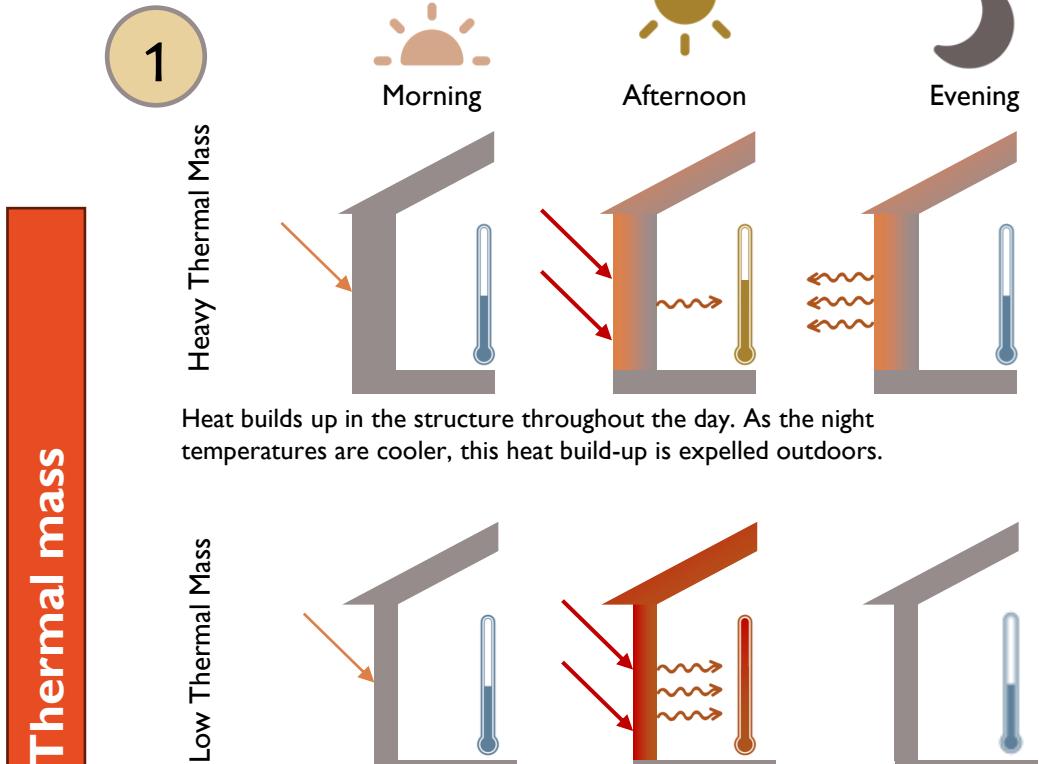
# Thermal Comfort Potential



80% acceptability criterion defined by the adaptive comfort model indicates that the comfort band (inclusive of adaptations such as clothing, ceiling fan operation, etc.) lies between 22 and 35°C dry-bulb temperature.

The hot-dry climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 26% hours in a year.

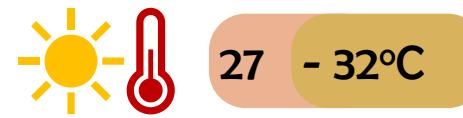
# Climatic opportunities





# Understanding Warm-Humid Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics



27 - 32°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



21 - 27°C

Night-time mean-min  
temperature range



55 - 100%

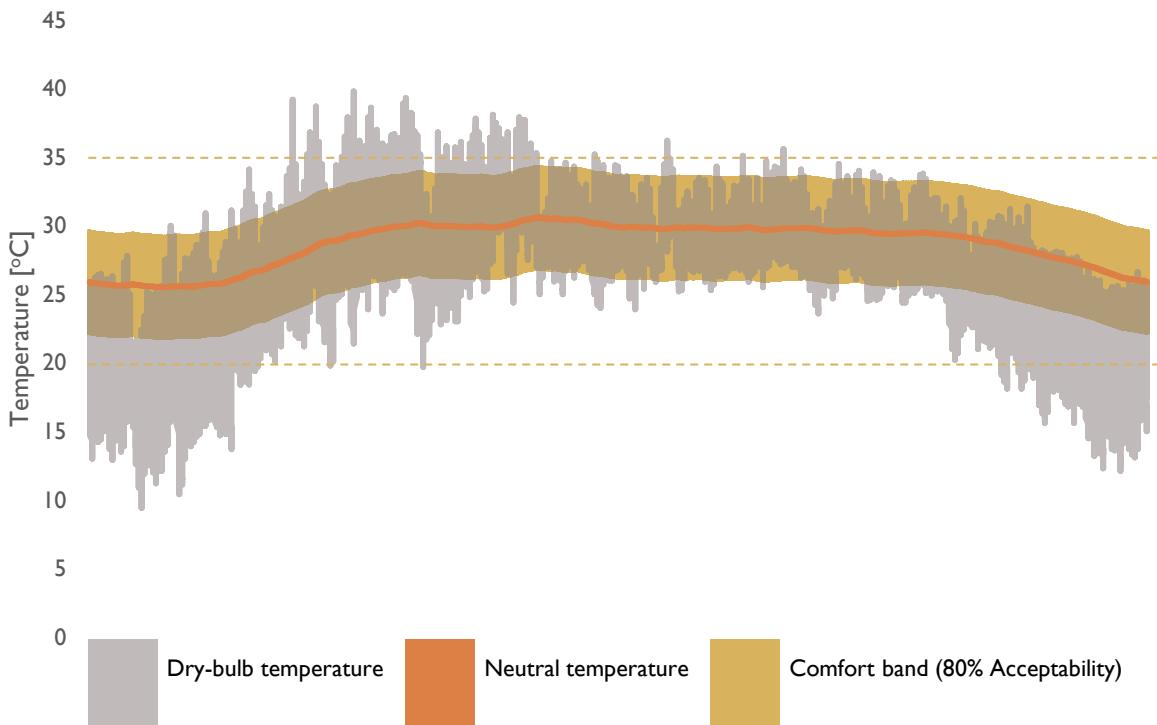
Typical humidity range

Warm-humid climate is characterised hot, sticky conditions nearly throughout the year. The narrow diurnal and annual range also point to very little seasonal variation throughout the year.

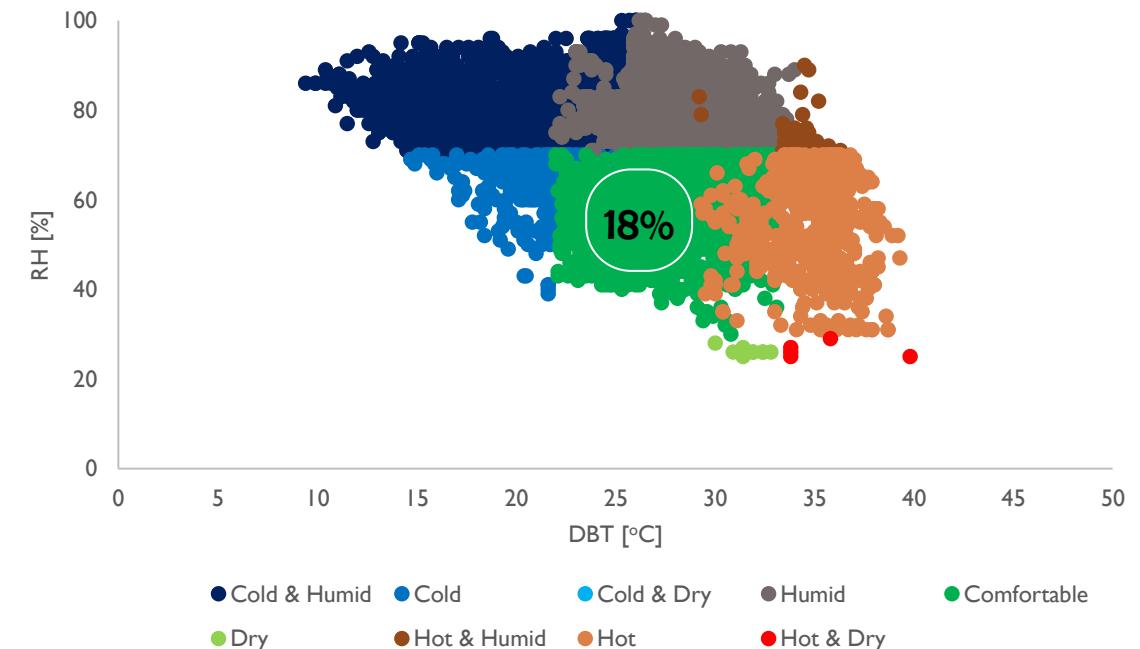


- High humidity affects material durability, leading to mold, rot, and rust.
- Vapor diffusion through building materials can impact occupants' health.
- Selecting materials and using vapor barriers is crucial in design.
- Insects are common in humid climates, impacting ventilation.
- Integrated insect screens can encourage window ventilation.

# Thermal Comfort Potential



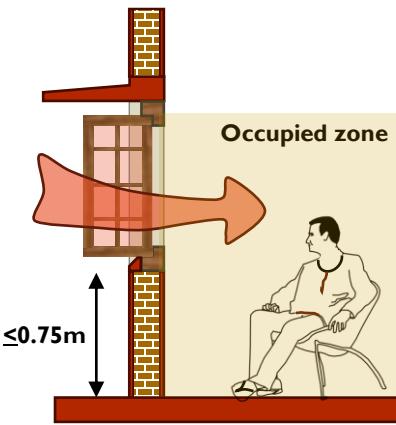
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The warm-humid climate can provide comfortable conditions for only about 18% hours in a year. Relative Humidity exceeds 70% for more than 70% of the occupiable hours.

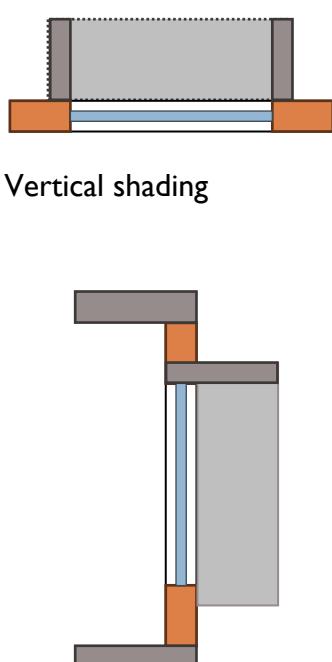
# Climatic opportunities

**1 Use Enhanced Ventilation**



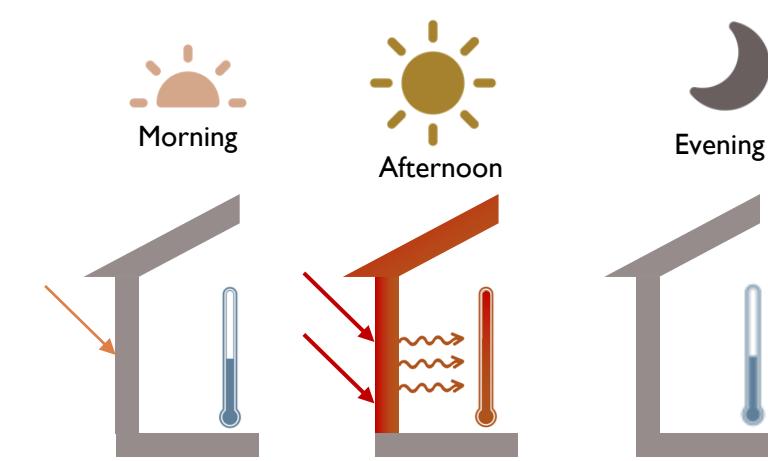
A cross-section diagram of a building facade. An open window on the left allows air to flow into an 'Occupied zone' where a person is seated. The air flow is indicated by a large orange arrow. A vertical dimension line shows a height of  $\leq 0.75\text{m}$  from the floor to the bottom of the window.

**2 Shaded windows and shutters**



Two diagrams illustrating shading. The top diagram, labeled 'Vertical shading', shows a window with a grey horizontal shading bar extending across its width. The bottom diagram, labeled 'Horizontal shading', shows a window with a grey vertical shading bar extending from its top to the bottom of the glass pane.

**3 Thermal mass**



A series of three diagrams showing a building's thermal response over a 24-hour period. The first diagram, 'Morning', shows a grey structure with a thermometer inside, with an orange arrow pointing to the structure. The second diagram, 'Afternoon', shows the same structure with a red arrow pointing to the thermometer, indicating heat transfer. The third diagram, 'Evening', shows the structure with a thermometer inside. The diagrams are labeled 'Morning', 'Afternoon', and 'Evening' with corresponding icons of the sun.

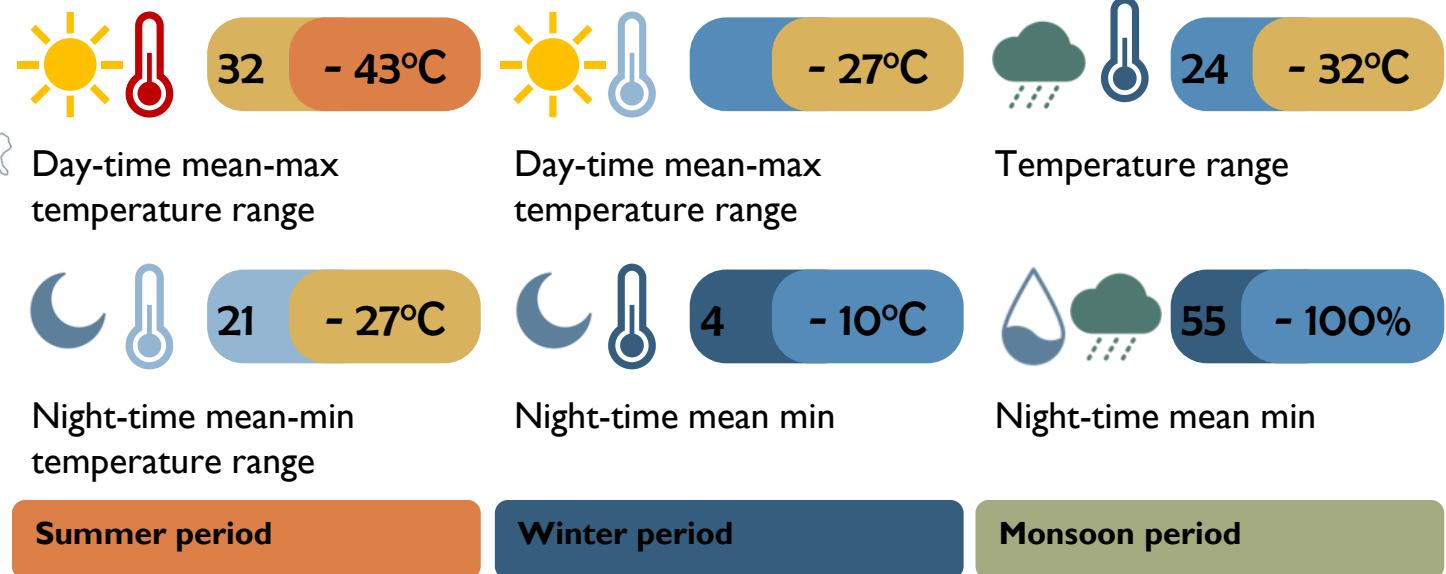
Low Thermal Mass

Heat builds up in the structure is transferred into the space relatively faster, warming up the indoor space.



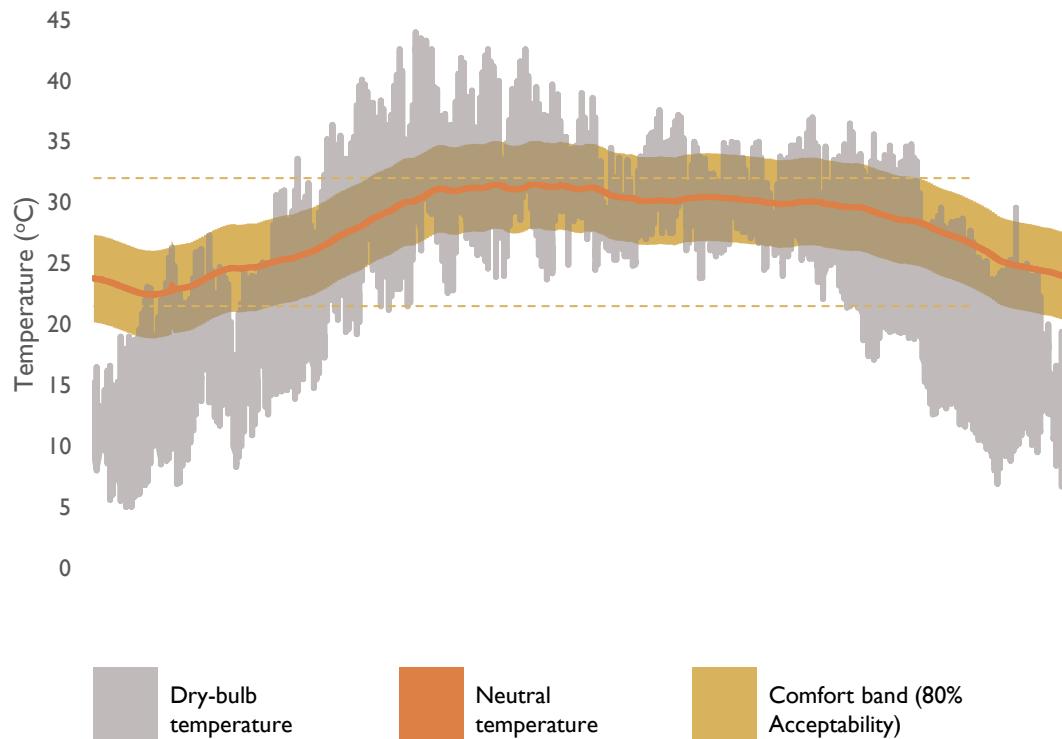
# Understanding Composite Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics

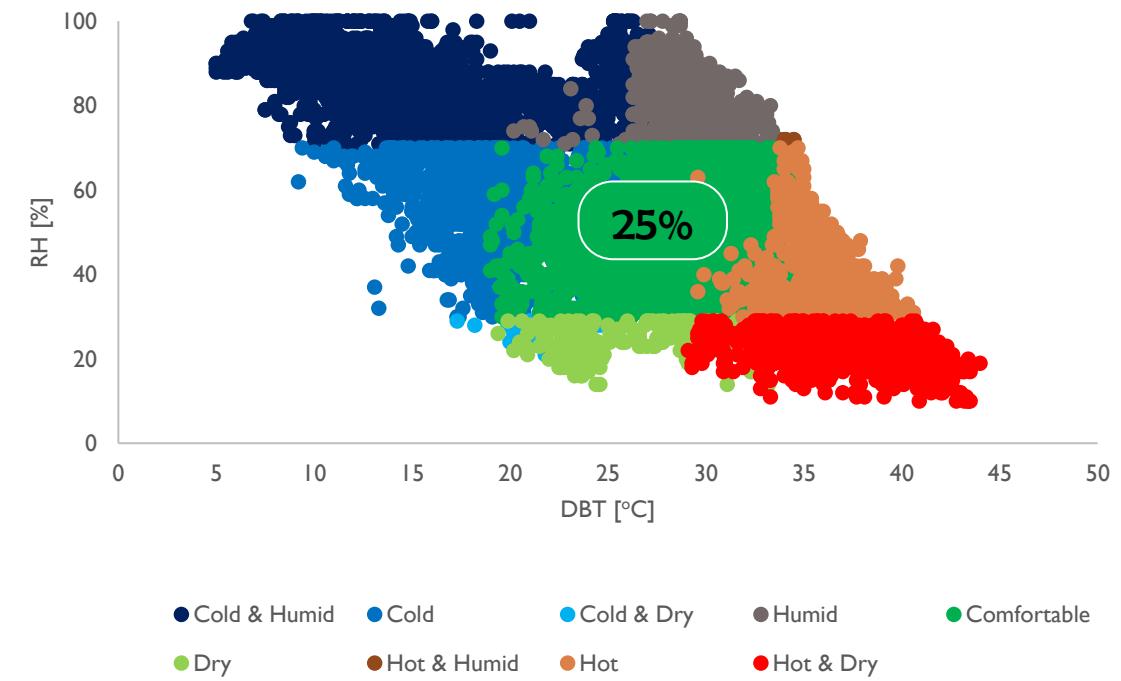


Composite climate is characterised by three seasons; hot and dry summers, harsh winters and warm-humid monsoons. Daily extremes in summers and winters i.e., hot days and cool nights in summers and warm days and cold nights in winters are a characteristic feature of Composite climate.

# Thermal Comfort Potential

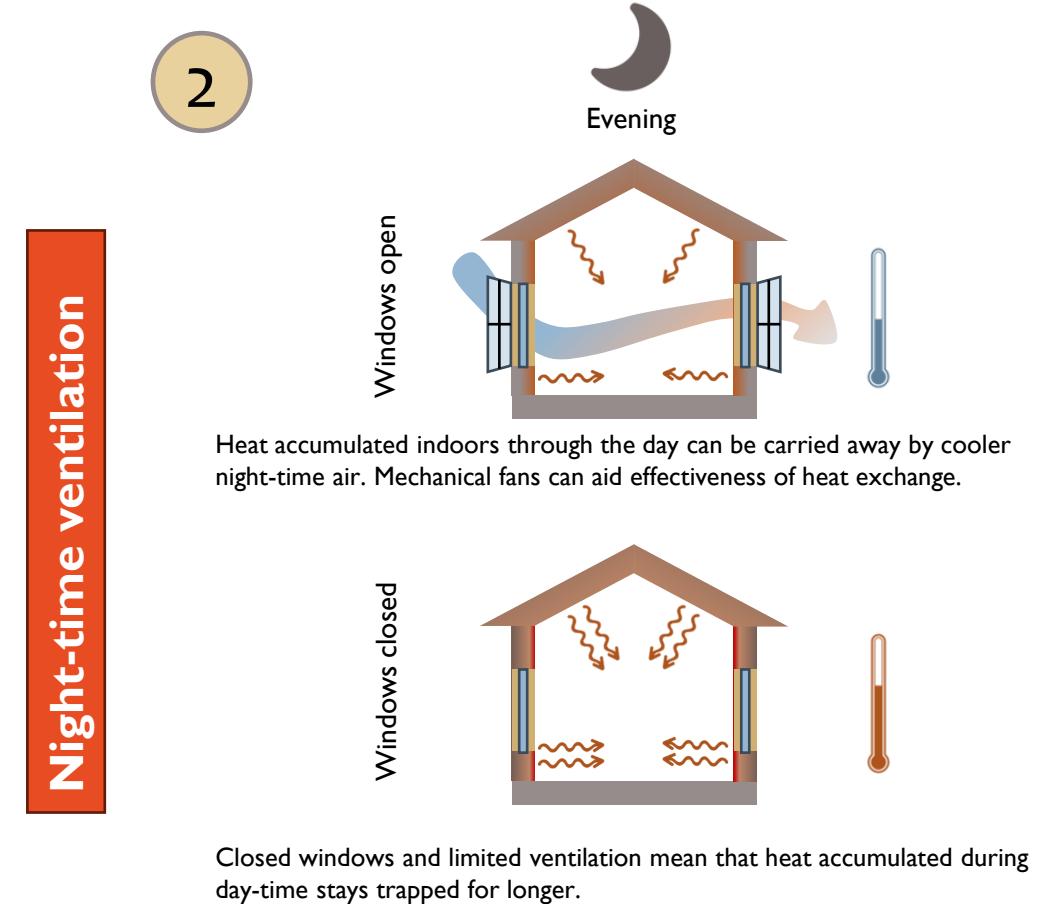
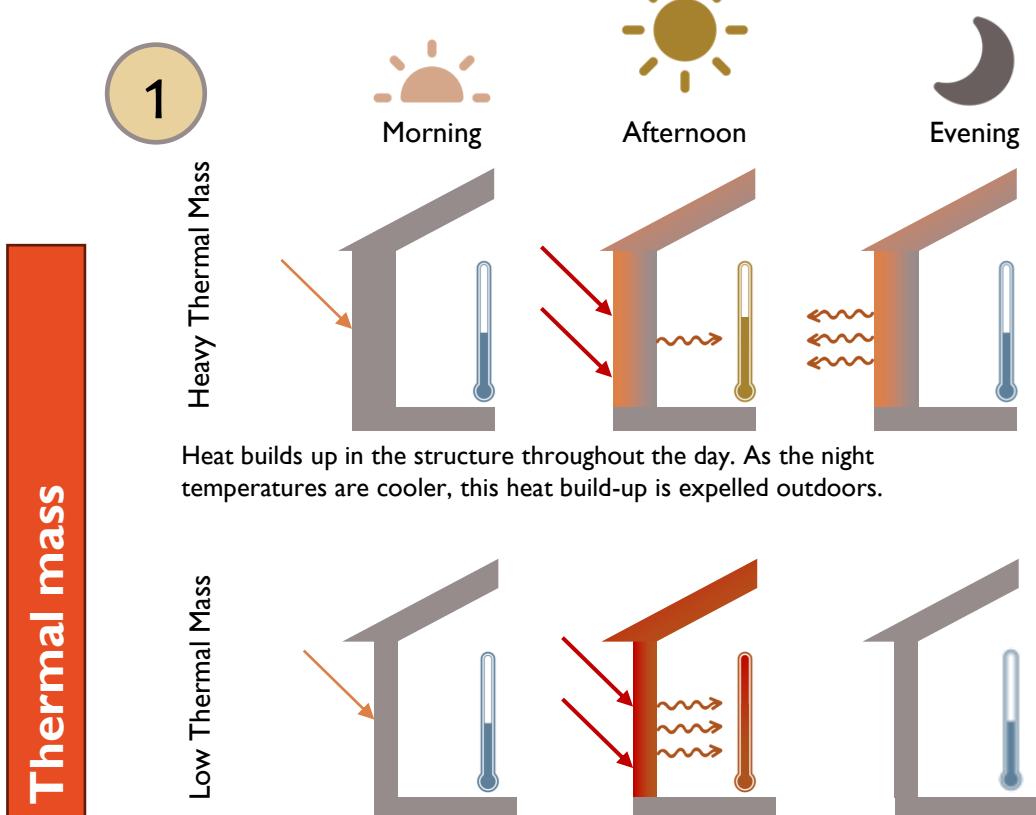


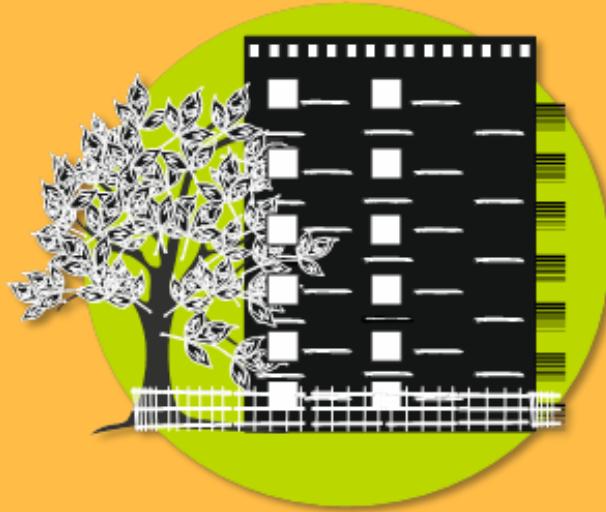
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The composite climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 25% hours in a year. In terms of severity, interventions in the built environment are required for hot-dry, hot, cold and cold-humid conditions.

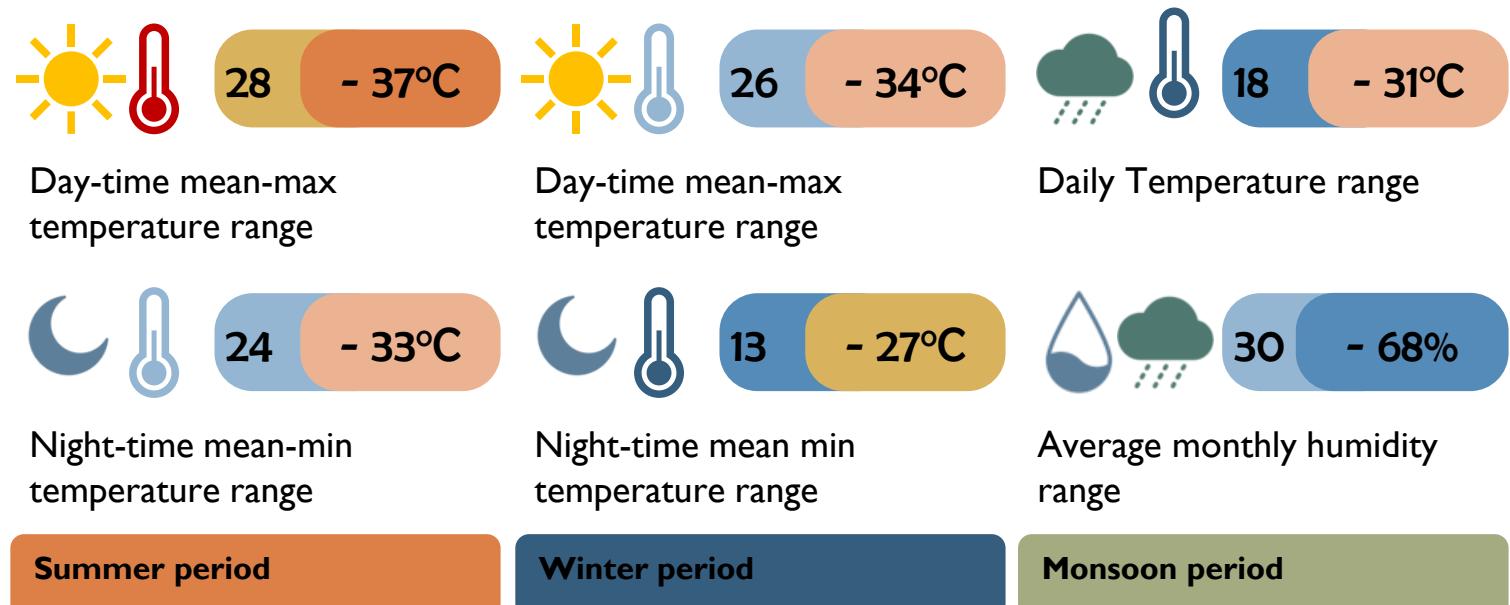
# Climatic opportunities





# Understanding Temperate Climate

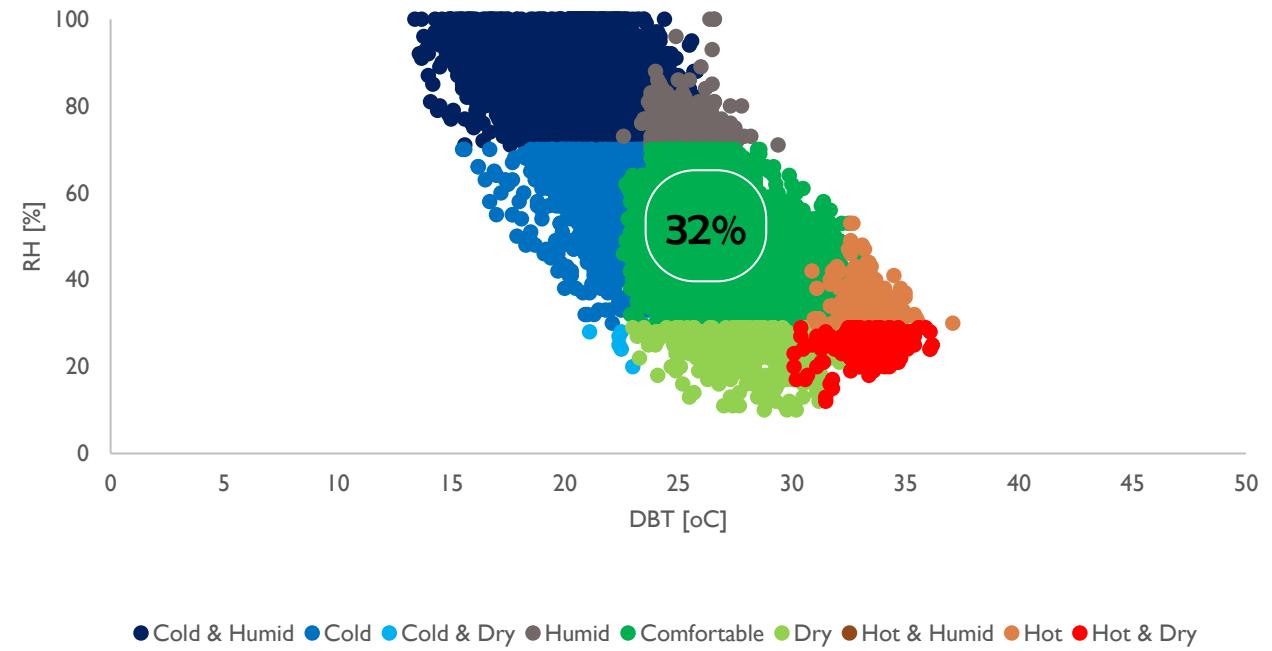
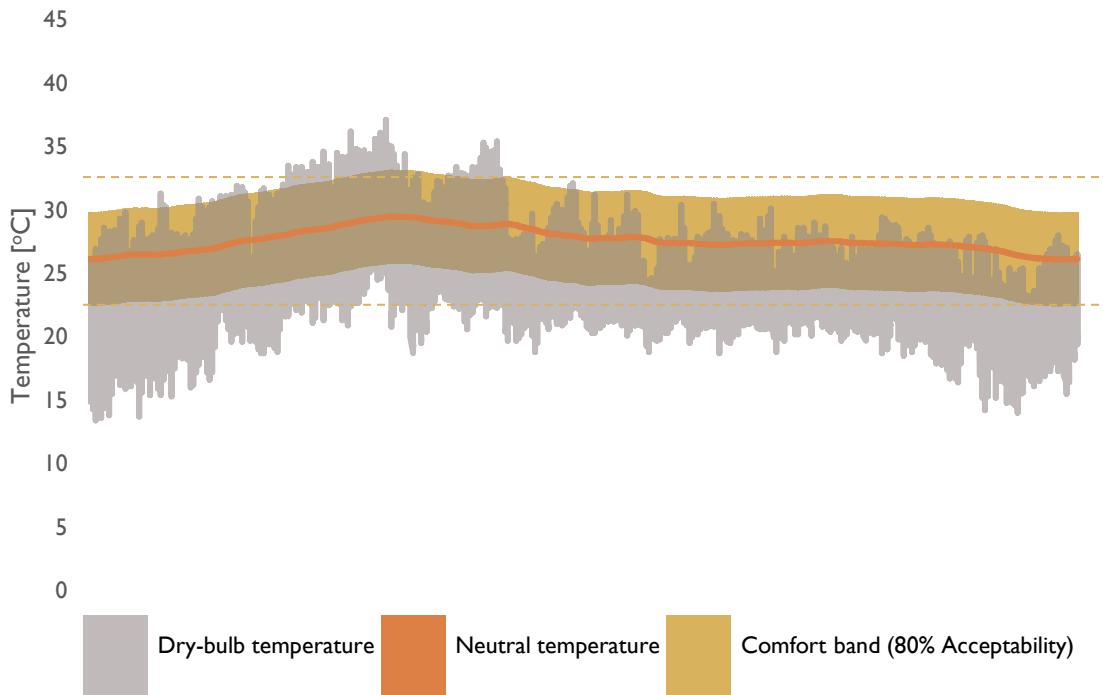
# Seasonal Characteristics



**Note:** Statistics compiled from Bengaluru's climate. Assumed Dec – Mar as winter period, Apr – Jul summer period and Jul – Oct as monsoon period.

Temperate climate is characterized by warm summers and cool winters. The temperatures are moderate throughout the year.

# Thermal Comfort Potential

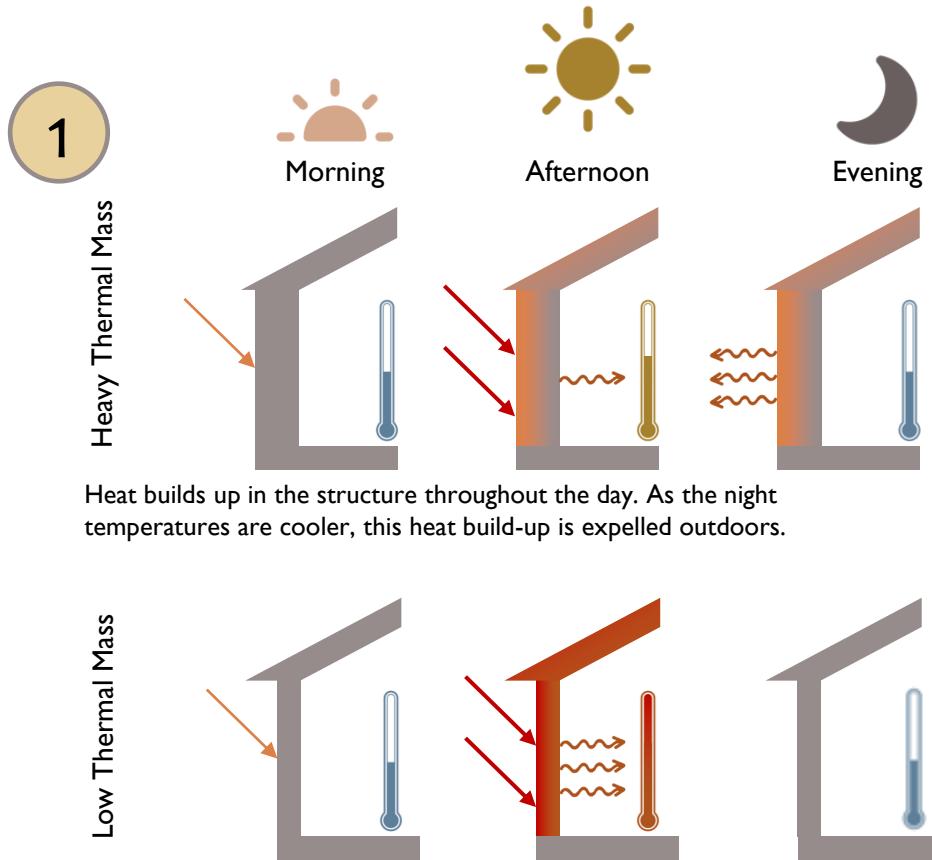


80% acceptability criterion defined by the adaptive comfort model indicates that the **comfort band** (inclusive of adaptations such as clothing, ceiling fan operation, etc.) lies between 22 and 33°C dry-bulb temperature.

The temperate climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 32% hours in a year.

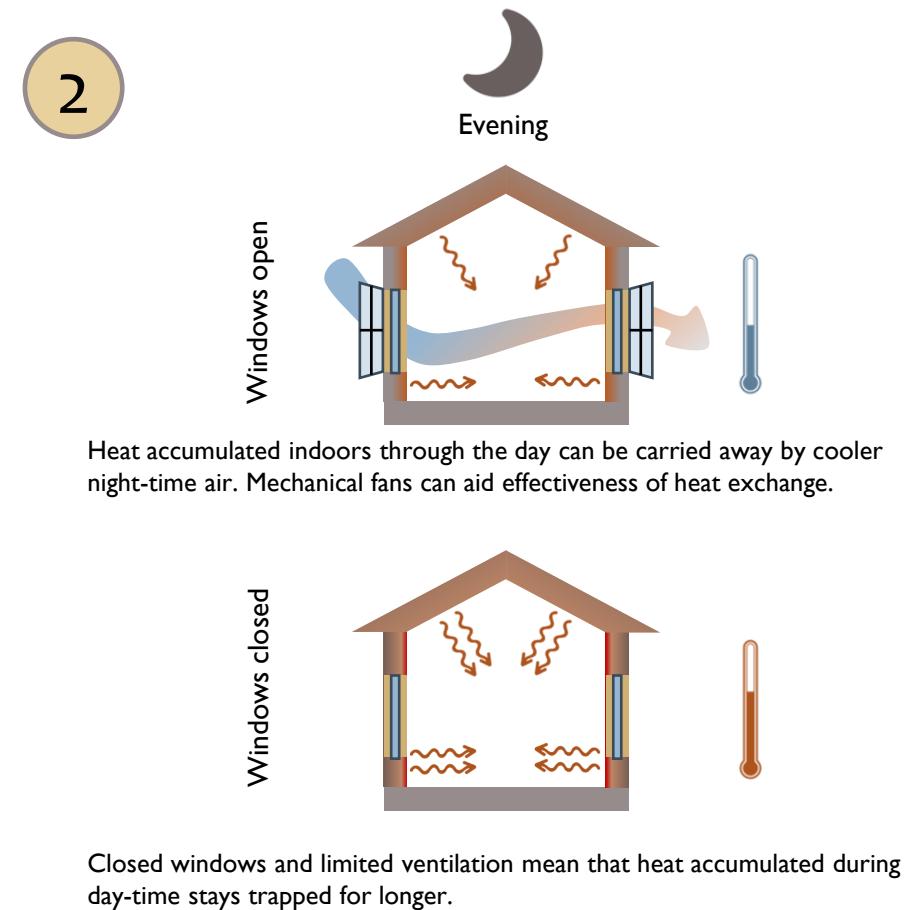
# Climatic opportunities

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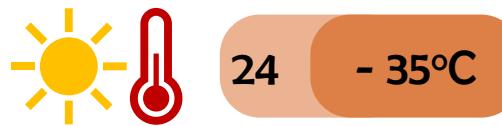
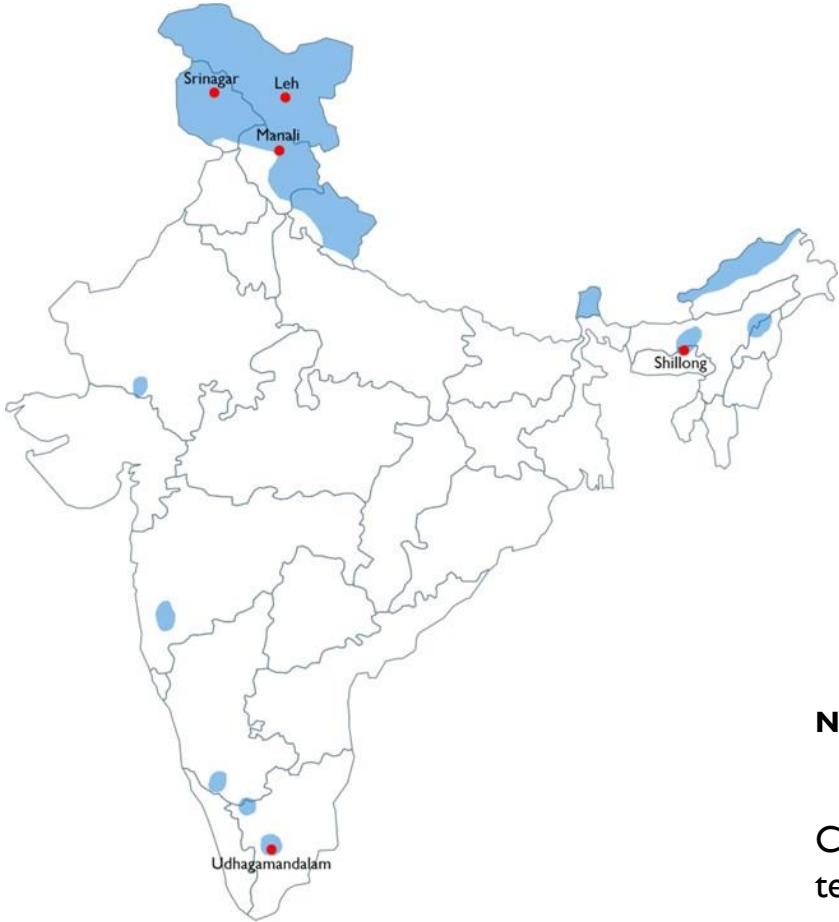
## Night-time ventilation





# Understanding Cold Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics



Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



Night-time mean-min  
temperature range

Summer period



Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



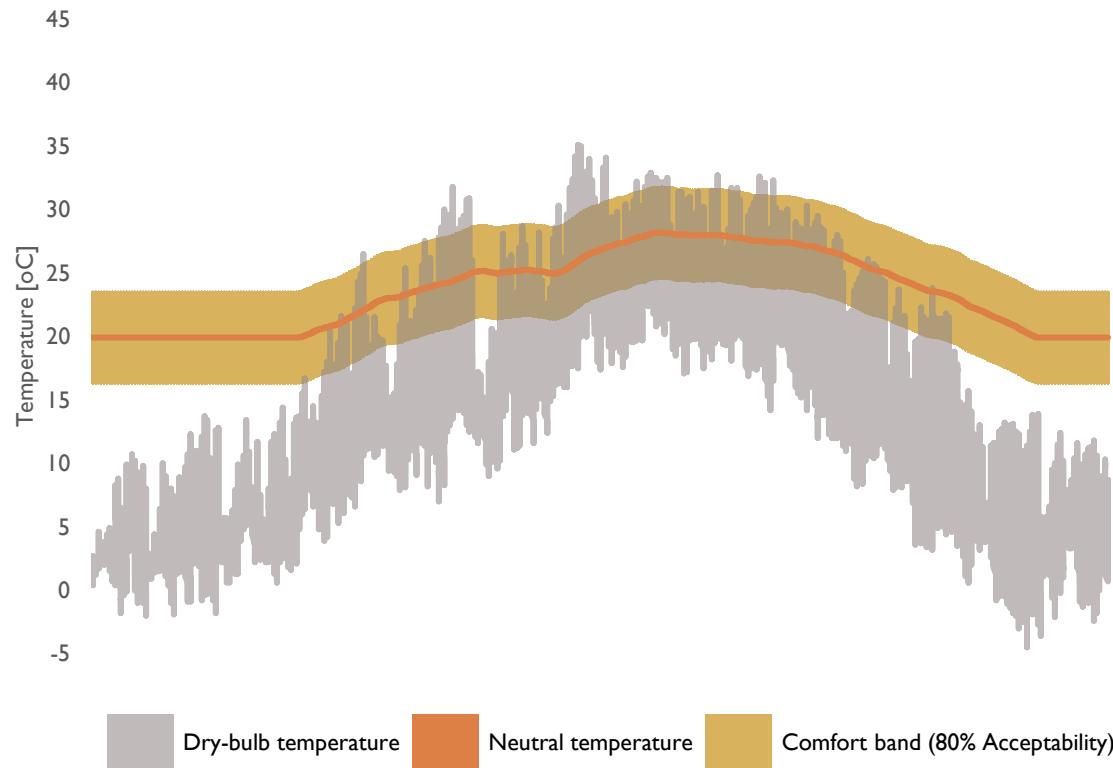
Night-time mean min

Winter period

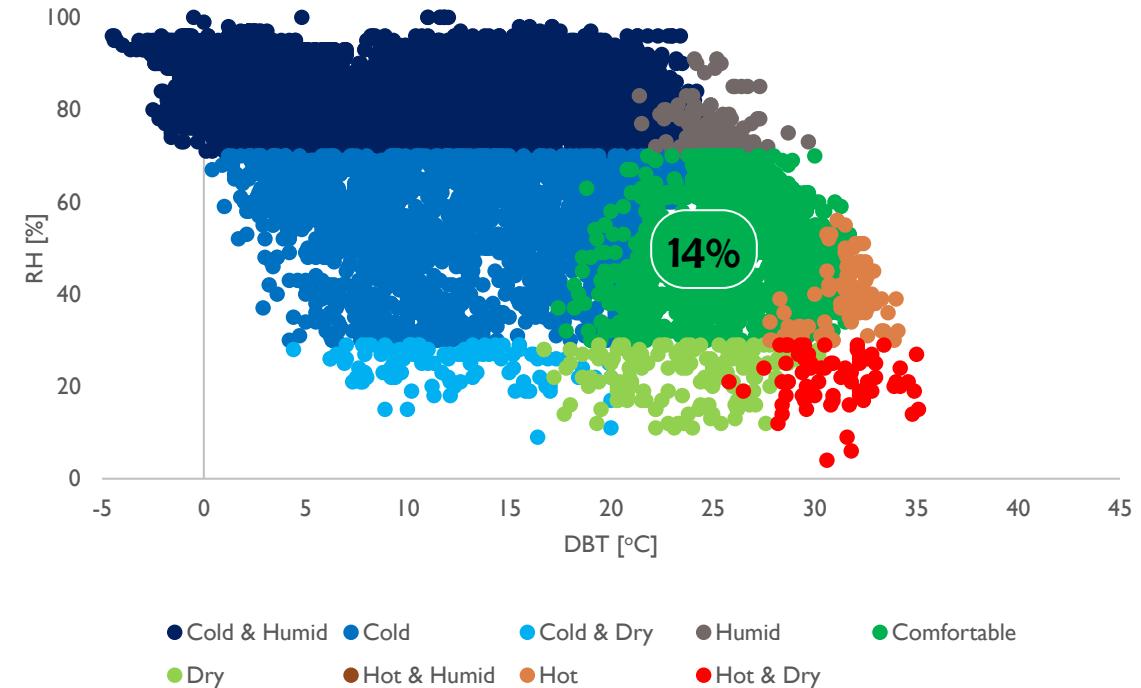
**Note:** Statistics compiled from Srinagar's climate. Assumed Oct – Mar as winter period, and May – Aug summer period.

Cold climate is characterised by harsh winters and mild summers. The diurnal variation in temperatures can exceed 20°C implying that cold discomfort can occur even in warm season.

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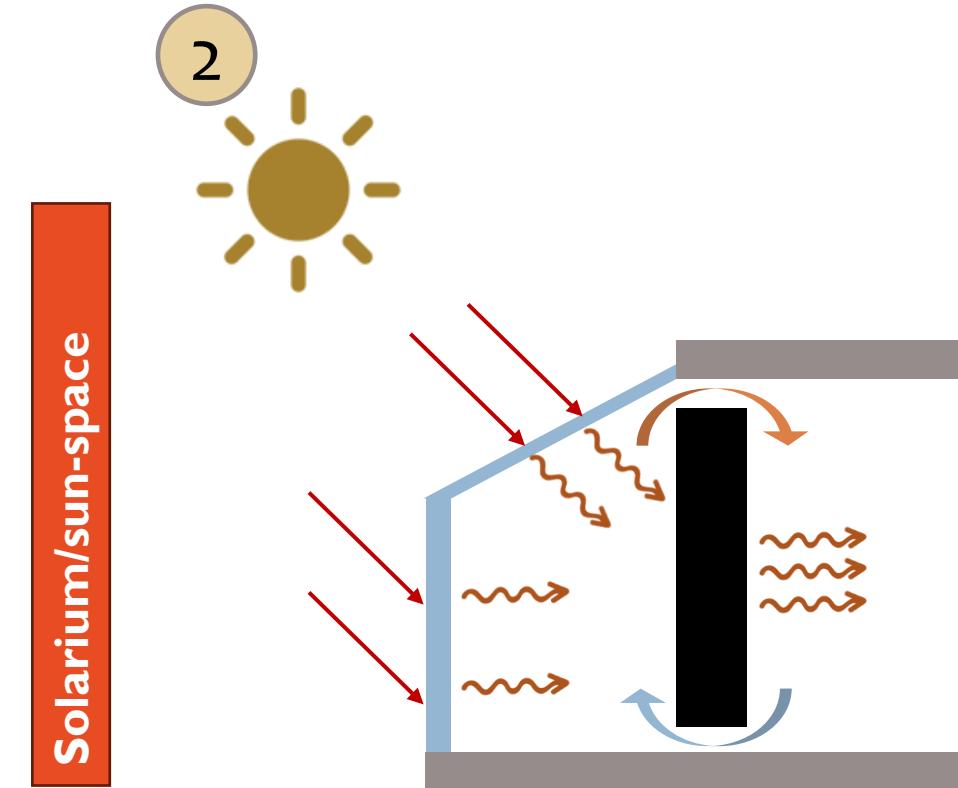
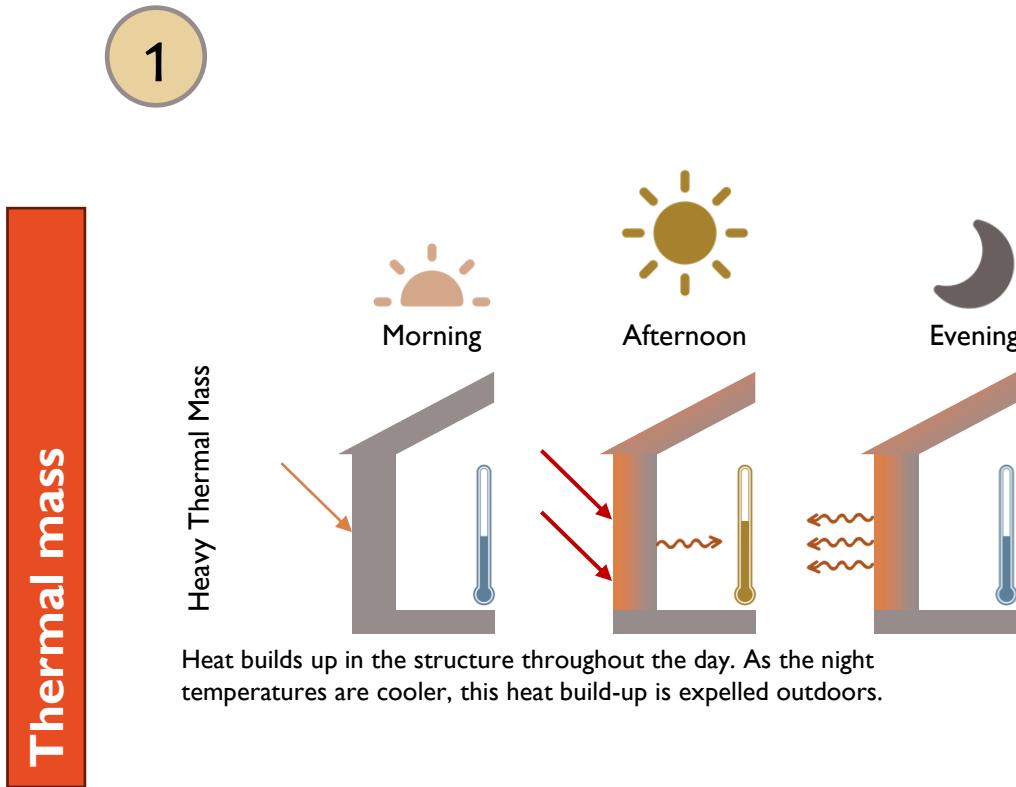


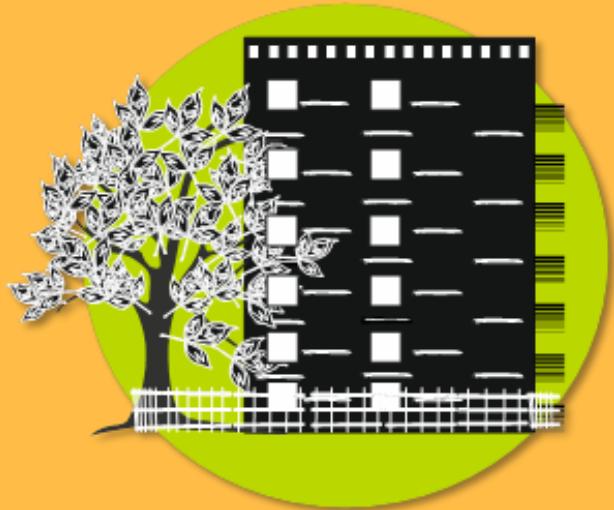
80% acceptability criterion defined by the adaptive comfort model indicates that the comfort band (inclusive of adaptations such as clothing, ceiling fan operation, etc.) lies between 16 and 32°C dry-bulb temperature.



Cold climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 14% hours in a year. In terms of severity, interventions in the built environment are required for cold and cold-humid conditions. While summer discomfort is negligible, care must be taken to avoid direct radiation which can lead to overheating in summers.

# Climatic opportunities





Thanks!