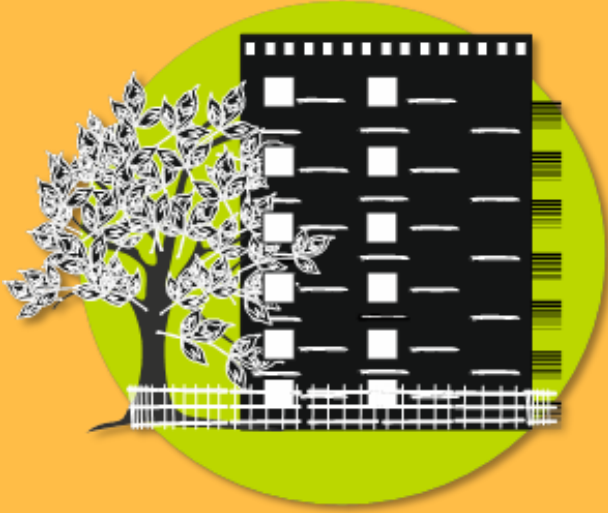




# Session 2 – Understanding Indian Climate

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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.*

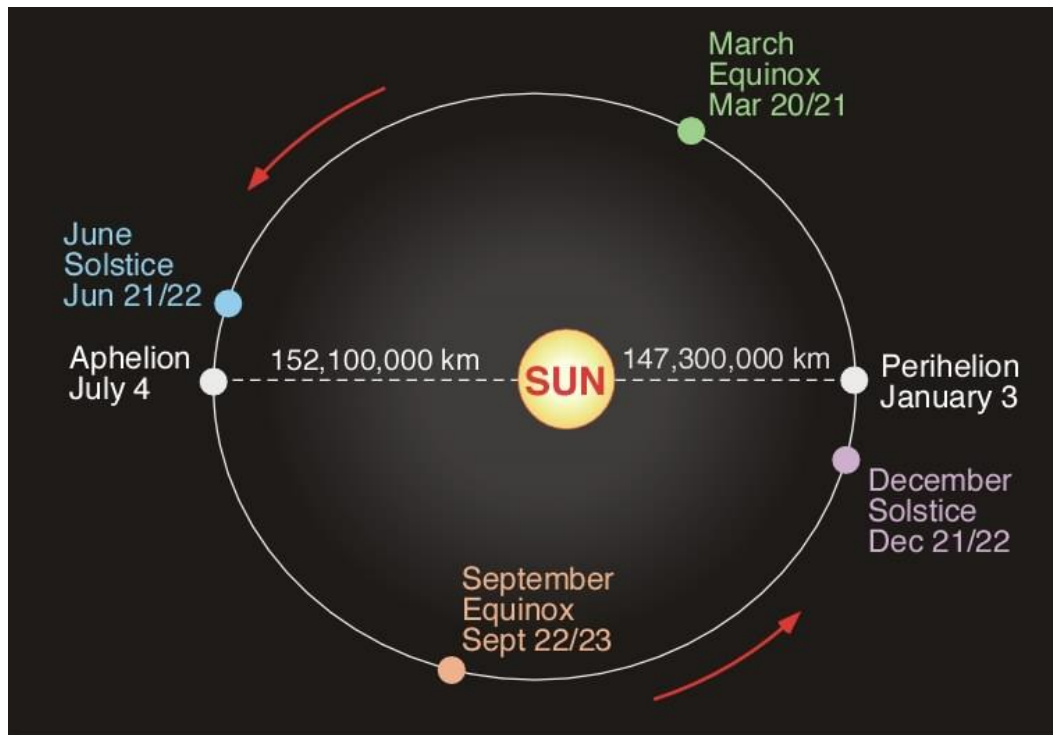
*One type of house seems appropriate for Egypt, another for Spain ... one still different for Rome.*

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

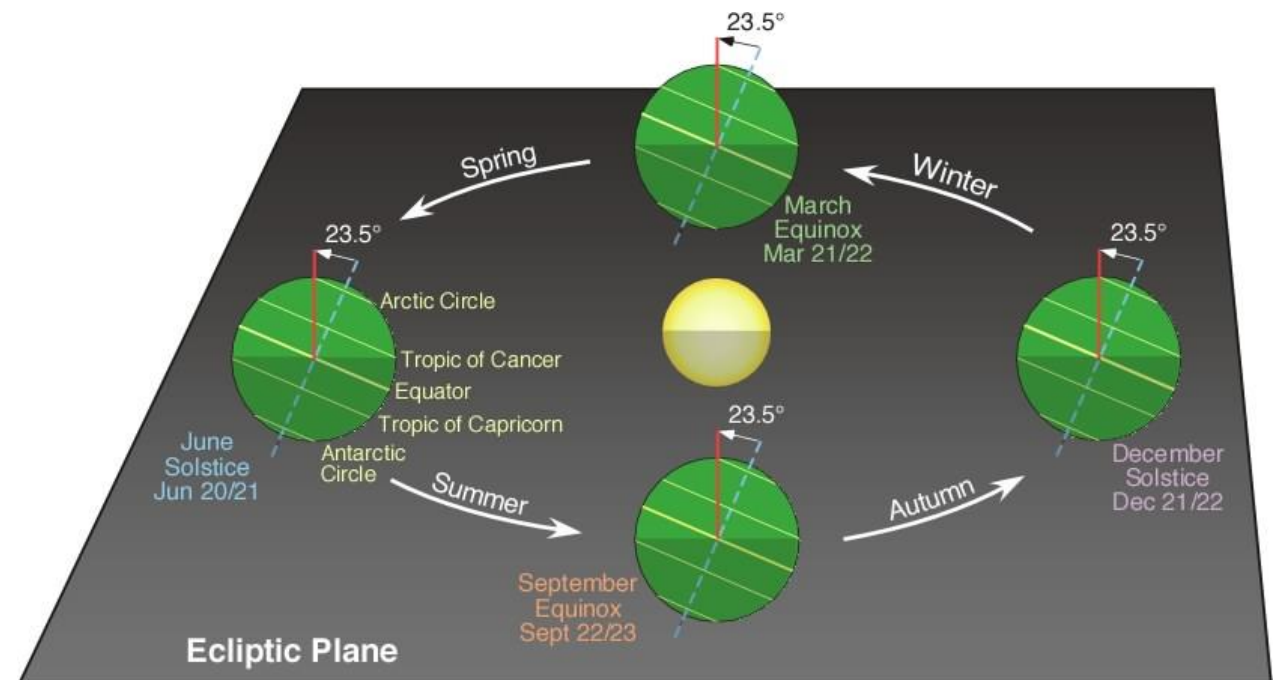
**Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, *De architectura*  
(The Ten Books on Architecture) Architect, I century B.C.**

# Determinants of Climate

## Sun-Earth Relationship



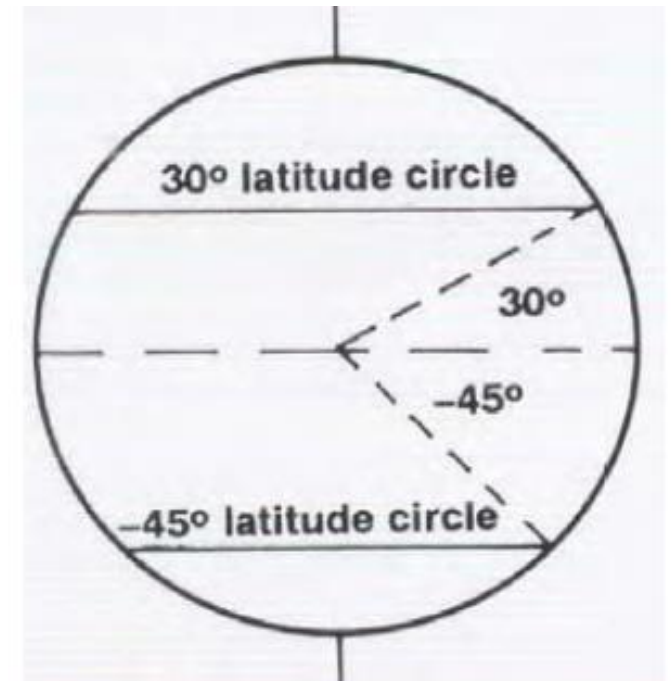
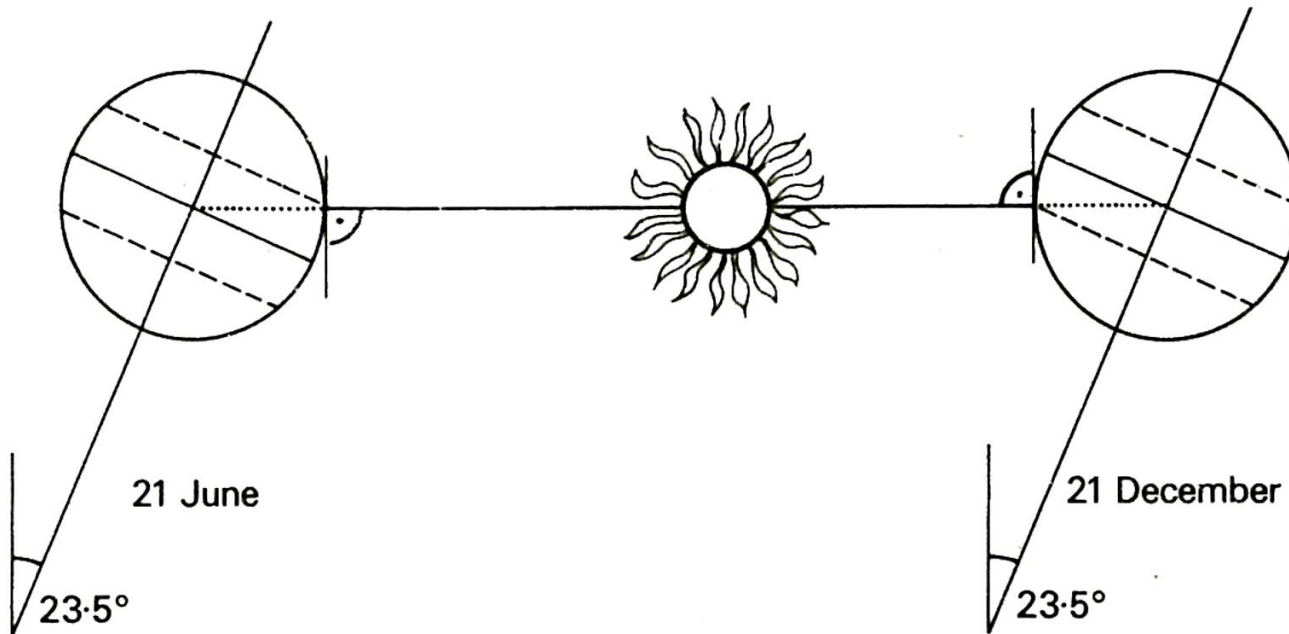
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***klima* (Greek) – slope of earth w.r.t. Sun**

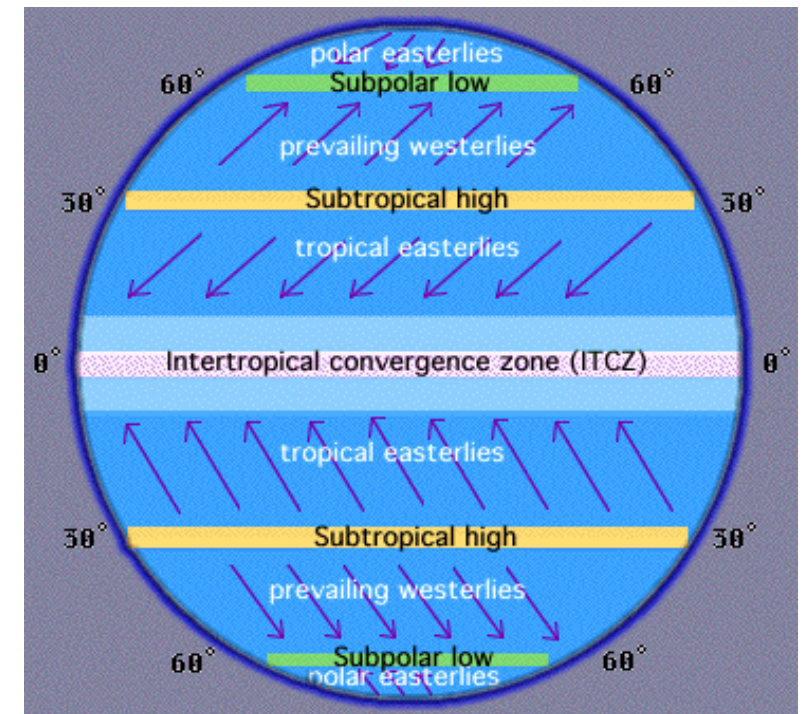
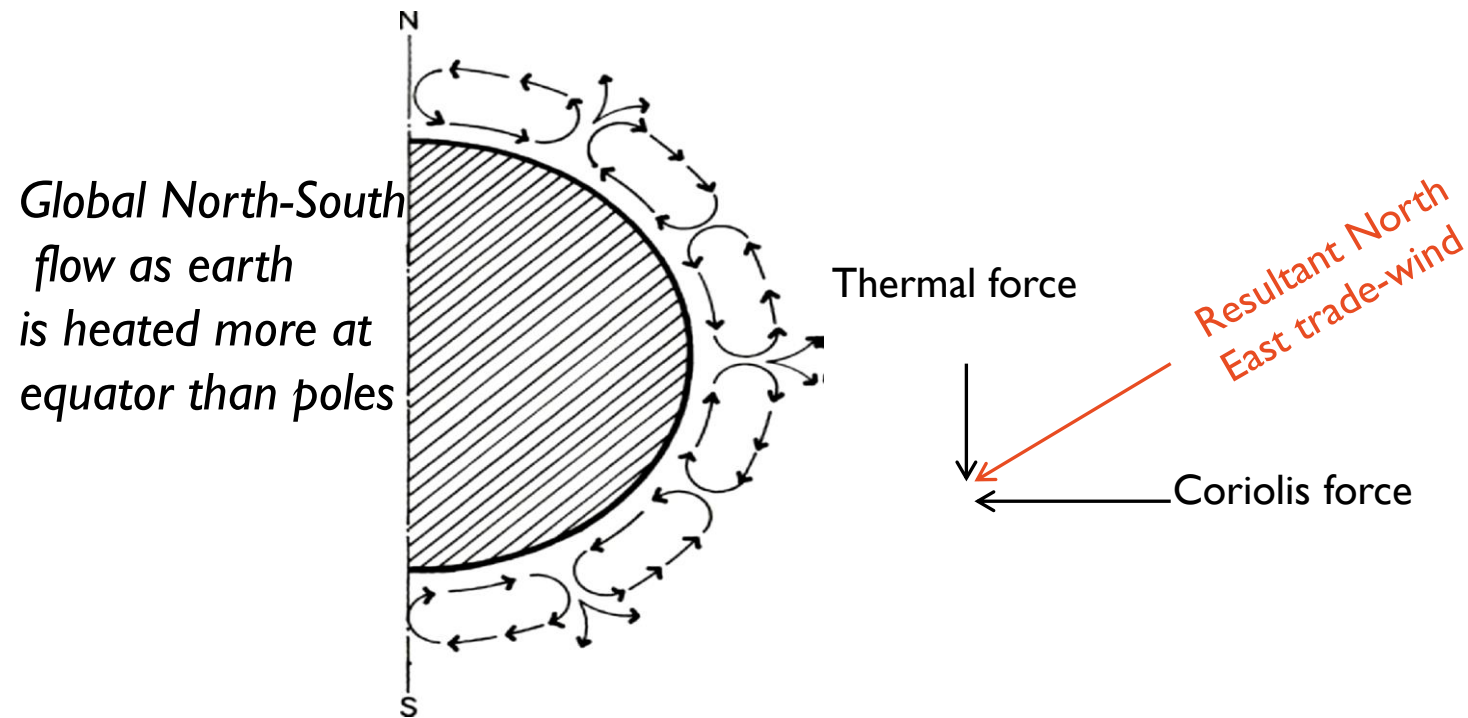
# Determinants of Climate

## Earth's Tilt



# Determinants of Climate

## Radiation & Winds



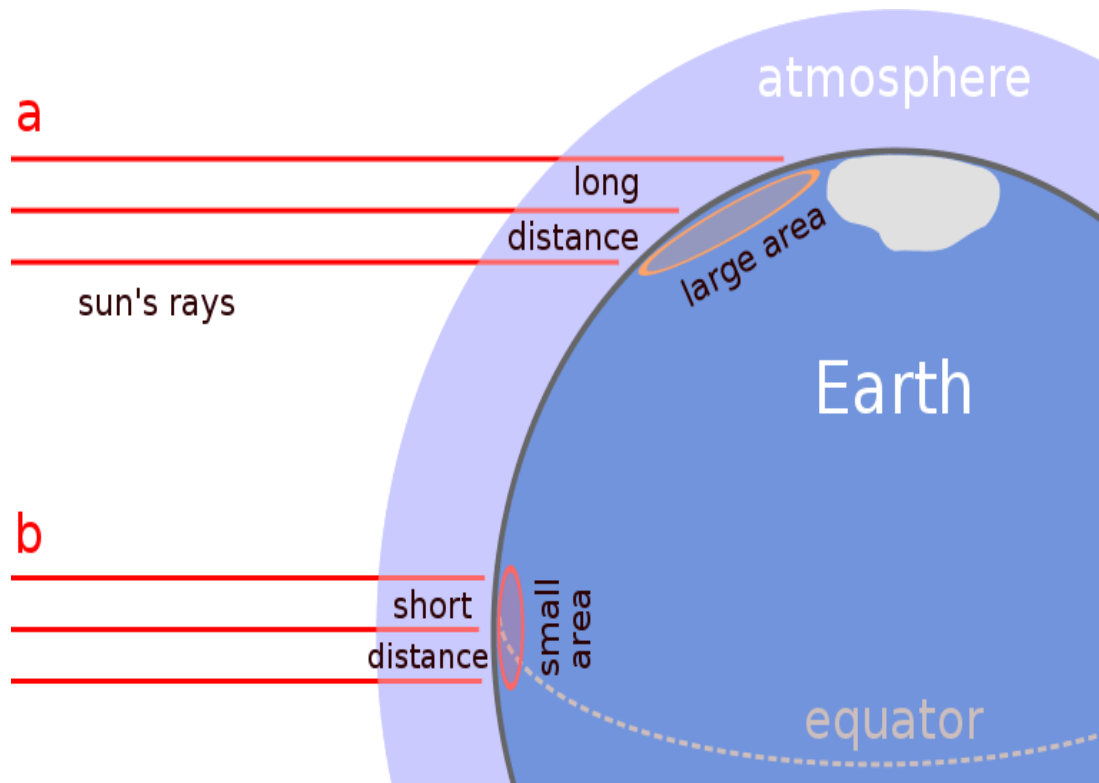
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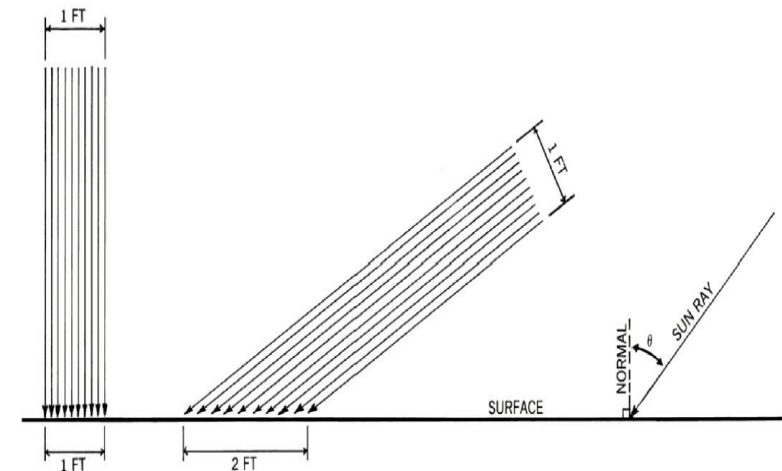
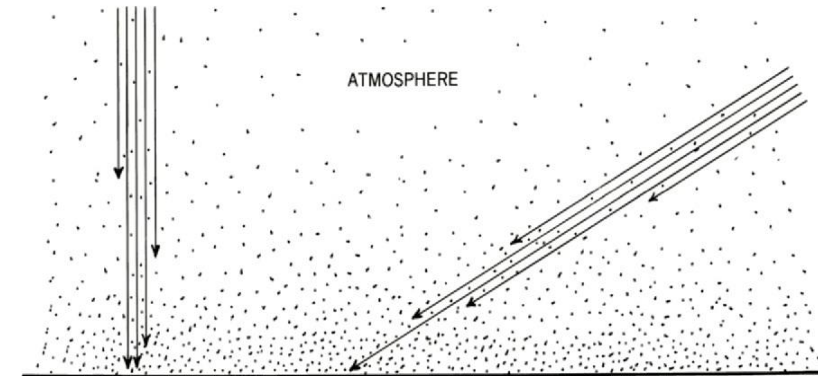


# Determinants of Climate

## Measure of distance from the equator



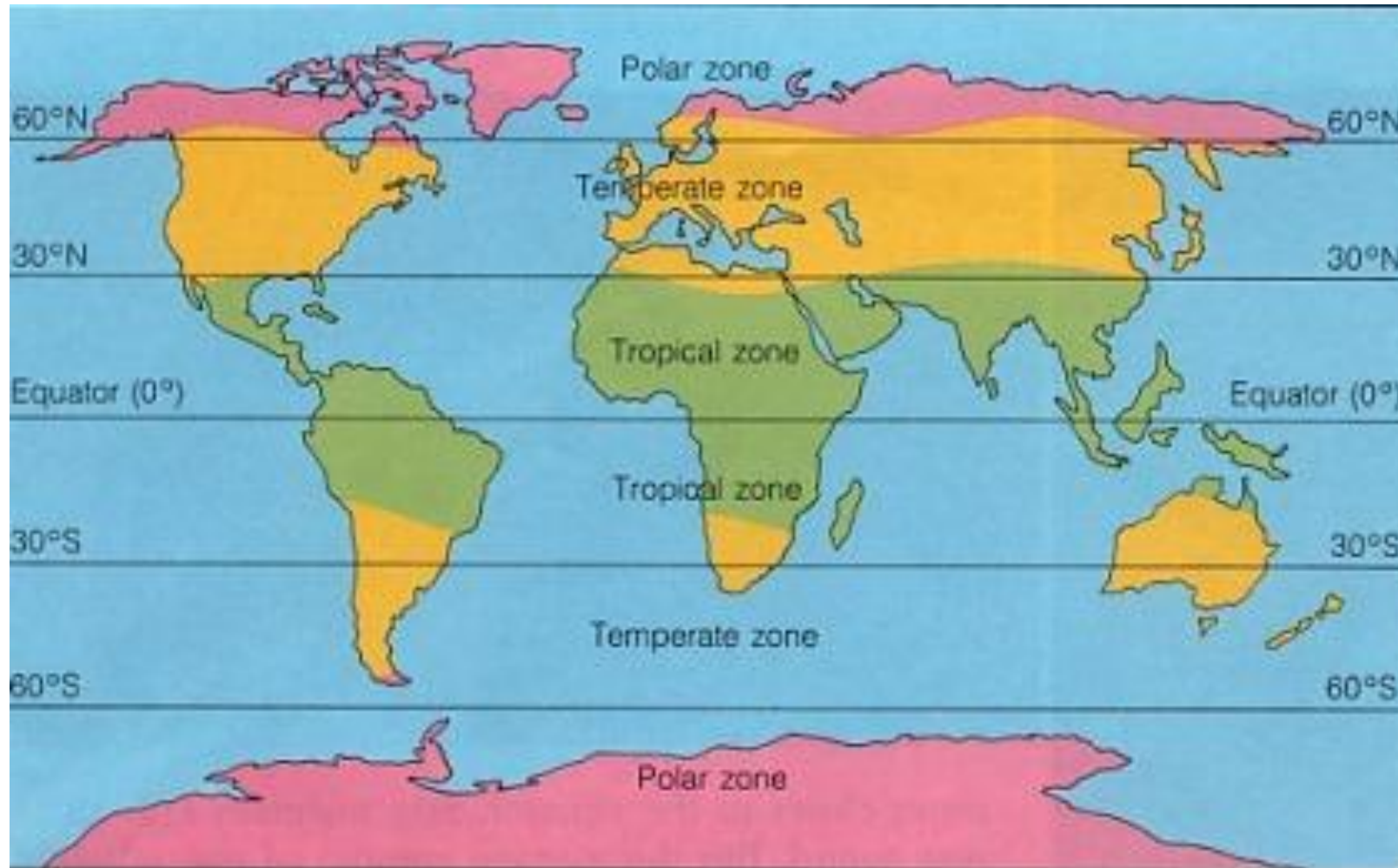
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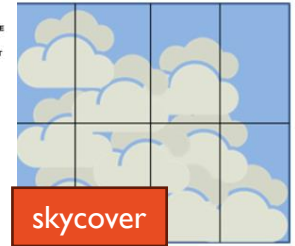
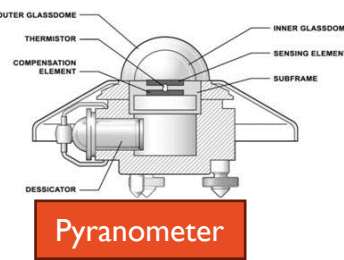
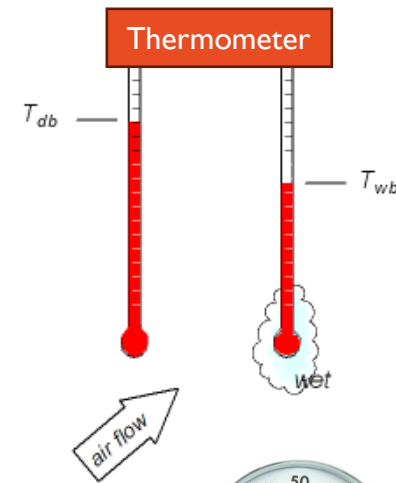
# Determinants of Climate



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# Determinants of Climate

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



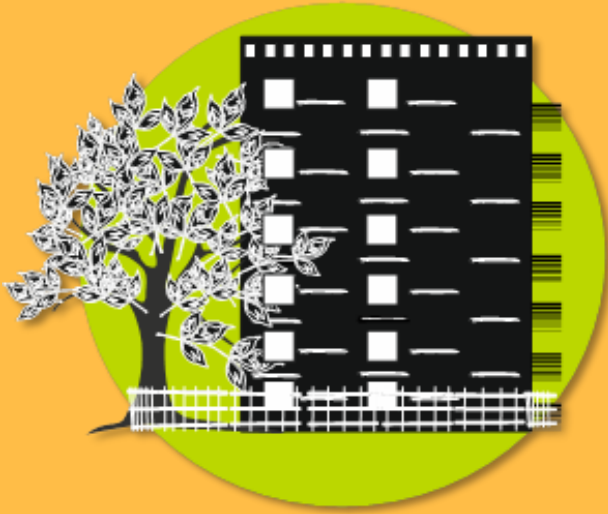


# CLIMATE ≠ WEATHER

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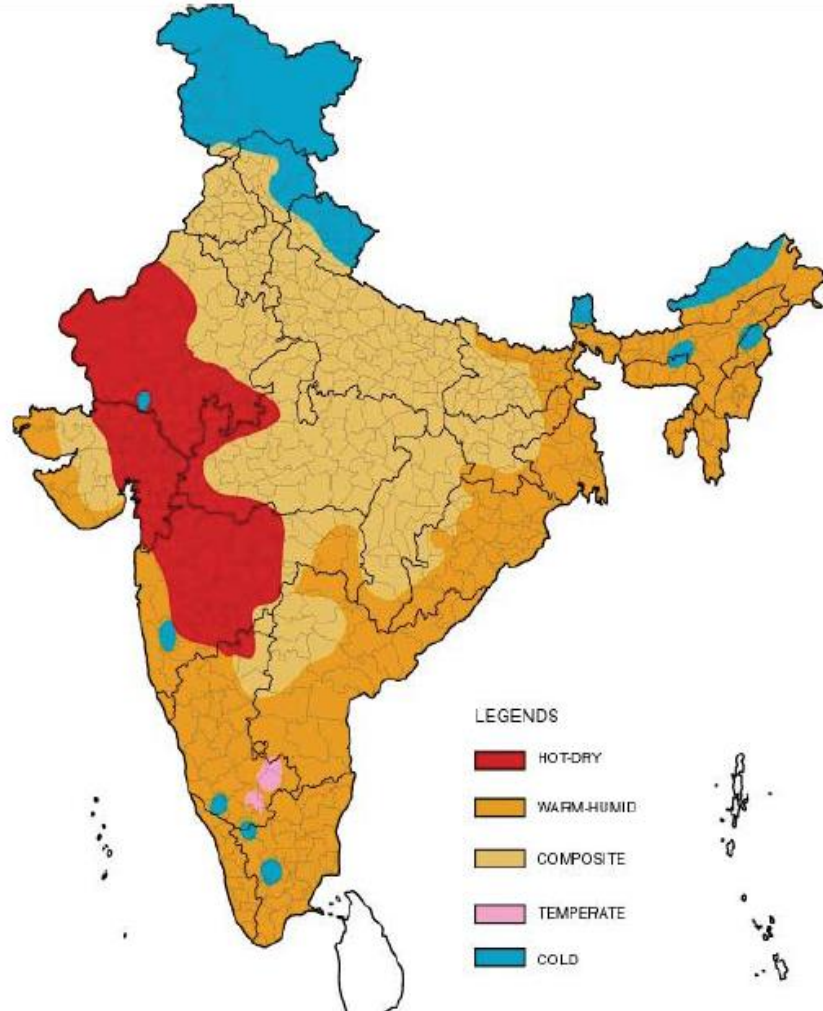
**Table 2 Classification of Climate**  
(Clause 3.2.1)

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	

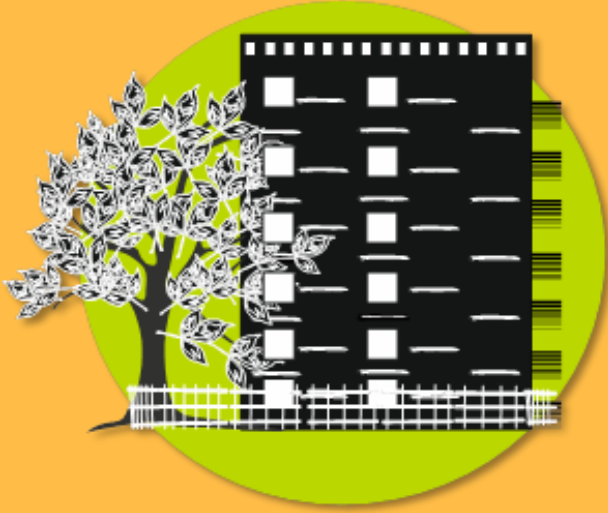
Classification of various climates as per the National Building Code

- 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.

# Climate of India



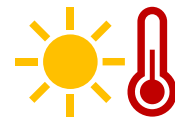
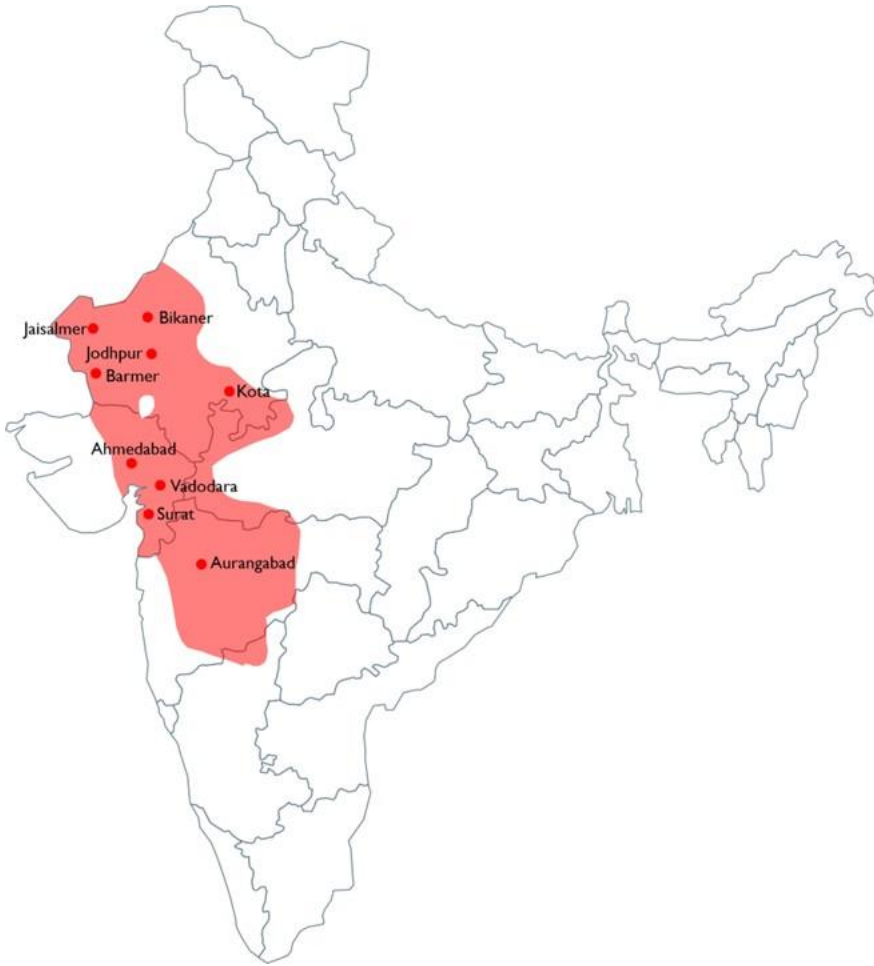
- There are 5 climate zones in India as per NBC
- Each climate zone has its own characteristics
- Building design needs to respond to the climate accordingly



# Understanding Hot-Dry Climate

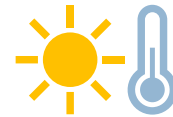


# Seasonal Characteristics



39 - 45°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



27 - 32°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



10 - 55%

Humidity range



24 - 30°C

Night-time mean-min  
temperature range



10 - 18°C

Night-time mean min



50 - 155mm

Annual Precipitation

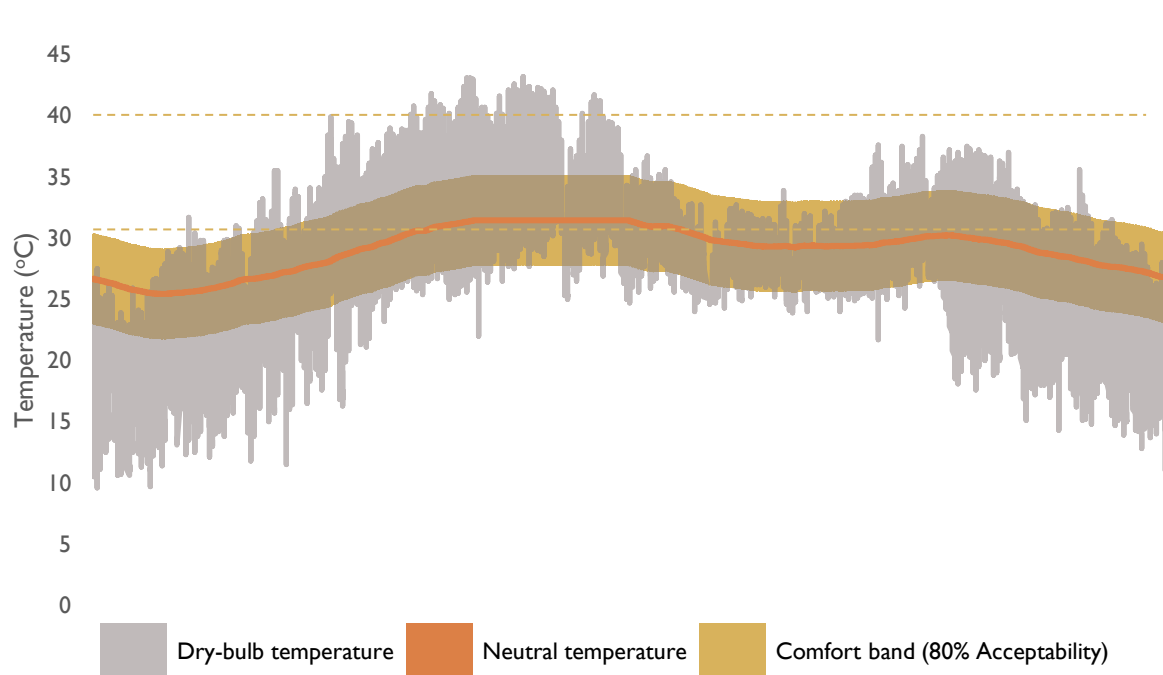
Summer period

Winter period

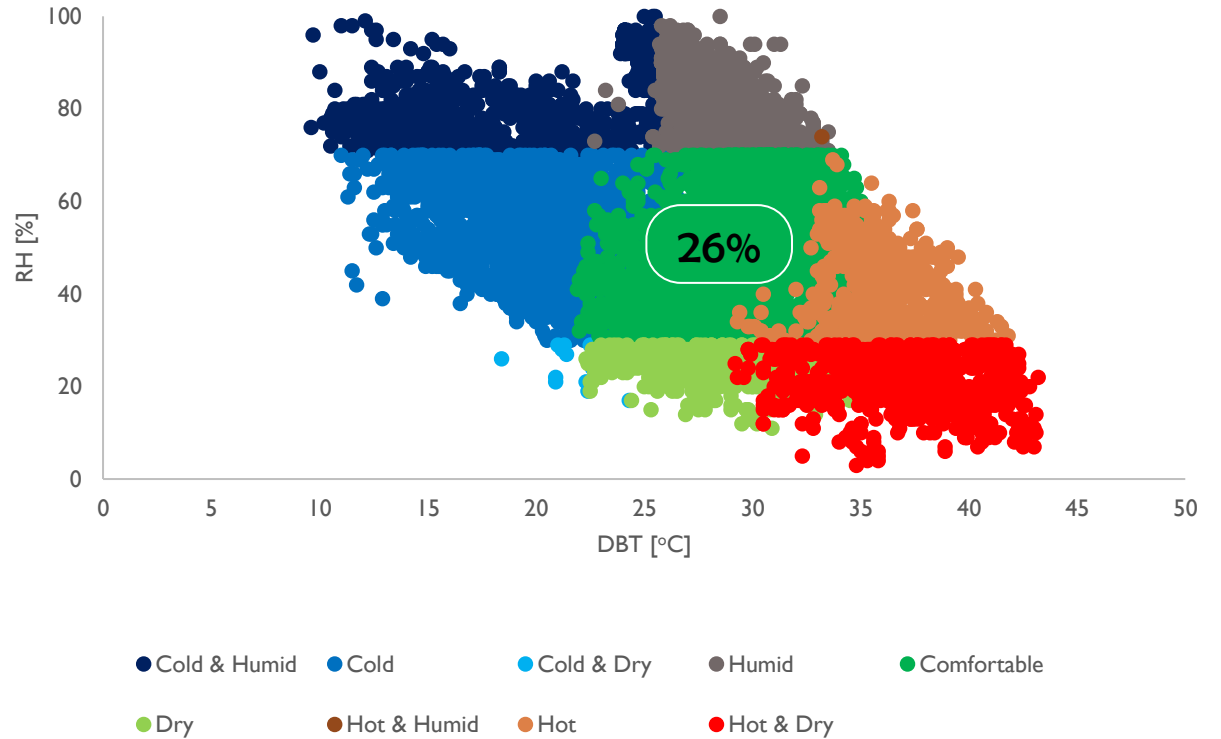
Precipitation

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



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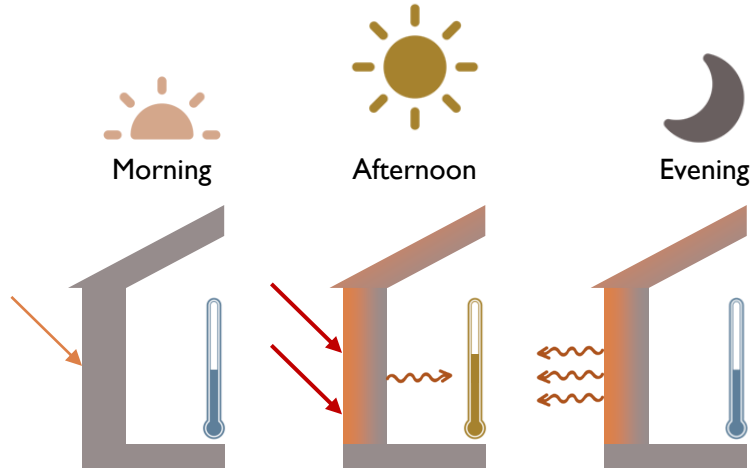
The hot-dry climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 26% hours in a year.

# Climatic opportunities

## Thermal mass

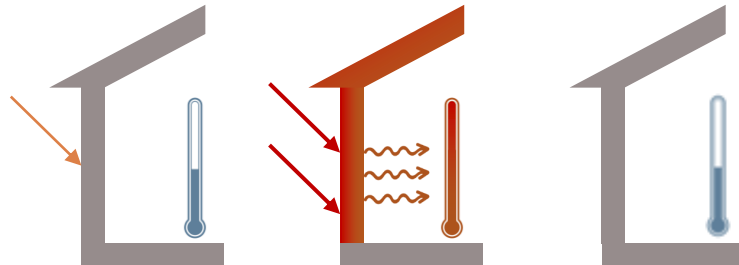
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Heavy Thermal Mass



Heat builds up in the structure throughout the day. As the night temperatures are cooler, this heat build-up is expelled outdoors.

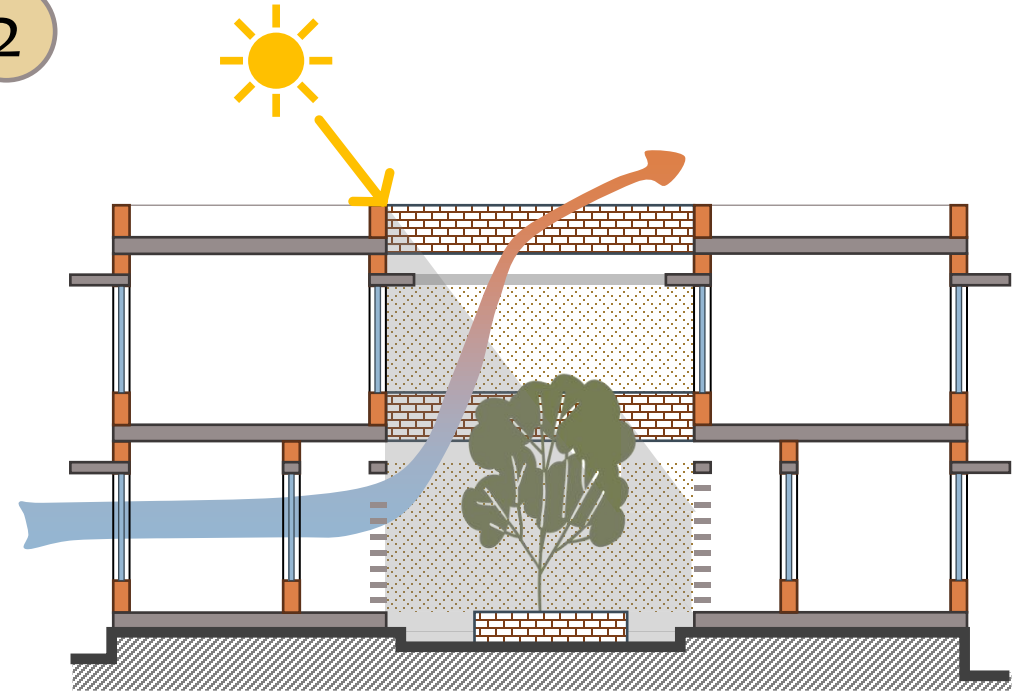
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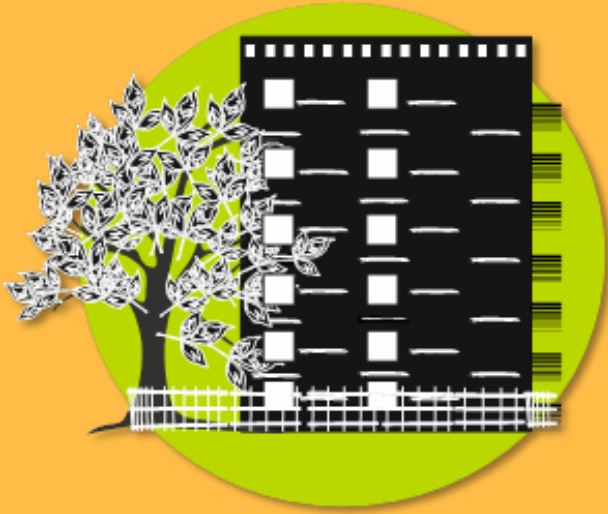
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2

Courtyard cooling



Courtyards get heated during the day, creating a relatively low pressure area. This induces cross ventilation. At night, due to radiative night-sky cooling the airflow reverses with the courtyard providing cooler air.



# 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%

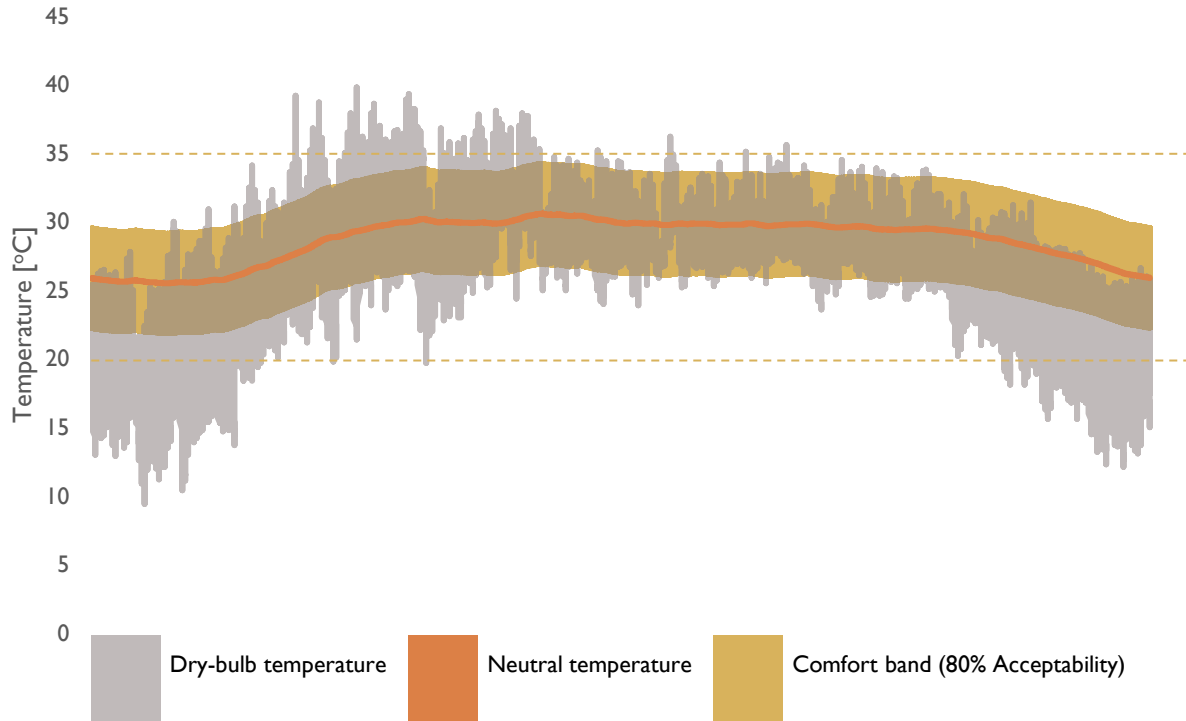
Typical humidity range

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.

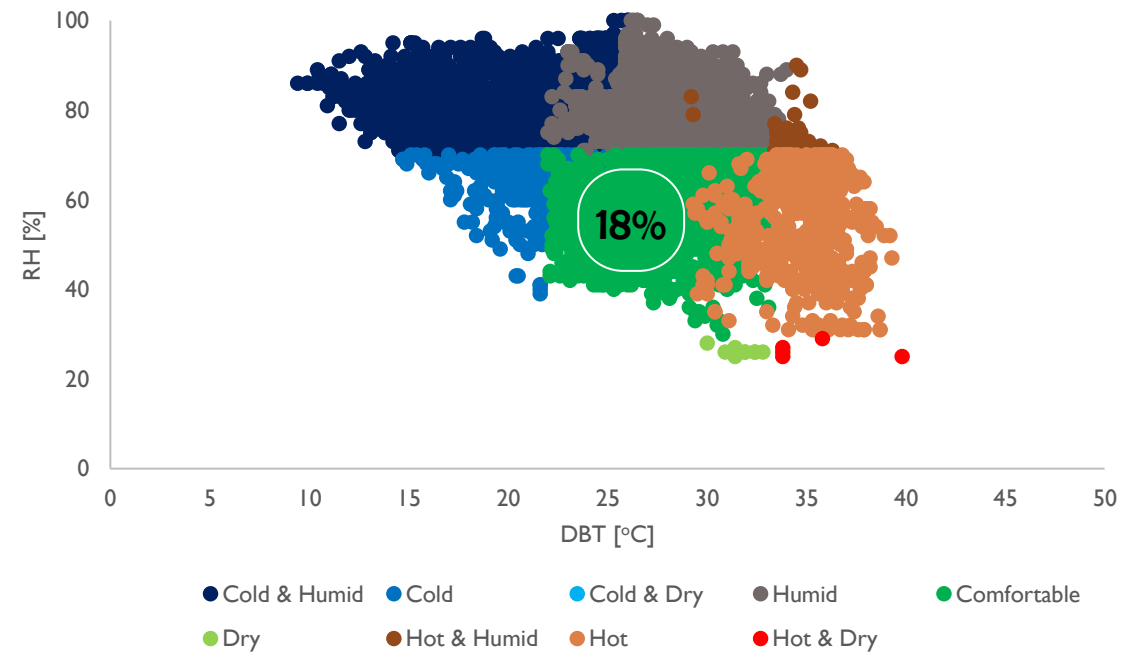


- High humidity affects material durability, leading to mold, rot, and rust.
- Vapor diffusion through building materials can impact occupants' health.
- Selecting materials and using vapor barriers is crucial in design.
- Insects are common in humid climates, impacting ventilation.
- Integrated insect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

# Thermal Comfort Potential



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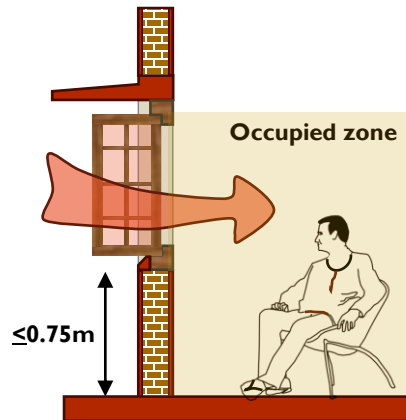


The warm-humid climate can provide comfortable conditions for only about 18% hours in a year. Relative Humidity exceeds 70% for more than 70% of the occupiable hours.

# Climatic opportunities

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## Use Enhanced Ventilation

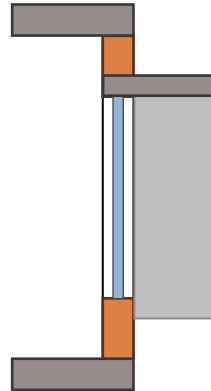


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## Shaded windows and shutters



Vertical shading

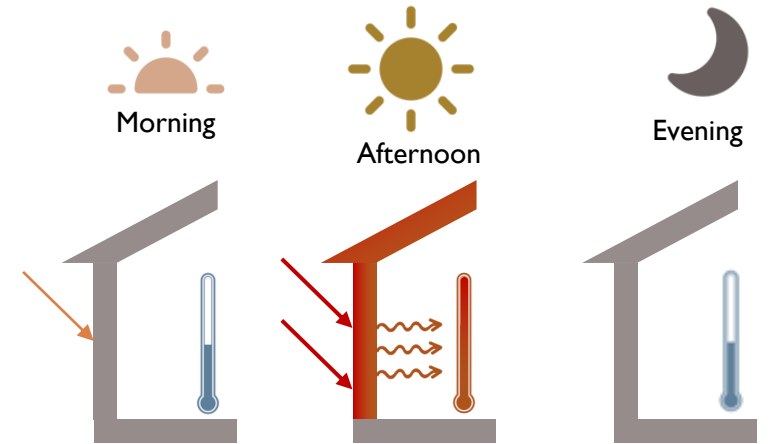


Horizontal shading

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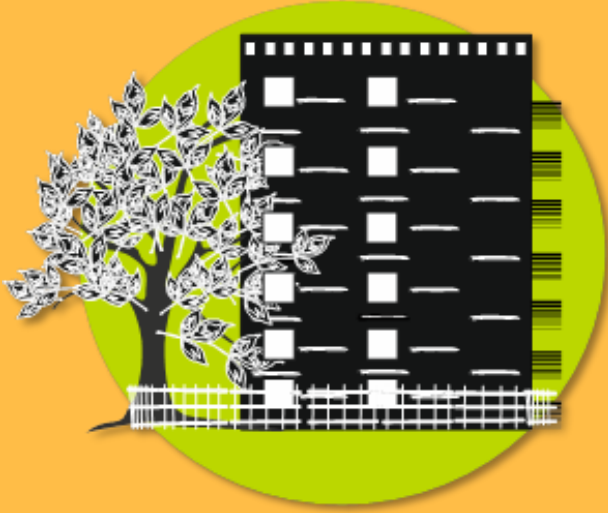
## Thermal mass

Low Thermal Mass



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# Understanding Composite Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics



32 - 43°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



- 27°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



24 - 32°C

Temperature range



21 - 27°C

Night-time mean-min  
temperature range



4 - 10°C

Night-time mean min



55 - 100%

Night-time mean min

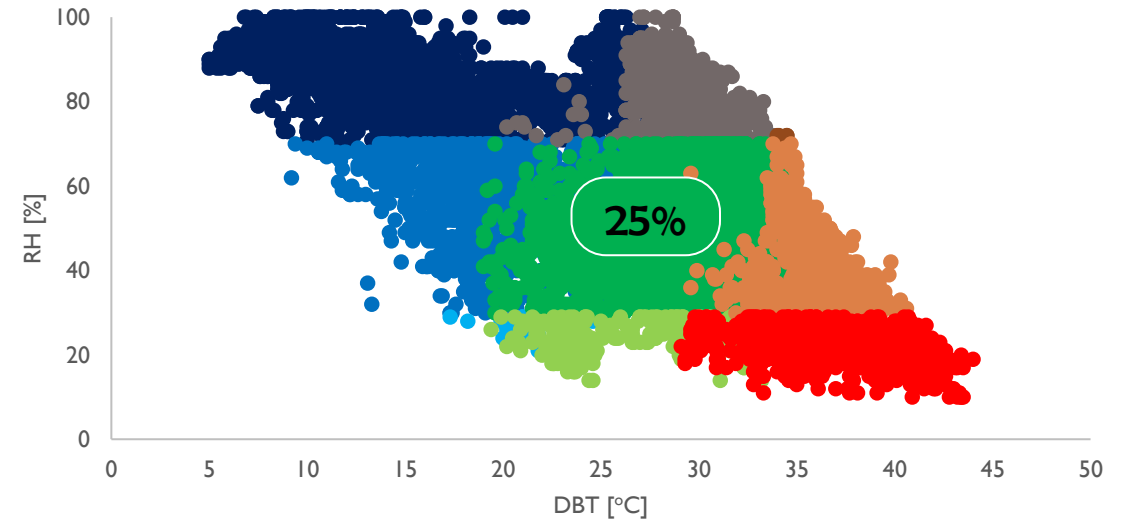
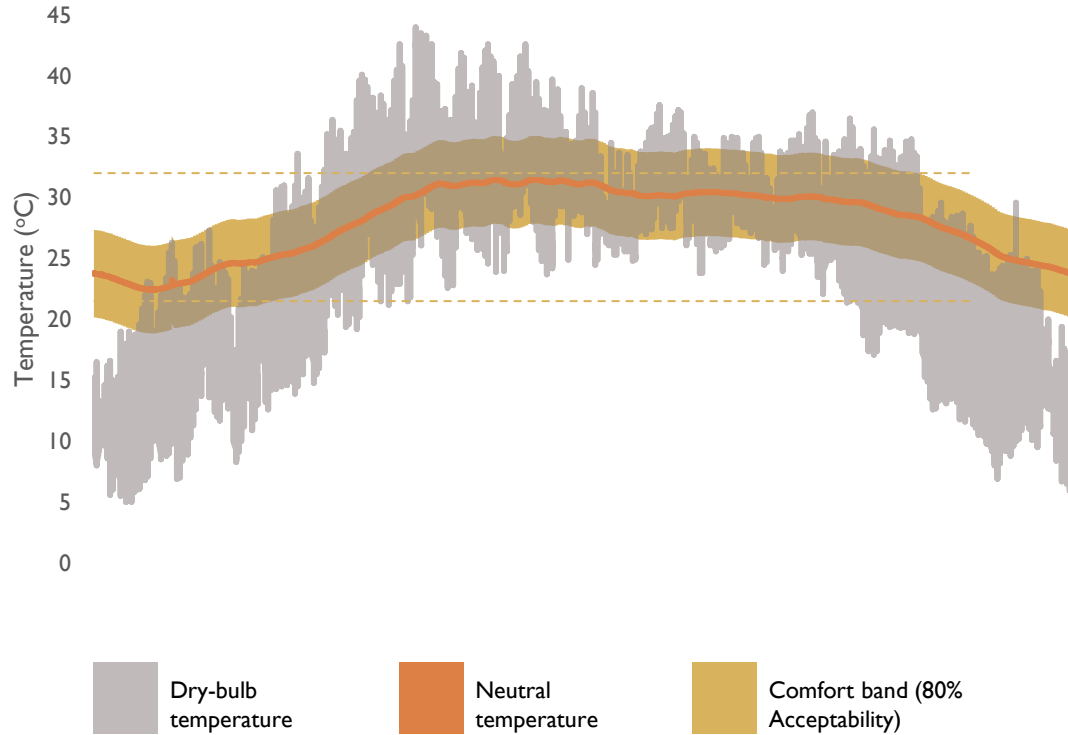
Summer period

Winter period

Monsoon period

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



● Cold & Humid   ● Cold   ● Cold & Dry   ● Humid   ● Comfortable  
● Dry   ● Hot & Humid   ● Hot   ● Hot & Dry

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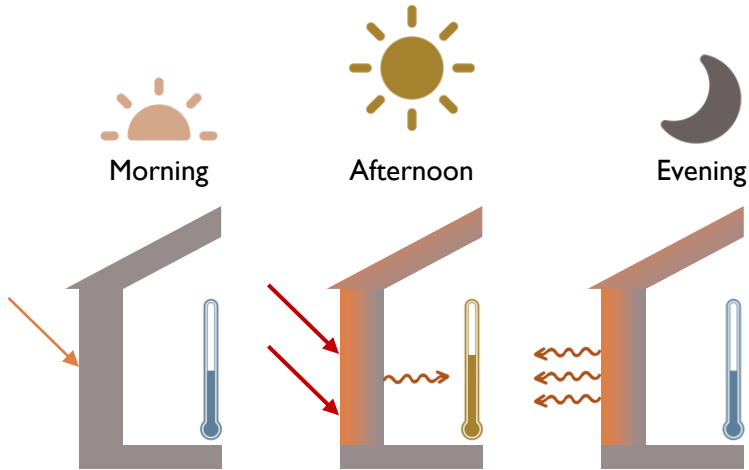
The composite climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 25% hours in a year. In terms of severity, interventions in the built environment are required for hot-dry, hot, cold and cold-humid conditions.

# Climatic opportunities

## Thermal mass

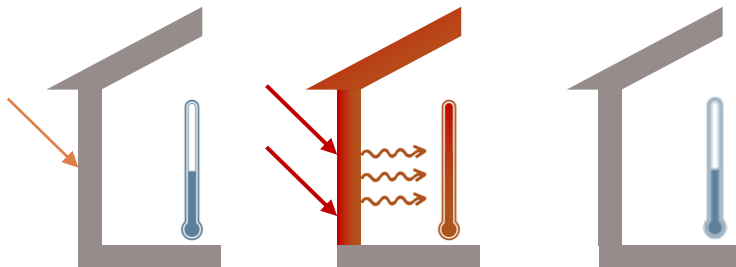
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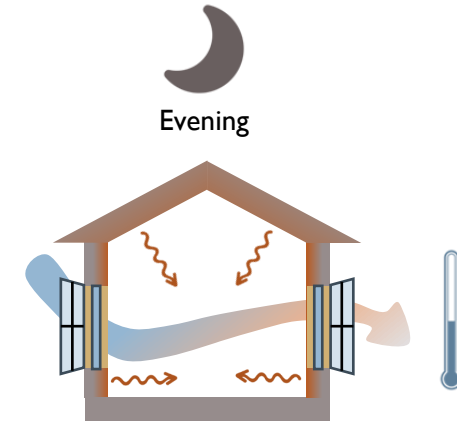


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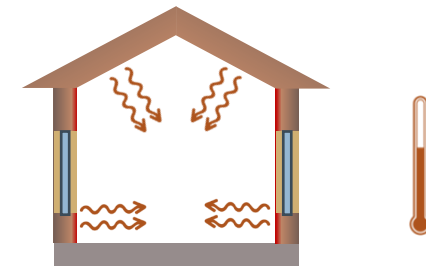
## Night-time ventilation

Windows open

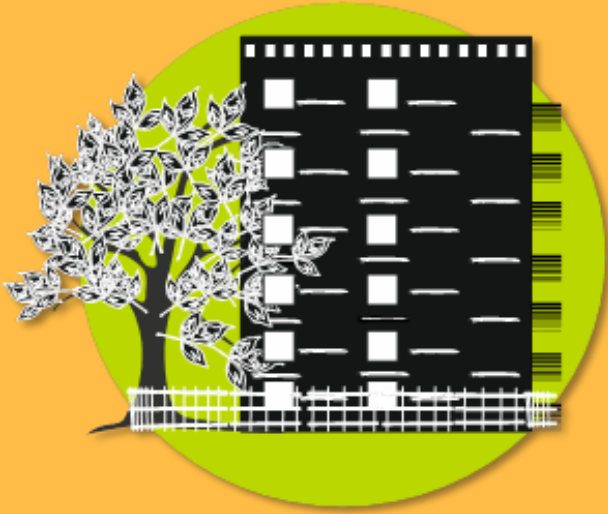


Heat accumulated indoors through the day can be carried away by cooler night-time air. Mechanical fans can aid effectiveness of heat exchange.

Windows closed

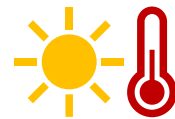


Closed windows and limited ventilation mean that heat accumulated during day-time stays trapped for longer.



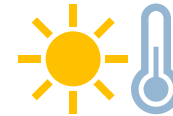
# Understanding Temperate Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics



28 - 37°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



26 - 34°C

Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



18 - 31°C

Daily Temperature range



24 - 33°C

Night-time mean-min  
temperature range



13 - 27°C

Night-time mean min  
temperature range



30 - 68%

Average monthly humidity  
range

**Summer period**

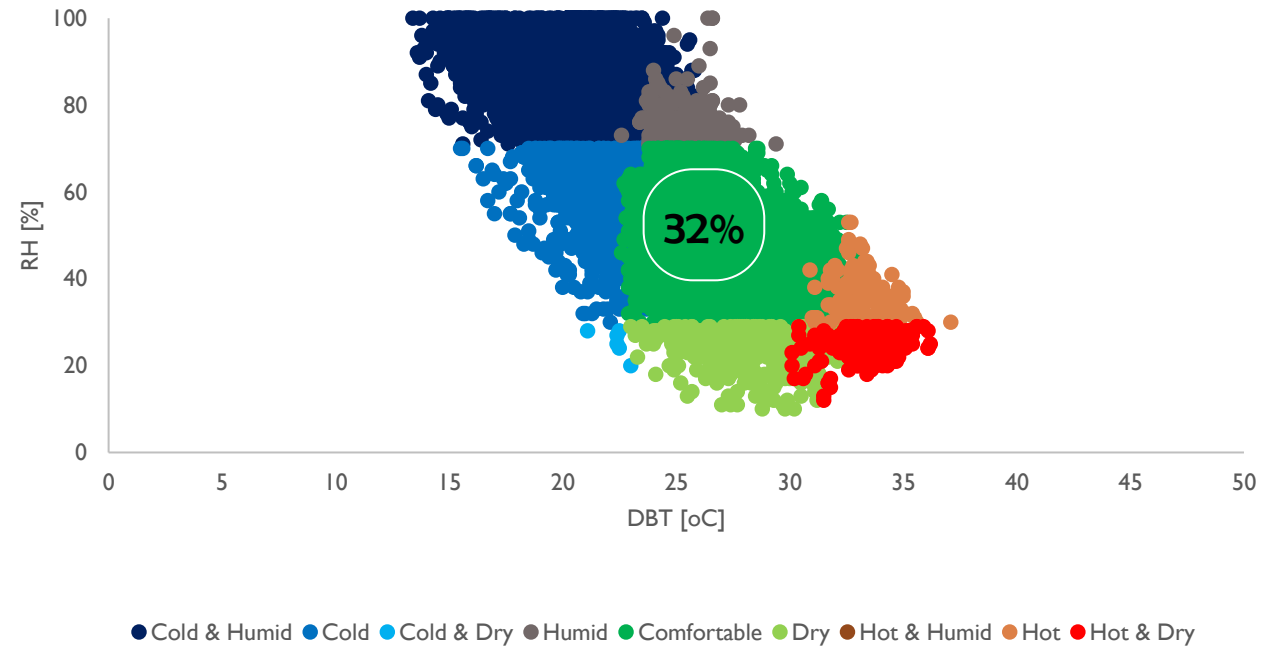
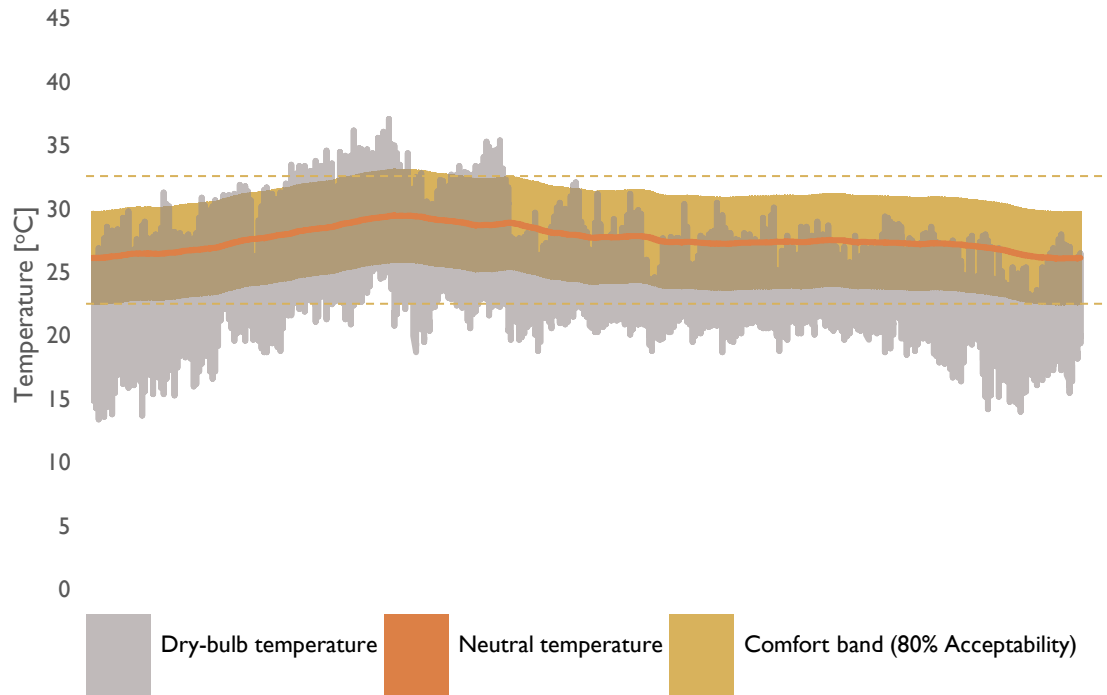
**Winter period**

**Monsoon period**

**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.

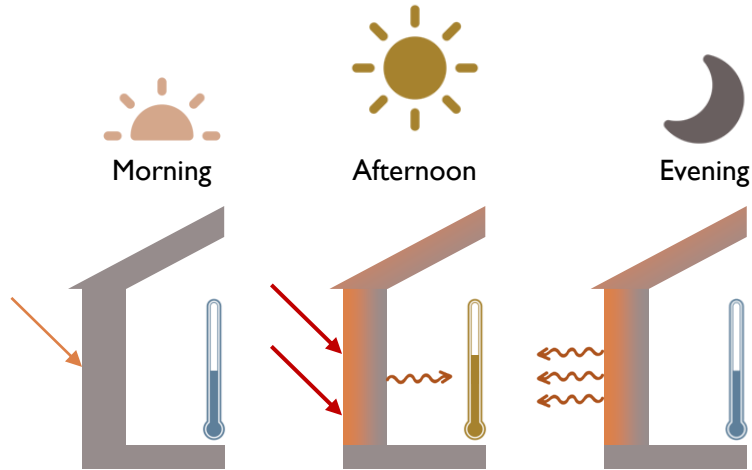


# Climatic opportunities

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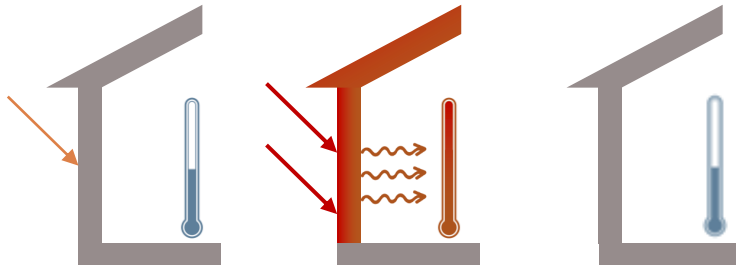
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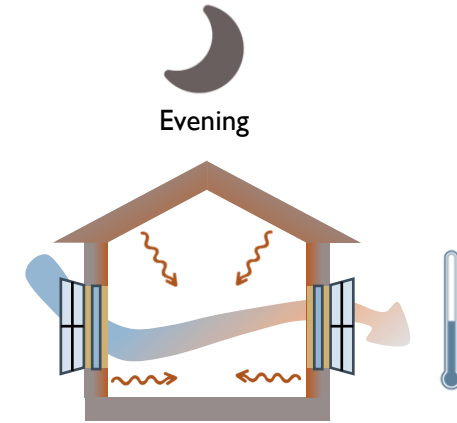


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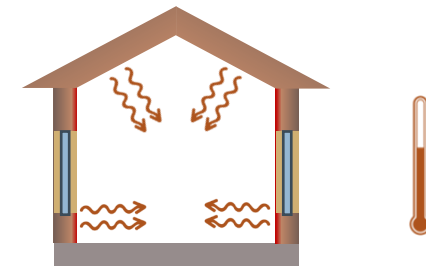
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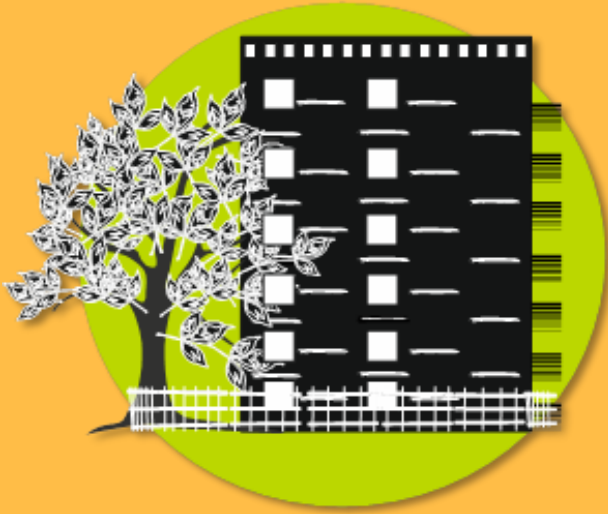


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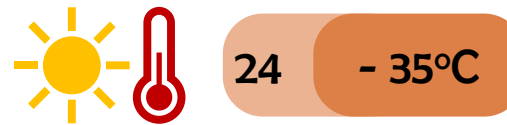
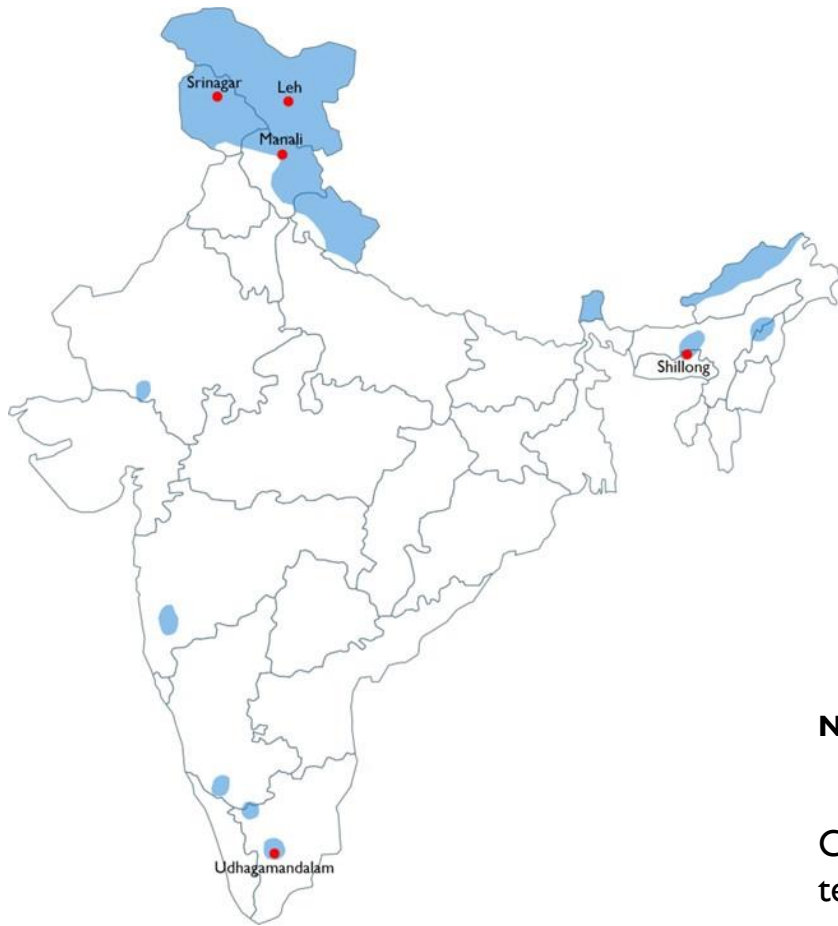


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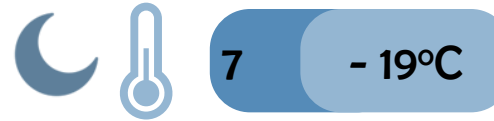


# Understanding Cold Climate

# Seasonal Characteristics



Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



Night-time mean-min  
temperature range

**Summer period**



Day-time mean-max  
temperature range



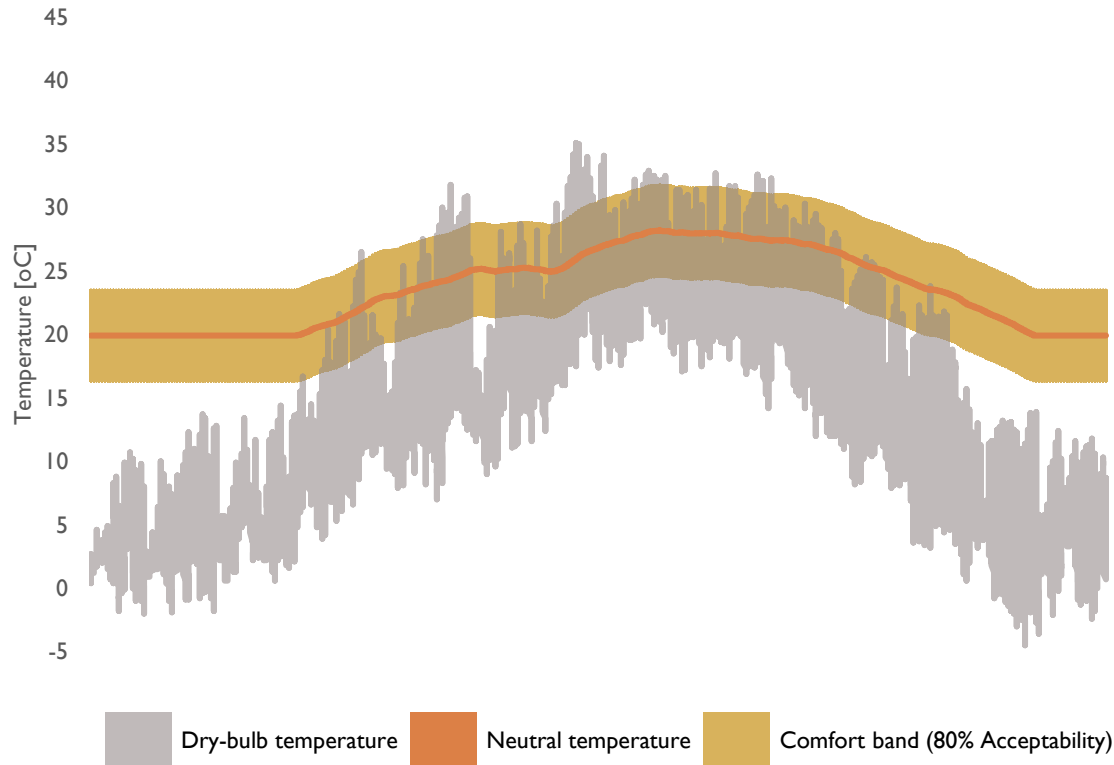
Night-time mean min

**Winter period**

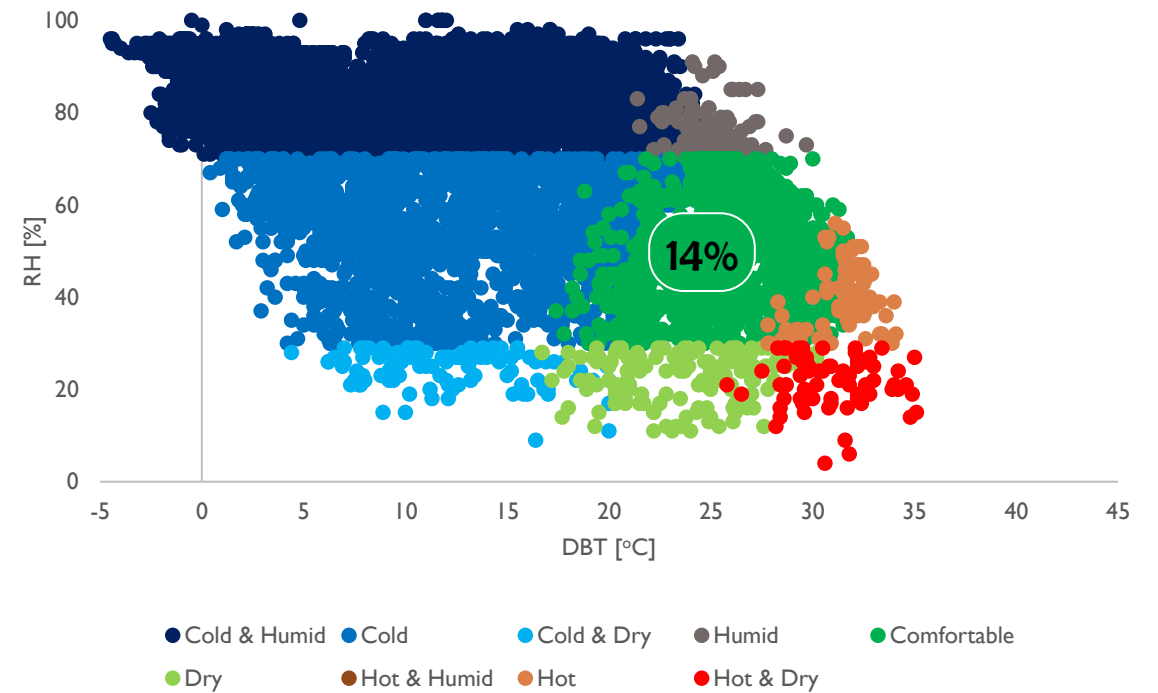
**Note:** Statistics compiled from Srinagar's climate. Assumed Oct – Mar as winter period, and May – Aug summer period.

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.

# Thermal Comfort Potential



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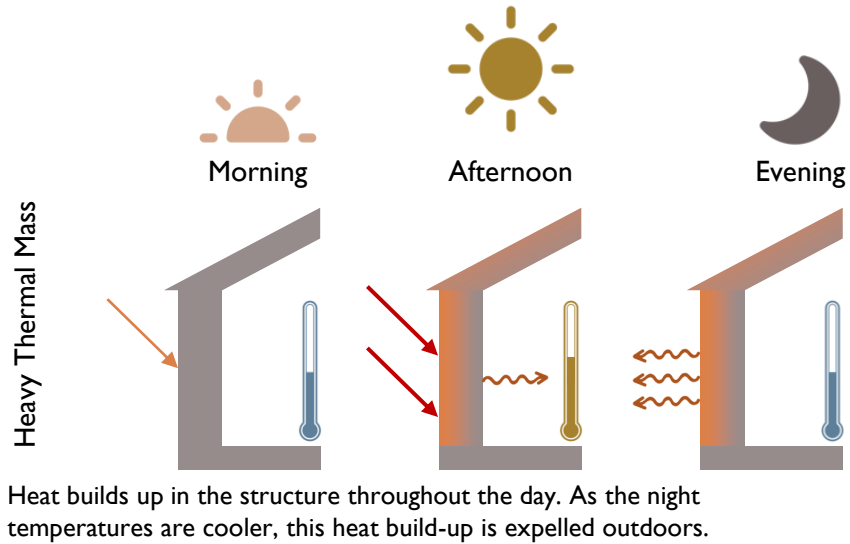


Cold climate can provide comfortable conditions for about 14% hours in a year. In terms of severity, interventions in the built environment are required for cold and cold-humid conditions. While summer discomfort is negligible, care must be taken to avoid direct radiation which can lead to overheating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

# Climatic opportunities

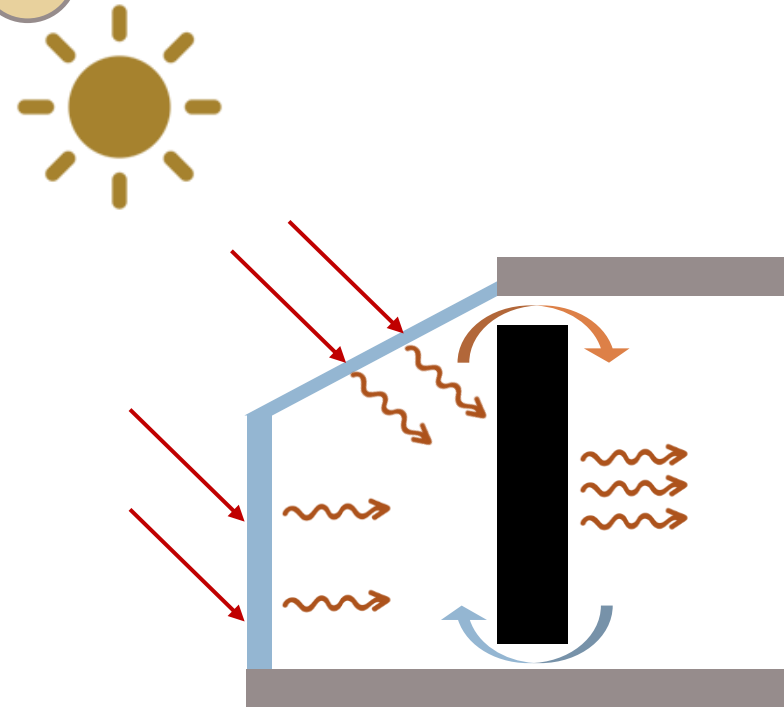
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## Thermal mass



2

## Solarium/sun-space





# Thanks!