

Innovative Construction Technologies & Thermal Comfort for Affordable Housing

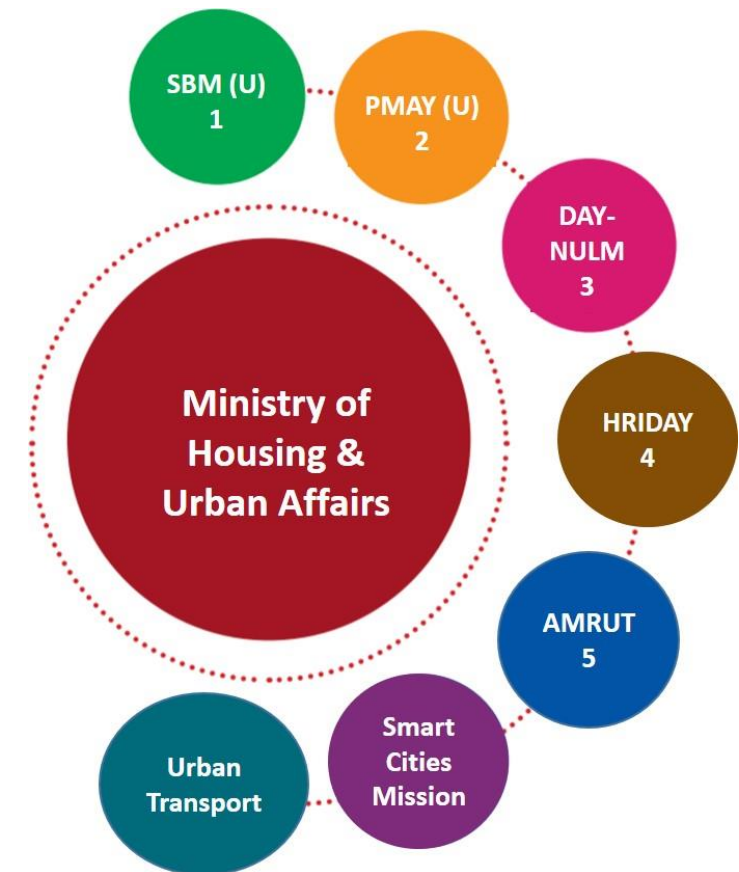


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INTRODUCTION – MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS (MoHUA)

- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** is the supreme authority of the Government of India to formulate and monitor all the programmes concerning the housing and urban development of the country.
- **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** through its flagship mission **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Urban (PMAY-U)** ensures a pucca house to all eligible urban households.
- PMAY-U aims to achieve Urban Development through Transformation, Innovation and Sustainable Inclusions.



INTRODUCTION- GLOBAL HOUSING TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE (GHTC-INDIA)

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India has conceptualized a Global Housing Technology Challenge - India (GHTC- India).
- To identify and mainstream a basket of innovative technologies from across the globe that are sustainable and disaster-resilient.
- Such technologies would be cost effective, speedier and ensure a higher quality of construction of houses, meeting diverse geo-climatic conditions and desired functional needs.
- A Technology Sub-Mission (TSM) has been set up.

EVENTS OF GLOBAL HOUSING TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE (GHTC-INDIA)



Construction Technology India (CTI) - 2019

Expo-cum-Conference, on
2nd to 3rd March 2019,
Vigyan Bhawan, New
Delhi.



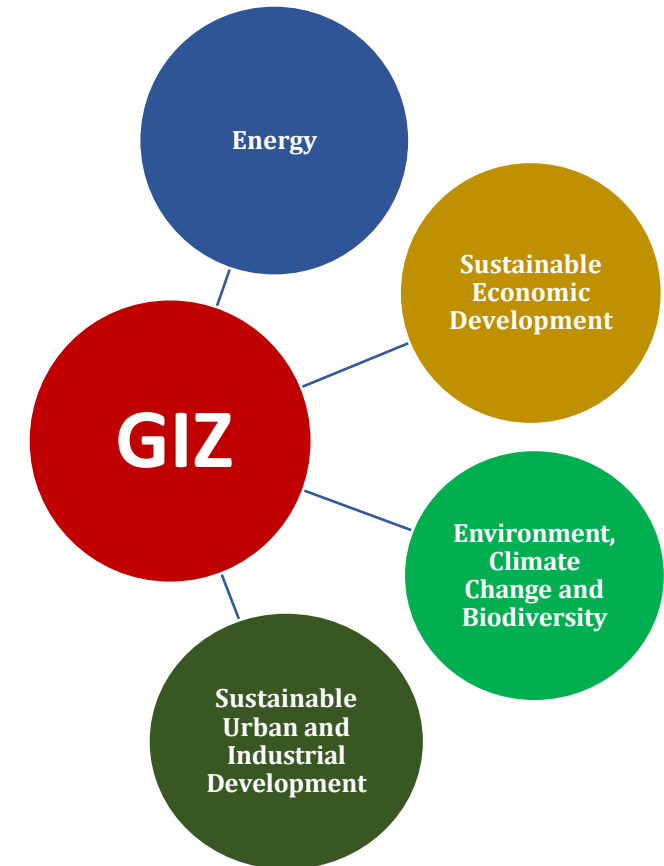
Indian Housing
Technology Mela
(IHTM) on 5th to 7th
October 2021 in
Lucknow, Uttar
Pradesh.



Indian Urban
Housing Conclave
(IUHC)-2022,
on 19th to 21st October
2022, at Rajkot Gujarat.

INTRODUCTION – GIZ AND IGEN (INDO GERMAN ENERGY PROGRAM)

- GIZ is an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development which operates worldwide, on a public benefit basis.
- For over 60 Years, **GIZ** has been working jointly with the partners in India for sustainable economic, ecological, and social development.
- The Government of the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany under the Indo-German Technical Cooperation, agreed to jointly promote the “Indo-German Energy Programme” (**IGEN**) with the aim to foster sustainability in the built environment through GIZ.

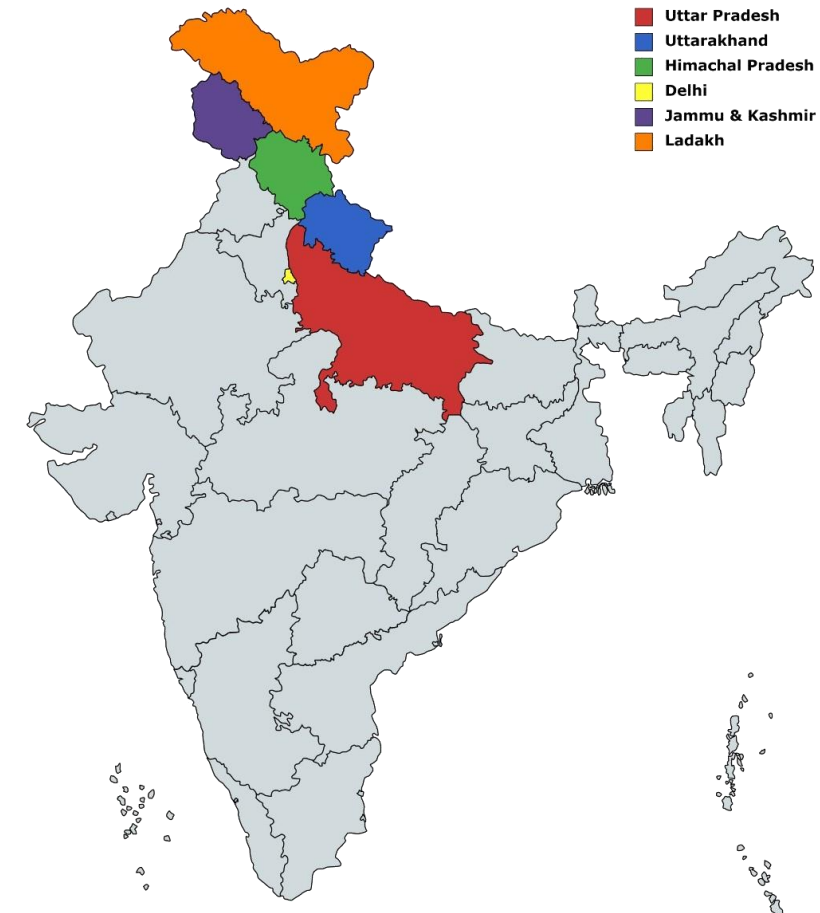


INTRODUCTION – CLIMATE SMART BUILDINGS PROGRAMME

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) aims to enhance climate resilience and thermal comfort in the affordable housing segment through GIZ under Indo German Energy programme (IGEN)'s programme, **Climate Smart Buildings (CSB)**.

Aim:

- Adopting sustainable and low-impact design.
- Adoption of best available Materials and construction technologies.
- Use of innovative technologies to provide desired thermal comfort for mass replication.



Climate Smart Buildings Cell, North Cluster

OBJECTIVES: CLIMATE SMART BUILDINGS CELL, NORTH CLUSTER

In the direction to achieve the goal of sustainability and thermal comfort in affordable housing, CSB Cell is working with following objectives:



WP1: Facilitate implementation and monitoring of Light House Project Lucknow (LHPs)



WP 2: Technical assistance to enhance thermal comfort in upcoming Demonstration Housing Projects (DHPs) and ARHCs (Affordable rental housing complexes) and other Public/Private housing projects in West Cluster



WP 3: Inclusion of climate resilience and thermal comfort requirements in building byelaws and Local Government framework in West Cluster

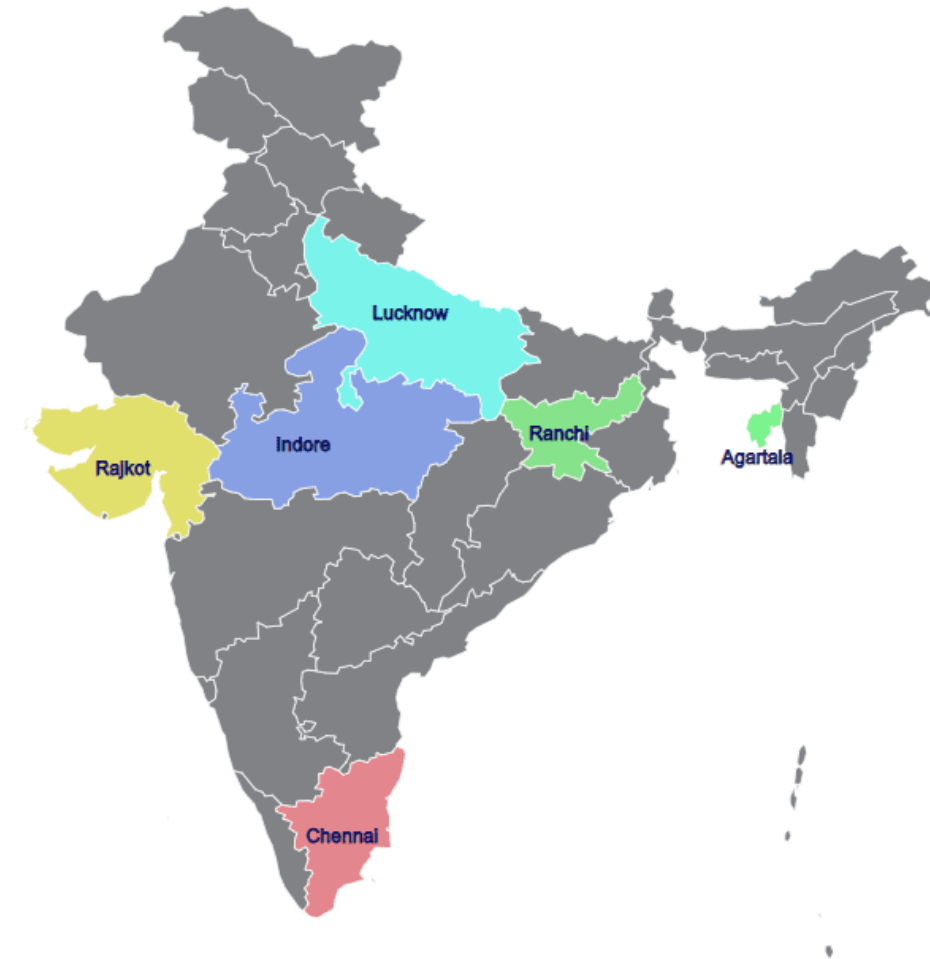


WP 4: Capacity development of Govt officials and private stakeholders on thermal comfort in the North Cluster



CONCEPT OF LIGHT HOUSE PROJECTS (LHPS)

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Under **PMAY(U)**, set up a **Technology Sub-Mission (TSM)** to provide:
 - Alternative sustainable technological solutions.
 - Better, Faster & cost-effective construction methodologies.
 - Houses suiting to geo-climatic and hazard conditions of the country.
- **Light House Projects** have been conceptualized as part of **Global Housing Technology Challenge – India (GHTC-India)**
- Construction of six **LHPs** with allied infrastructure and six categories of globally proven innovative technologies were envisaged in six different states.



THE LIGHT-HOUSE PROJECTS (LHP) IN INDIA

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of six Light House Projects (LHPs) each consisting of approx. 1000 houses in January 2021, in six cities :



**Precast Concrete
Construction
System – Precast
Components
Assembled at Site**

- Chennai, Tamilnadu
- No. of Houses: 1152



**Monolithic Concrete
Construction using
Tunnel Formwork**

- Rajkot, Gujarat
- No. of Houses: 1144



**Prefabricated
Sandwich Panel
System**

- Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- No. of Houses: 1024



**Precast Concrete
Construction
System – 3D
Volumetric**

- Ranchi, Jharkhand
- No of Houses: 1008



**Light Gauge Steel
Structural System &
Pre-engineered Steel
Structural
System Agartala,
Tripura**

- Agartala, Tripura
- No of Houses: 1000



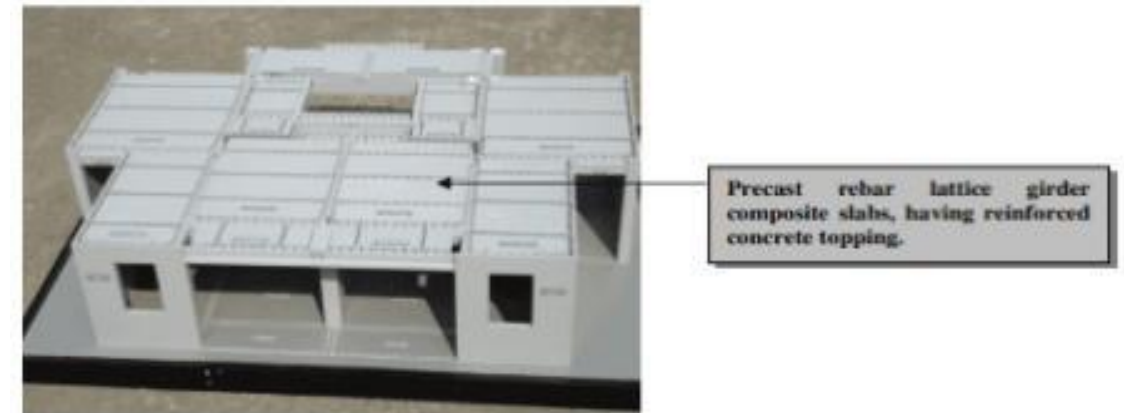
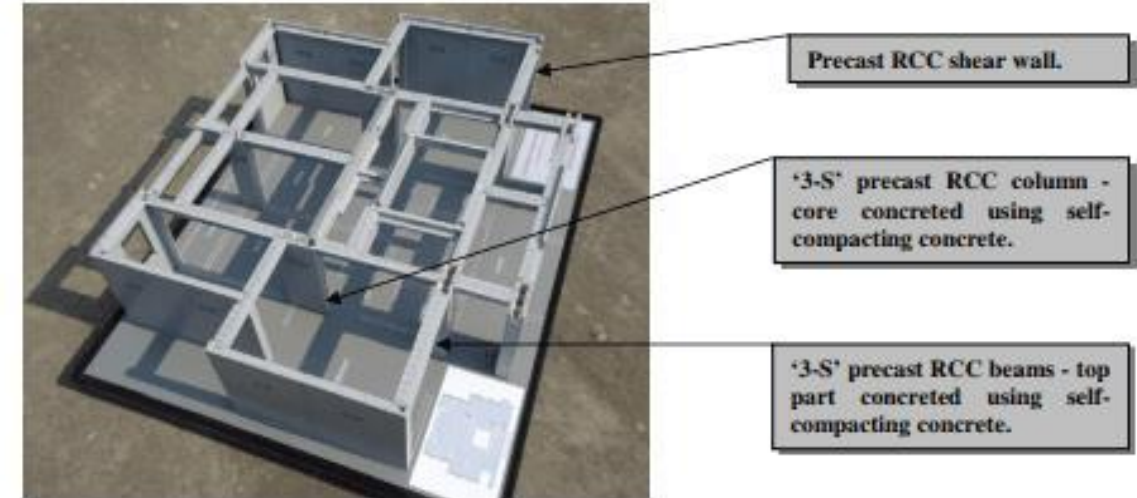
**PVC Stay in Place
Formwork System**

- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- No of Houses: 1040

Note: For more information about the live progress of Light House Projects and Climate Smart Buildings Programme. Please visit: <https://ghtc-india.gov.in>

LHP Chennai-Precast Concrete Construction System Assembled at Site

- Precast dense reinforced cement concrete Columns and **RCC** shear walls has been used as structure .
- **AAC blocks** in partition walls are being used.
- Dowel bars, continuity reinforcement placed at connections.



Current Progress



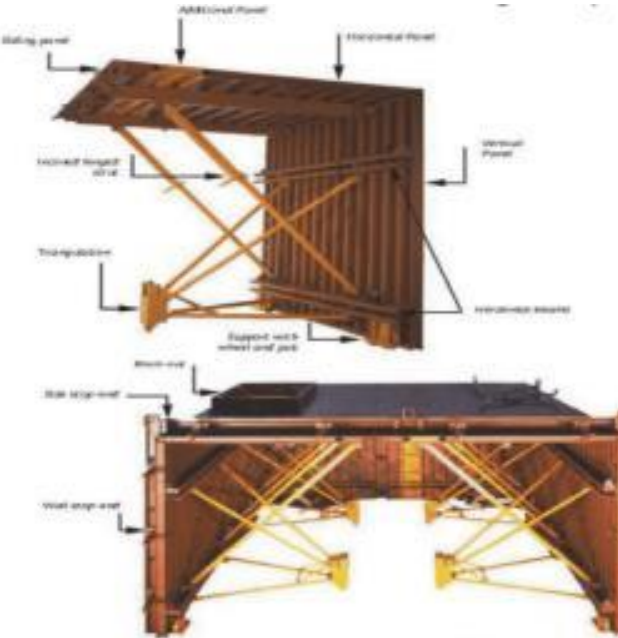
Precast concrete wall (Panels)



Precast concrete wall (Panels)

LHP Rajkot- Monolithic Concrete Construction using Tunnel Formwork

- Customized engineering formwork replacing conventional steel or plywood shuttering systems.
- Mechanized system for cellular structures.
- Two half shells which are placed together to form a room or cell.
- Walls and slab are cast in a single day.
- The formwork is stripped the next day for subsequent phase.



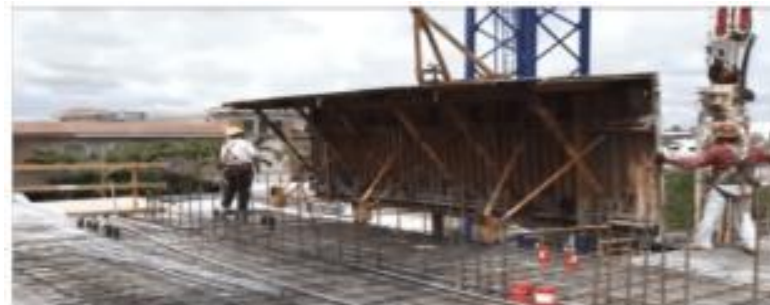
Tunnel Formwork



Current progress



Box out of door and windows



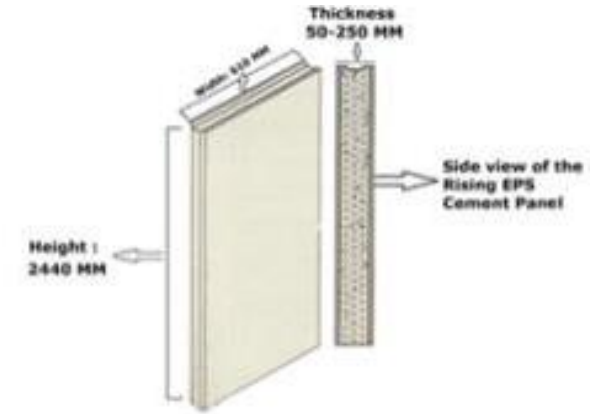
Kicker form of tunnel formwork panel



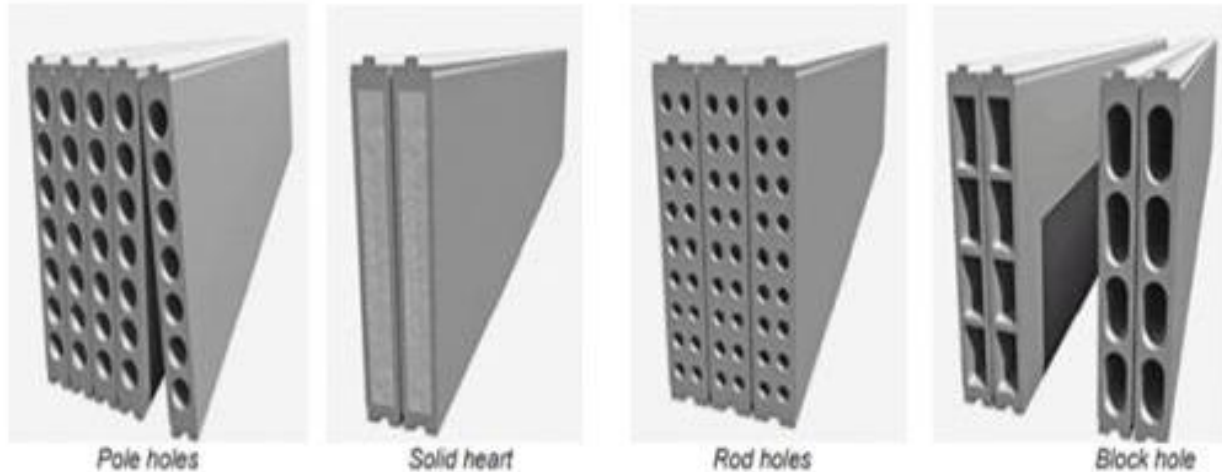
Monolithic Tunnel Formwork Panel

LHP Indore-Prefabricated Sandwich Panel System

- Lightweight composite wall, floor and roof sandwich panels made of thin fibre cement or calcium silicate board as face covered boards.
- Core material is EPS granule balls, adhesive, cement, sand, fly ash and other bonding materials in mortar form.
- The core material in slurry state is pushed under pressure into pre-set moulds.
- Once set, it shall be moved for curing and ready for use with steel support structure beams and columns.



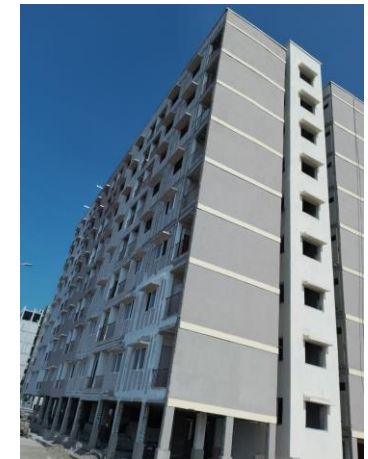
Prefabricated EPS Sandwich Panel



Types of Prefabricated Sandwich Panels



Steel Structure Prefabricated EPS Panel



Current Status

LHP Ranchi- Precast Concrete Construction System – 3D Volumetric

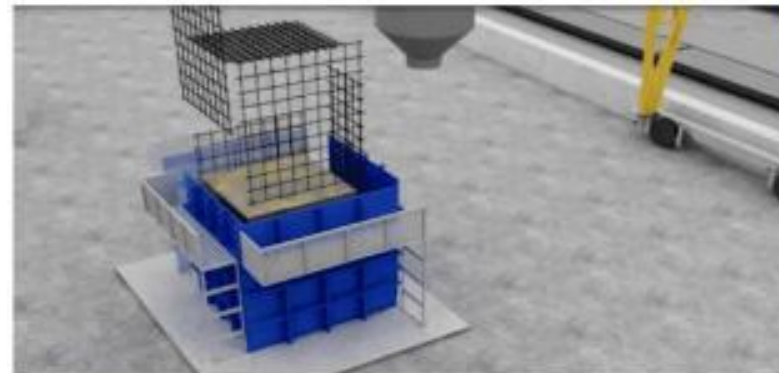
- Components like room, Bathroom, Kitchen etc are cast monolithically in Plant or Casting yard in a controlled condition.
- Magic Pods (Precast Components) are transported, erected & installed using cranes .
- Prestressed slabs are installed as flooring elements.
- Consecutive floors are built in similar manner to complete the structure.



Current Progress



Construction and installation



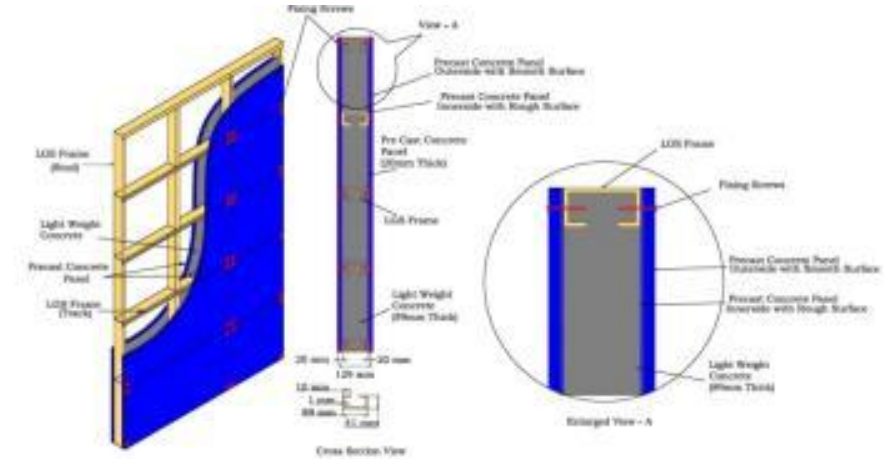
Pre Casting of building modules



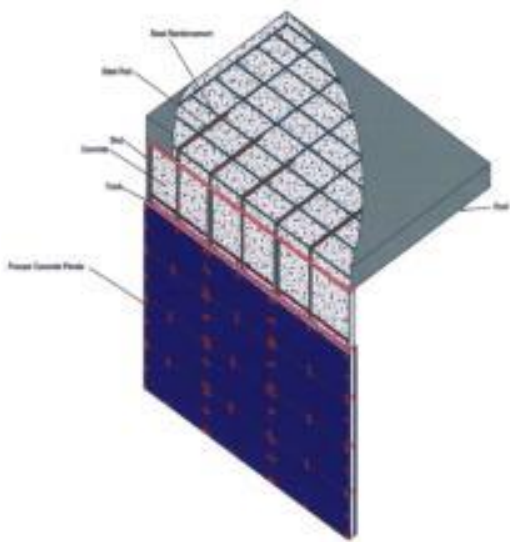
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LHP Agartala- Light Gauge Steel Framed Structure with Infill Concrete Panels (LGSFS-ICP)

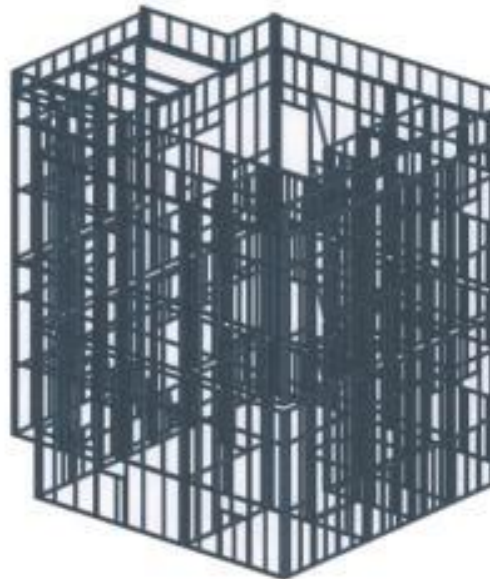
- Light Gauge Steel Framed Structure with Infill Concrete Panels (LGSFS-ICP) Technology.
- Factory made Light Gauge Steel Framed Structure (LGSFS), light weight concrete and precast panels are being used.



Structural Details of LGSFS-Infill Concrete Wall



Precast concrete panels



Light Gauge Steel Frame Structure



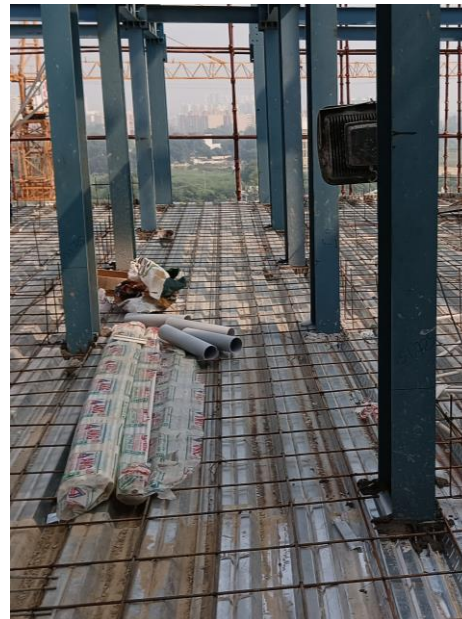
Assembly of LGS Frames and Construction of Wall



Current Progress

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY: LHP LUCKNOW

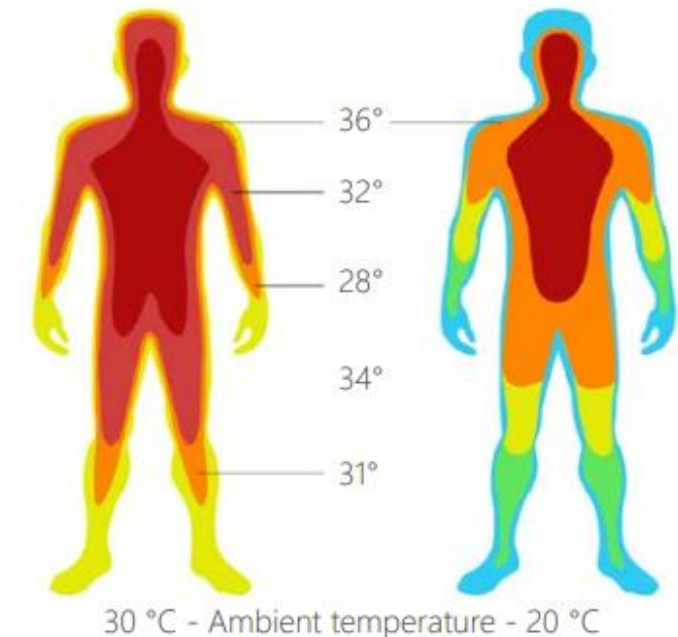
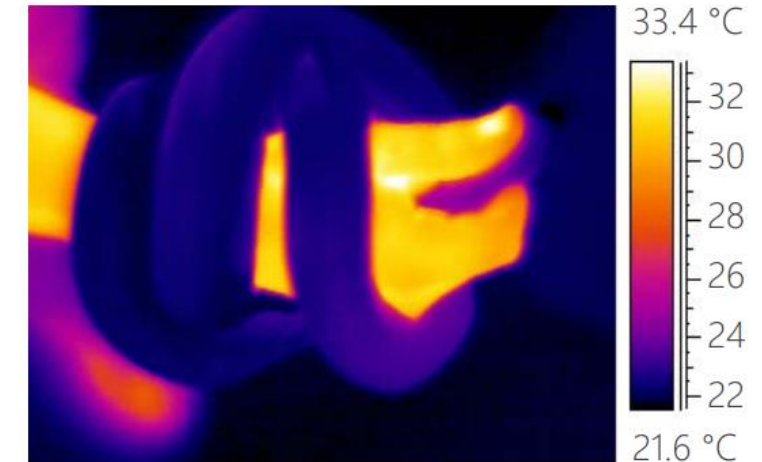
- **Hot Rolled Pre-Engineered Building (PEB)** sections act as a structural framework of the building whereas SIP (Stay-in-Place) formwork works as a partition wall.
- **0.9mm Deck Sheet** used as slab support component over which concrete is casted for enhancing strength. It reduces casting time, propping, shuttering and centering support.
- **Self-Compacting Concrete** is being poured in SIP formwork as an infill to make it more rigid and thermally sound.
- **Polyvinyl Chloride(PVC)** based polymer components serve as a permanent stay-in-place formwork with infilled **concrete** for building walls.



THERMAL COMFORT & ITS IMPORTANCE

“ASHRAE defines thermal comfort as the condition of mind that expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment and is assessed by subjective evaluation”. (ASHRAE,2020).

- In case of humans, the core body temperature lies in a narrow range around 37° C (ASHRAE, 2021).
- To maintain the body core temperature, the human body is constantly acclimatizing itself to its external environmental conditions through exchange of heat between the body and surrounding environment.
- Both core body temperature and skin surface temperature are relevant in understanding thermal comfort.



FACTORS AFFECTING THERMAL COMFORT

Environmental

Parameters/Factors

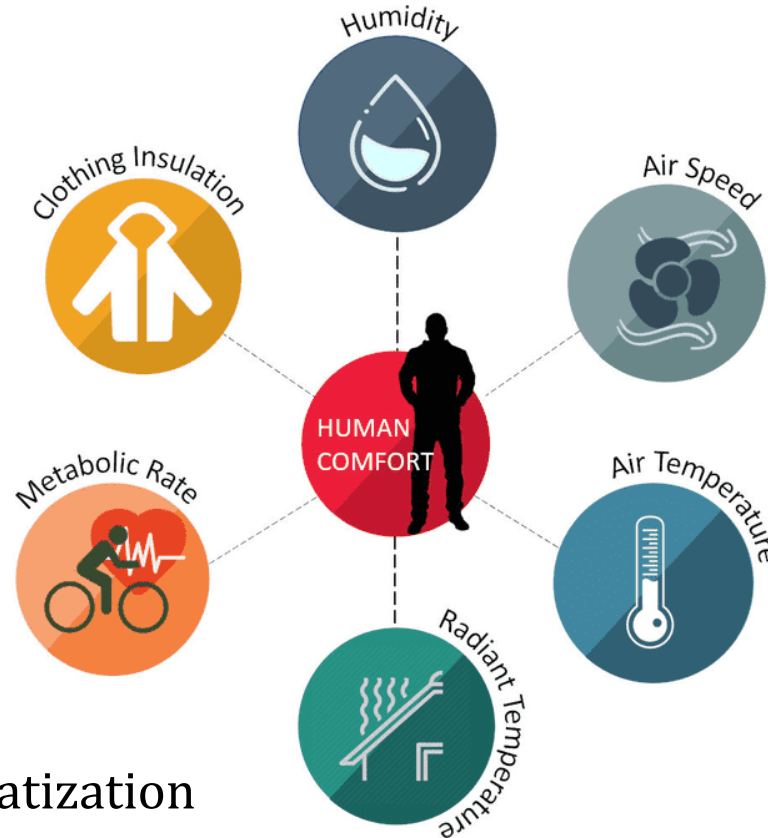
- Air Temperature
- Mean Radiant Temperature
- Air Velocity
- Humidity

Personal Parameters/Factors

- Clothing Level
- Physical Activity

Other Factors

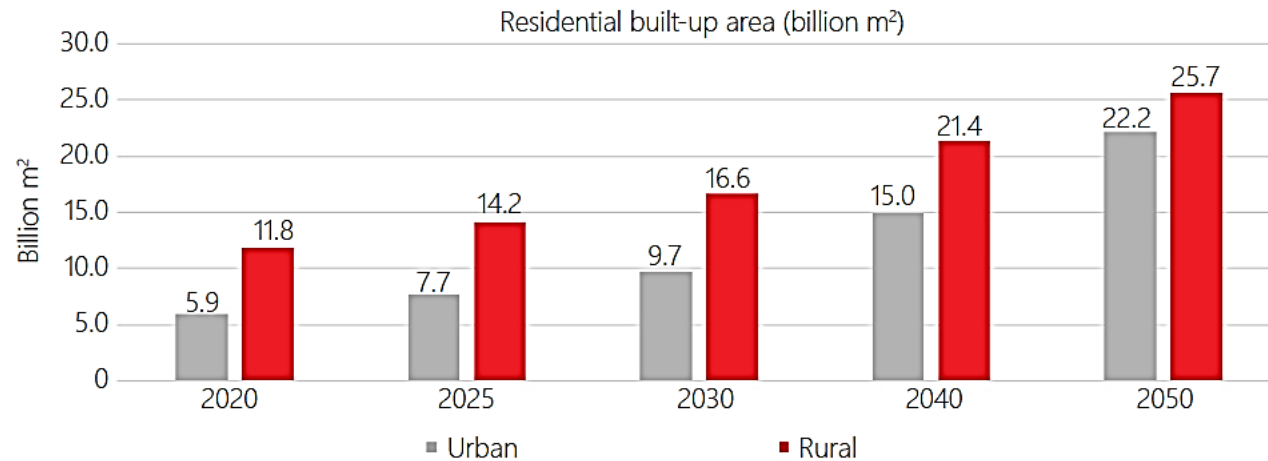
- Short-term and long-term acclimatization
- Body shape and fat
- Gender and age
- Status of health



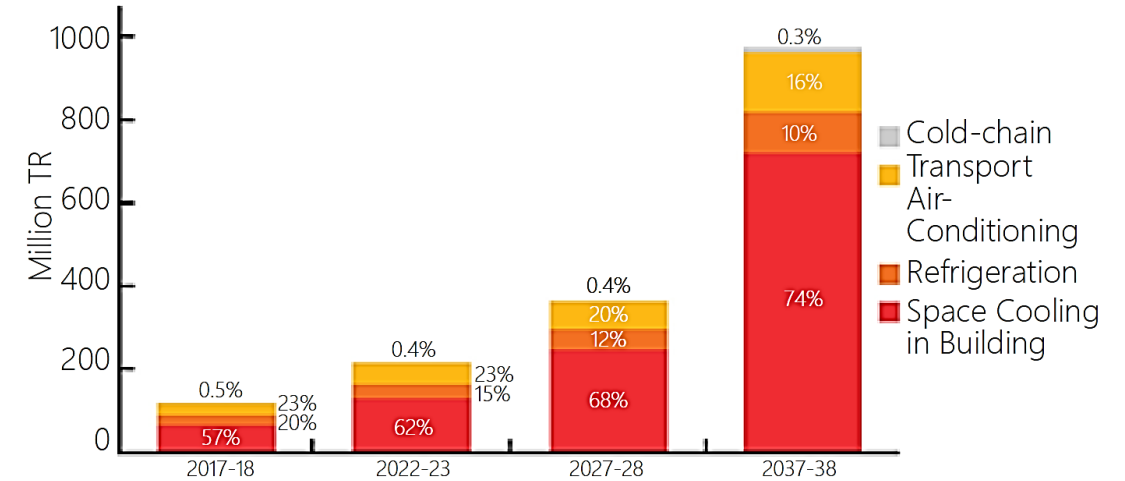
Body Part	Skin Location	Cold (15 °C)	Neutral (27 °C)	Hot (47 °C)
A	Forehead	31.7	35.2	37
B	Back of Neck	31.2	35.1	36.1
C	Chest	30.1	34.4	35.8
D	Upper Back	30.7	34.4	36.3
E	Lower Back	29.2	33.7	36.6
F	Upper Abdomen	29	33.8	35.7
G	Lower Abdomen	29.2	34.8	36.2
H	Tricep	28	33.2	36.6
J	Forearm	26.9	34	37
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

Skin surface temperature at various locations of the body in cold, neutral, and hot indoor environment.

FACTORS AFFECTING THERMAL COMFORT & COOLING DEMAND



Projected increase in residential built-up area in urban and rural India. Source: ICAP



Sector-wise growth in cooling demand. Source: ICAP

The India Cooling Action Plan sets the following goals to promote sustainable cooling and thermal comfort for all.

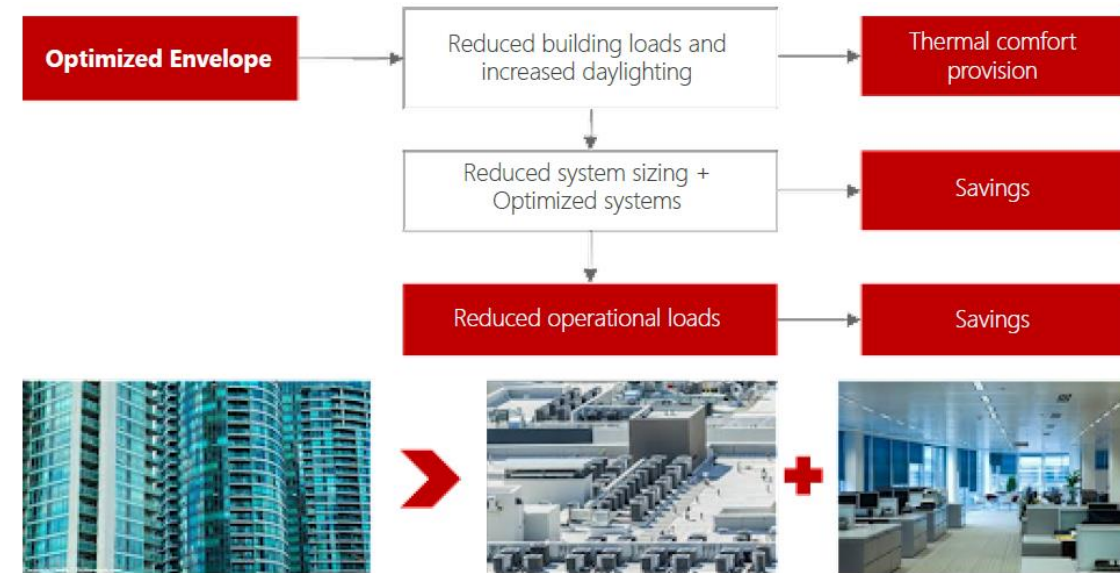
- 20-25%** reduction of cooling demand across various sectors by 2037-2038
- 25-40%** reduction in cooling energy requirements by 2037-2038.
- 25-30%** reduction in refrigerant demand by 2037-2038.
- Training and certification of **1,00,000** service technicians by 2022-2023
- Recognizing “cooling and related areas” as a thrust area of research

CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES

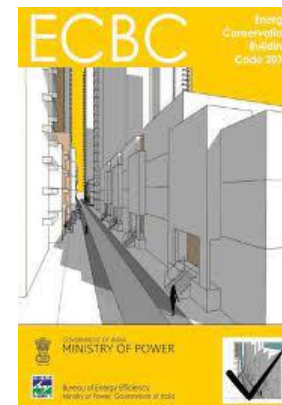
Provisions in code

To achieve the needful reduction in cooling demand, national guidelines, codes, and tools have been developed for implementation.

- ECBC 2007 & 2017(Revised Edition) to set the minimum energy performance for commercial buildings in India.
- Eco-Niwas Samhita (Part-1) was launched in 2018 to include minimum performance requirements for residential building envelope.
- Eco Niwas Samhita (Part-2) launched in 2021 with inclusion of building systems in addition to envelopes.



Reduced operational energy loads and economic benefits with thermal comfort provision in codes like ECBC, ENS 20181 & 2021 from optimized building envelope and electro mechanical systems



THERMAL COMFORT METRICS

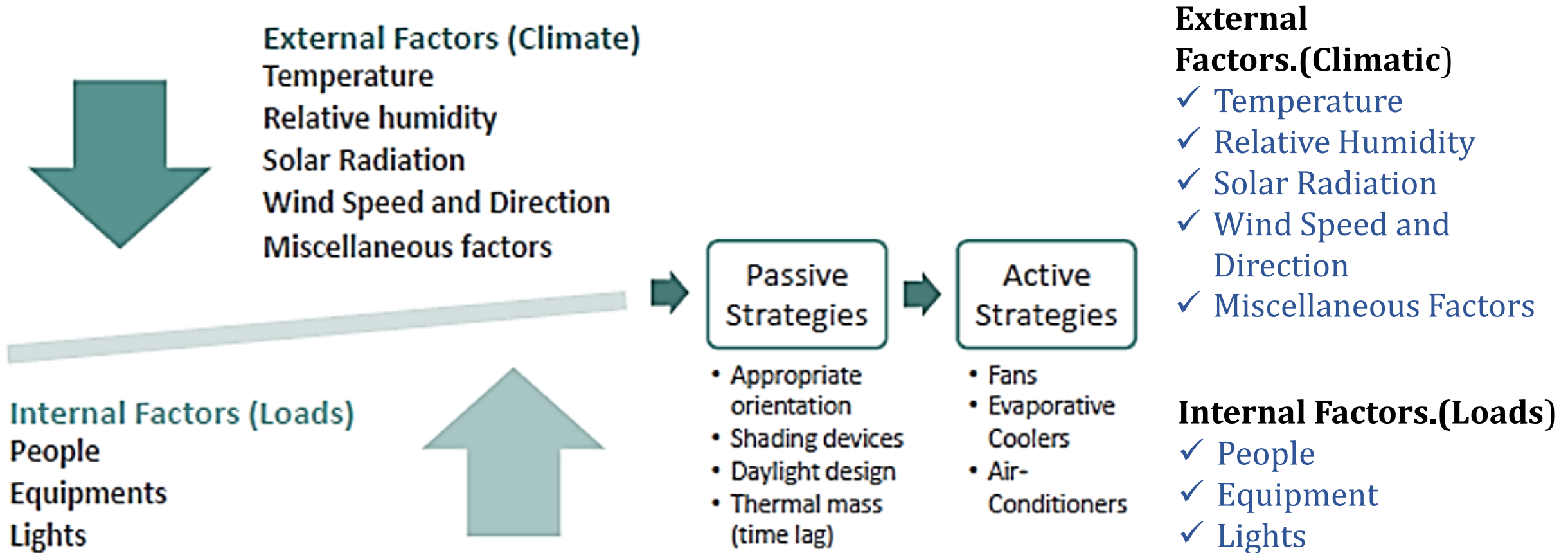
- Heat transfer through roofs can be considered similar to walling material in terms of thermal conductivity and relevance of R-value.
- To reduce radiative heat gains, surface of roof exposed to the outdoors can be treated with coatings that increase solar reflectance.

Parameter	Metric	Building envelope element
Thermal Conductivity	R value – U value	Walls
Thermal Mass	Specific heat capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal External
Thermal Conductivity (Frames and Glass)	R value – U value	Fenestration
Solar Gains	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows Skylights Doors
Visible Light Transmittance	VLT	
Thermal Conductivity	R value – U value	Roofs
Thermal Emissivity	Solar Reflectance	Floors Foundations

Relevant metrics for building envelope elements in terms of heat transfer
Source: Rawal, R., 2021. Heat Transfer And Your Building Envelope, Solar Decathlon India

BUILDING PHYSICS & THERMAL COMFORT

Use of Building Physics to Optimize Energy use for Thermal Comfort



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Strategies for various modes of heat transfer

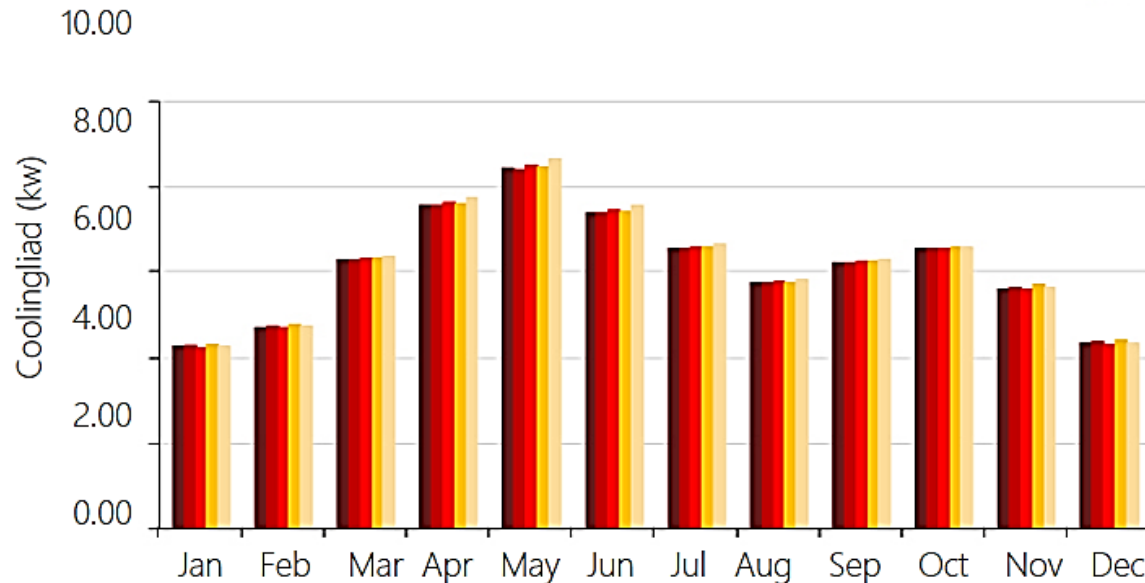
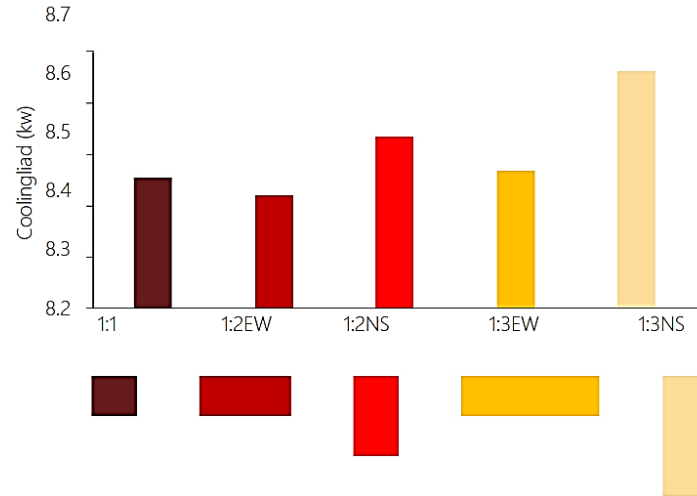
Passive design strategies may tackle either one or a combination of these modes of heat transfer.

- Orientation, and massing of the building act as passive design strategies by influencing the quantity and quality of radiation reaching the envelope surface.
- Similarly, shading devices obstruct the amount of radiation entering the buildings through windows.
- Fixed or movable shading devices can be chosen depending on the trajectory of sun and direction of the façade.

Mode of heat transfer	Passive Design strategies applicable
Conduction	Materials and Construction
Convection	Space Volume, Building form- (Roof form, plan)
Radiation	Orientation Shading/ Brise Soleil, jail etc

Passive design strategies categorized based on modes of heat transfer

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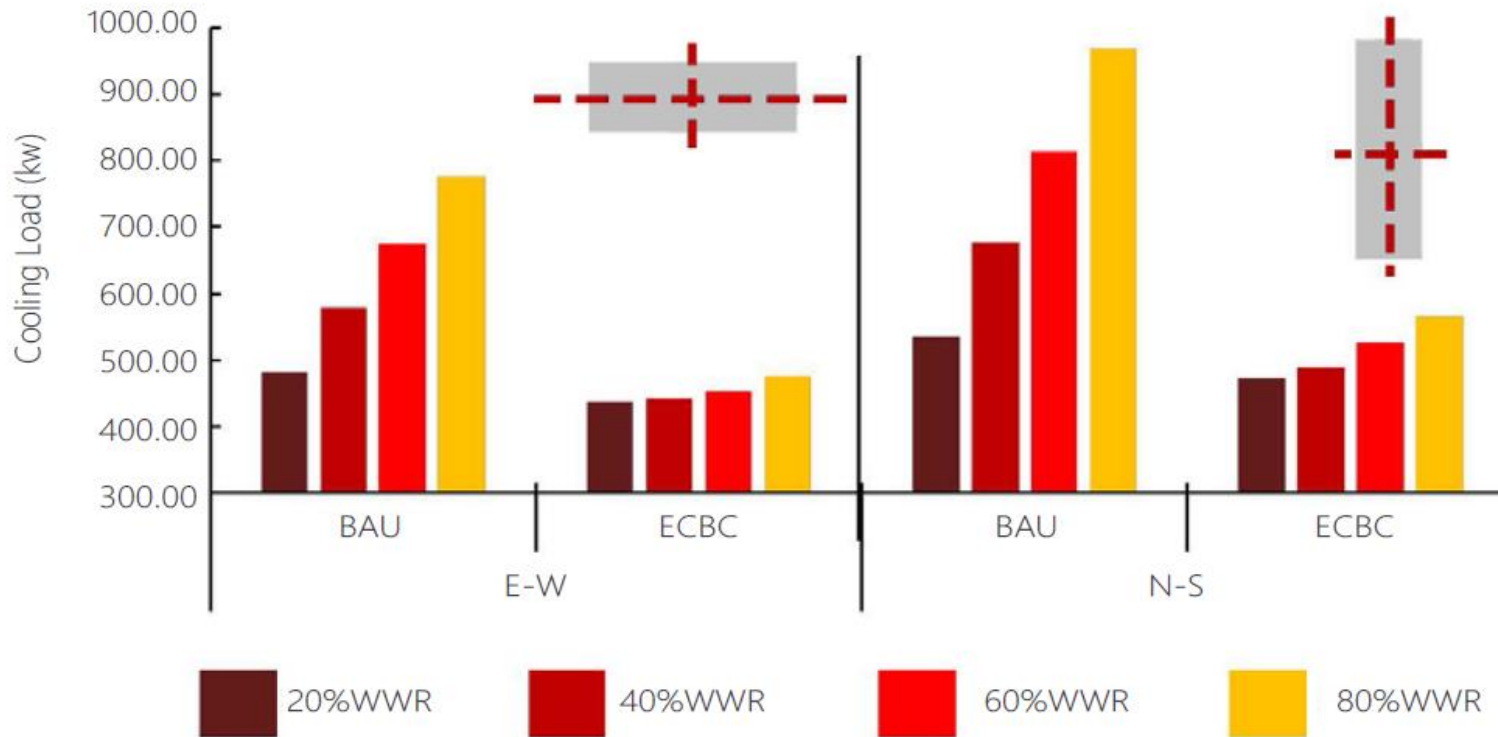


Form & orientation of the building

- Rectangular building form with 1:2 proportions is most suitable in hot and dry climate.
- Preferred orientation to reduce solar gains in northern hemisphere is east-west.
- Smarter orientation, wherever possible, can reduce peak cooling loads for the same floor

Top: peak cooling load for various forms and orientations; Bottom: variations in peak cooling load for each month for all sample cases.

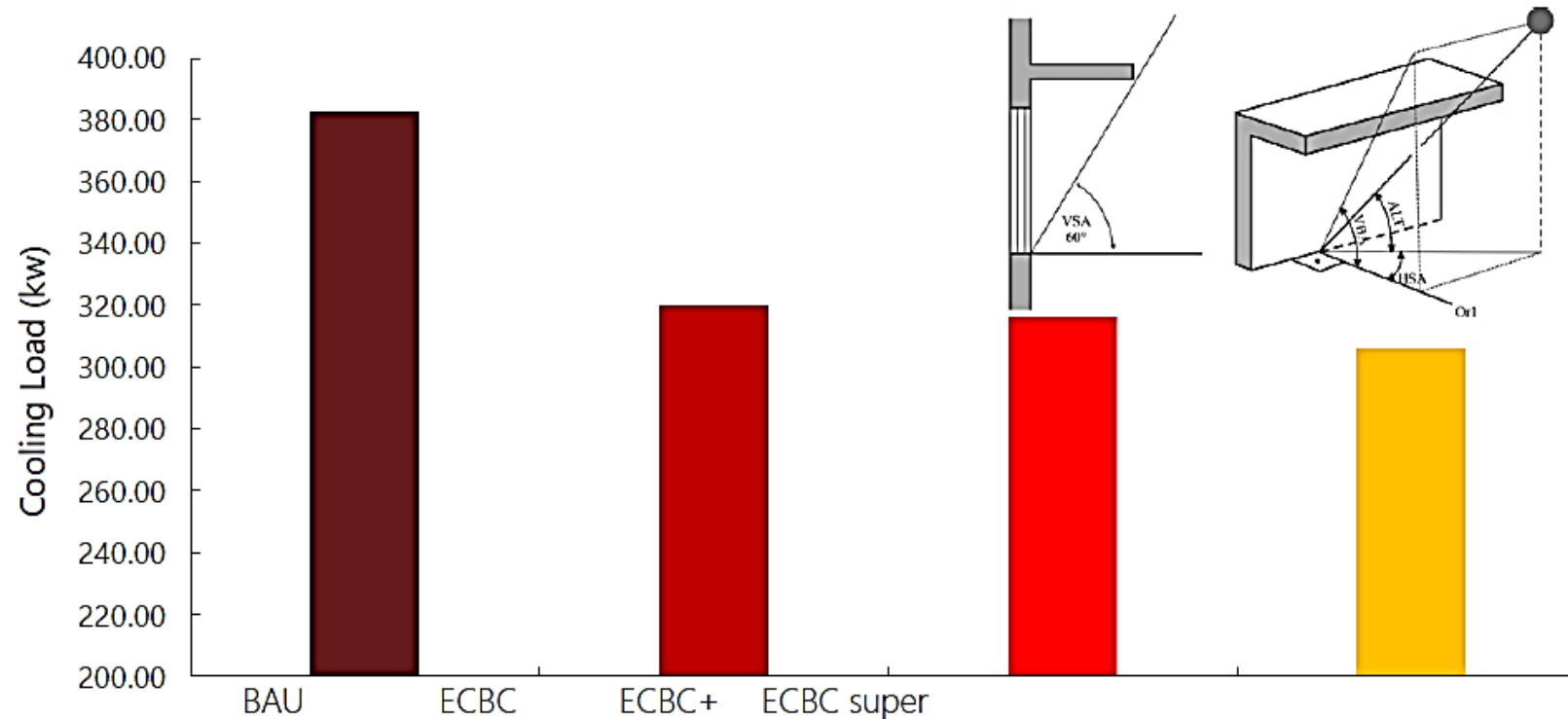
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Comparative analysis of various WWR levels in East-West and North-South orientations for business-as-usual and ECBC compliant buildings

- Compliance with ECBC code results in reduced cooling load across the four WWR cases.
- Even with less favorable orientations, cooling loads can still be reduced by designing for code compliance

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Cooling loads for BAU, ECBC, ECBC+, and ECBC super buildings having 600mm shading over windows

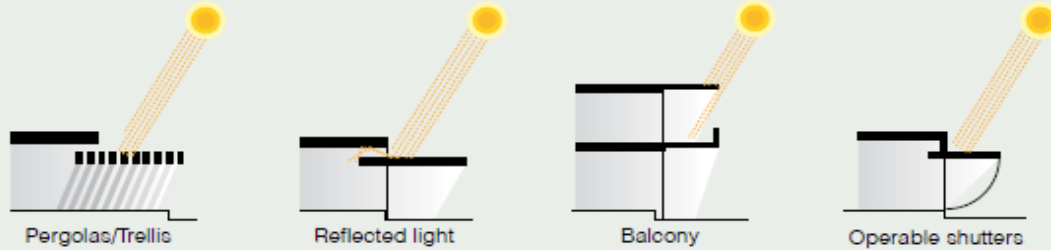
Shading & WWR

- Reduce heat gain and cooling energy use of the building.
- Fixed horizontal shading is useful in blocking radiations from the overhead sun in the North and South oriented facades.

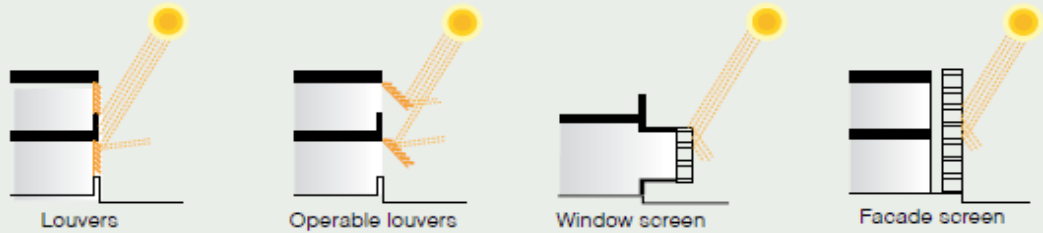
- Dynamic movable external shading systems, vertical shading elements like fins are more useful in cutting radiations when the sun is at a lower altitude i.e., in East and West facades

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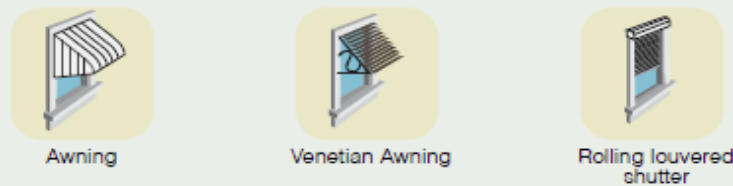
EXTERIOR SHADING DEVICES



DIFFERENT TYPES OF OVER HANGINGS



DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCREENS

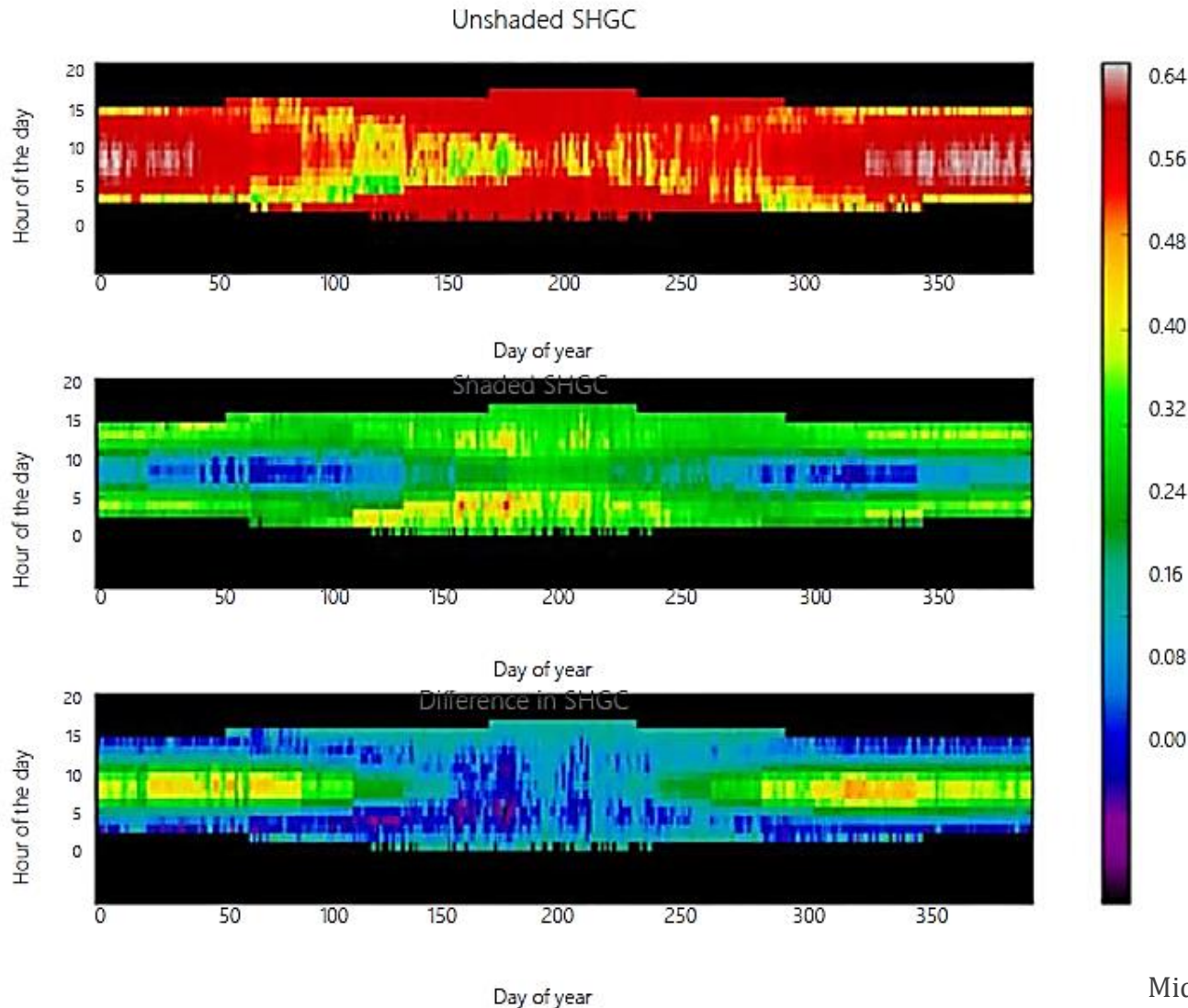


DIFFERENT TYPES OF WINDOW SHADINGS

- Awnings provide flexibility to span without need of extra support.
- Properly installed awnings can reduce heat gain by 65% from south and 77% from east.
- Adjustable louvers can control the sunlight entering into the building.
- Least cost solution for cutting heat gain into the building

- Exterior shading devices can be provided in a variety of materials and designs, including sunshades, awnings, louvers, bamboo screens, Jaali, green cover through vines.
- These can be implemented with minimal cost implications and have the most favourable cost-benefit relation with respect to thermal comfort.
- To prevent summer overheating and glare, a good shading device strategy should be used with glazed openings.

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Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC)

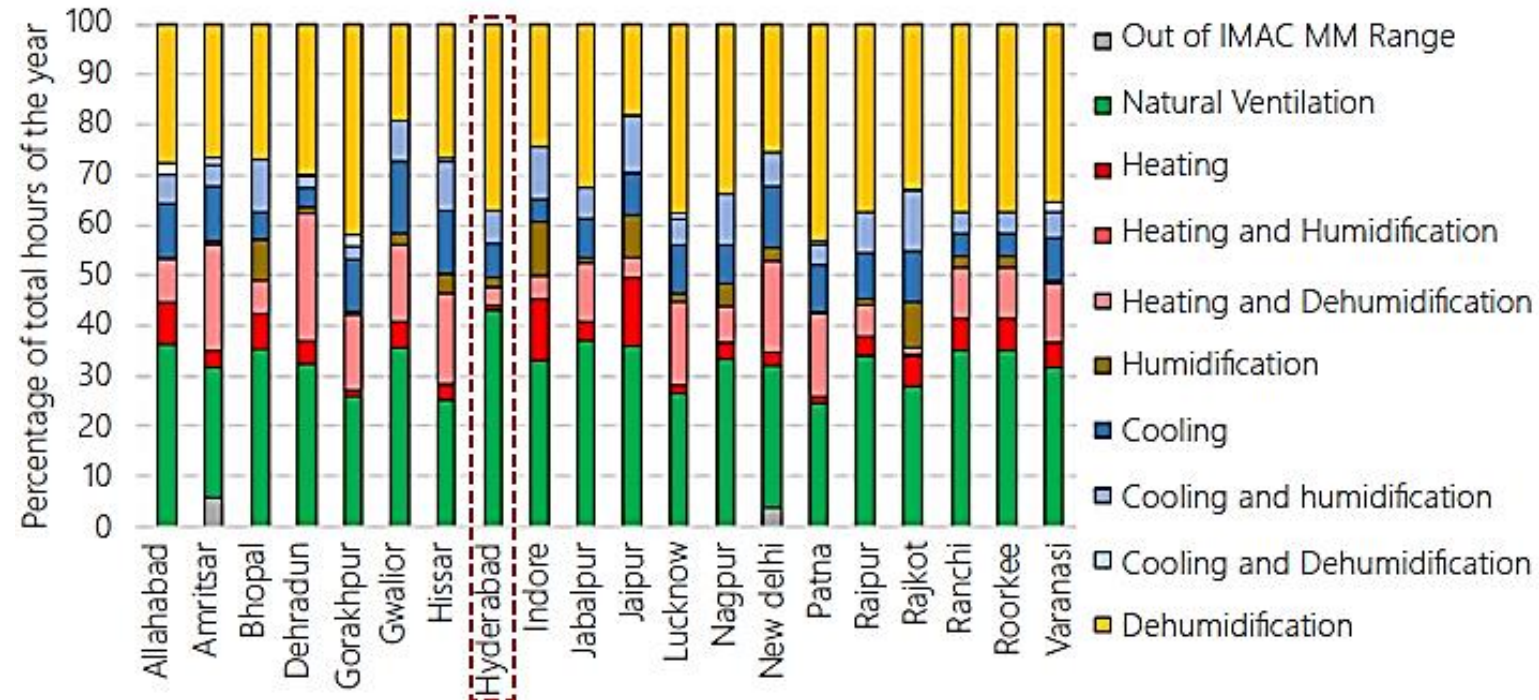
- SHGC value of glass while maintaining desirable VLT and U-value.
- Combination of multiple passive design measures can contribute to achieve RETV value of 15 W/Sqm or less for thermally comfortable buildings.

Top- SHGC values of an unshaded window throughout the year;
Middle- SHGC values of the same windows in case of shading present throughout the year;
Bottom- Difference in SHGC values of the first two graphs.

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Natural ventilation

Natural ventilation is defined as provision of fresh air and removal of stale air using the naturally occurring forces of wind.

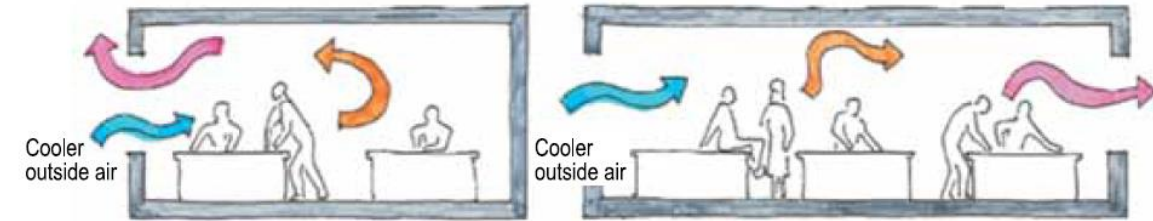


Percentage of comfort hours in a year for different building operation modes listed in IMAC-MM.
Source: M., Shulka, Y., Rawal, R., Loveday, D., de Faria, L., Angelopoulos, C. (2020). Low Energy Cooling and Ventilation in Indian Residences Design Guide. CEPT Research & Development Foundation & Loughborough University. <http://carbse.org/reports-and-articles/>

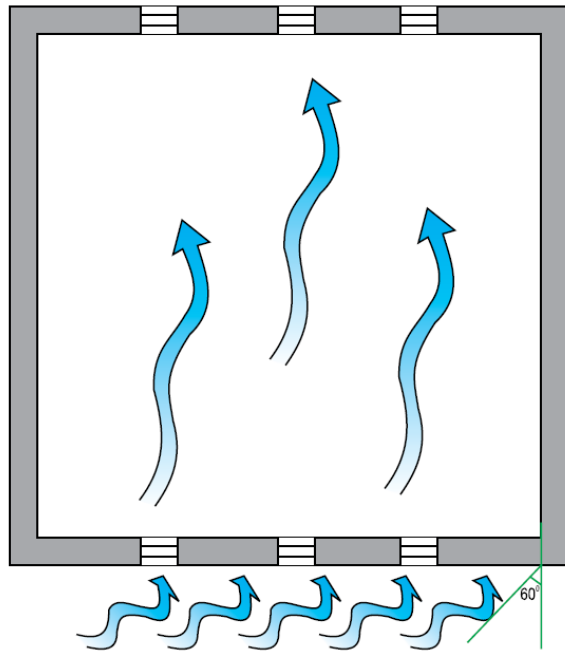
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Natural ventilation

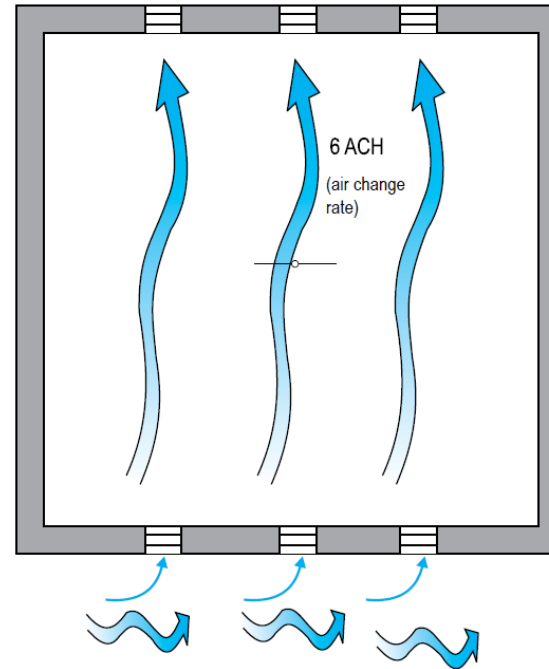
It is shown that the ACH improved from 6 ACH per hour to 14 ACH per hour with the use of the deflectors.



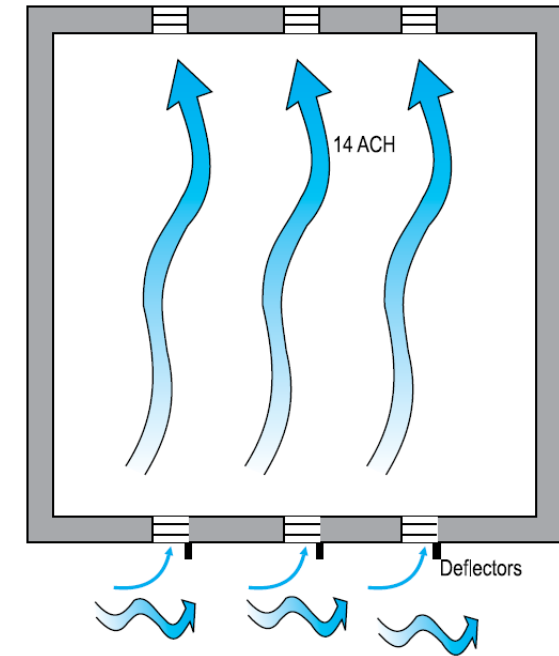
Principles of single-sided ventilation and cross-ventilation



Wind blowing at an angle of 60° from the perpendicular axis of the façade



Wind blowing parallel to the façade

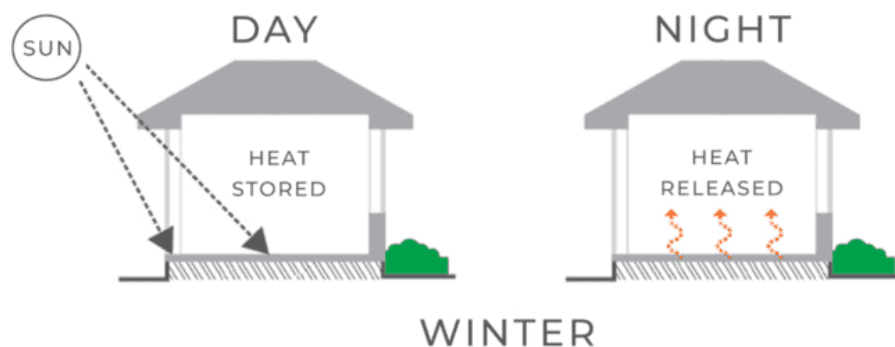
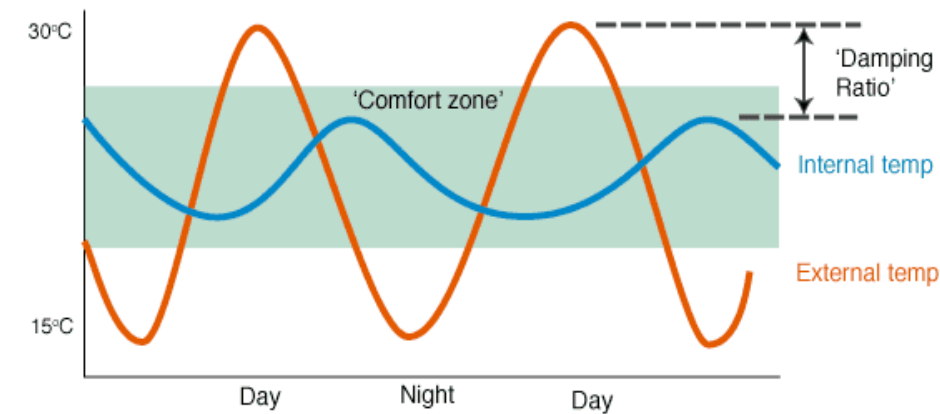


Deflectors that help in harnessing wind for natural ventilation

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'Thermal mass' describes a material's capacity to absorb, store and release heat. A common analogy is thermal mass as a kind of thermal battery.

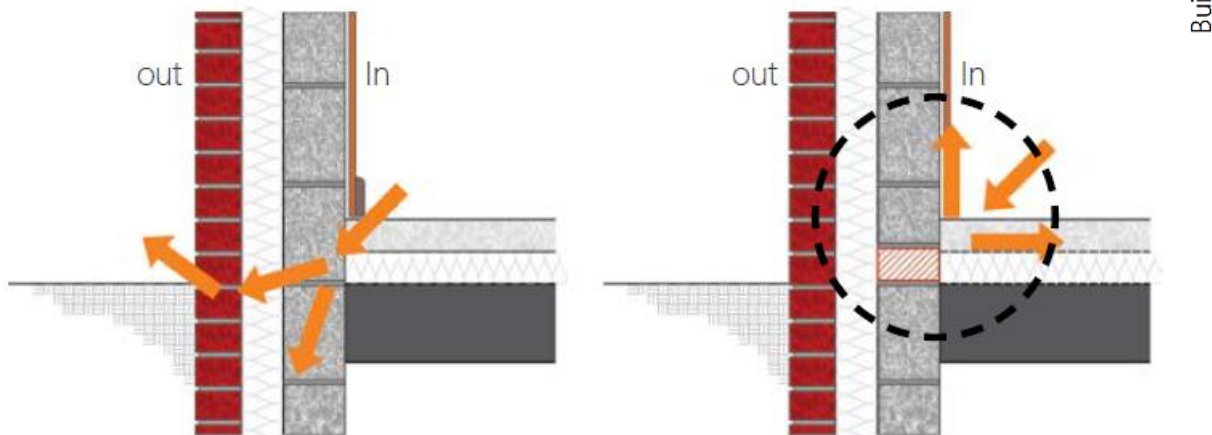
- **Denser thermal mass materials are more effective passive solar materials. Thus, denser the material the better it stores and releases heat.**
- **Do not substitute thermal mass for insulation. It should be used in conjunction with insulation.**



INNOVATIVE BUILDING MATERIALS (Wall, Glazing & Roof)

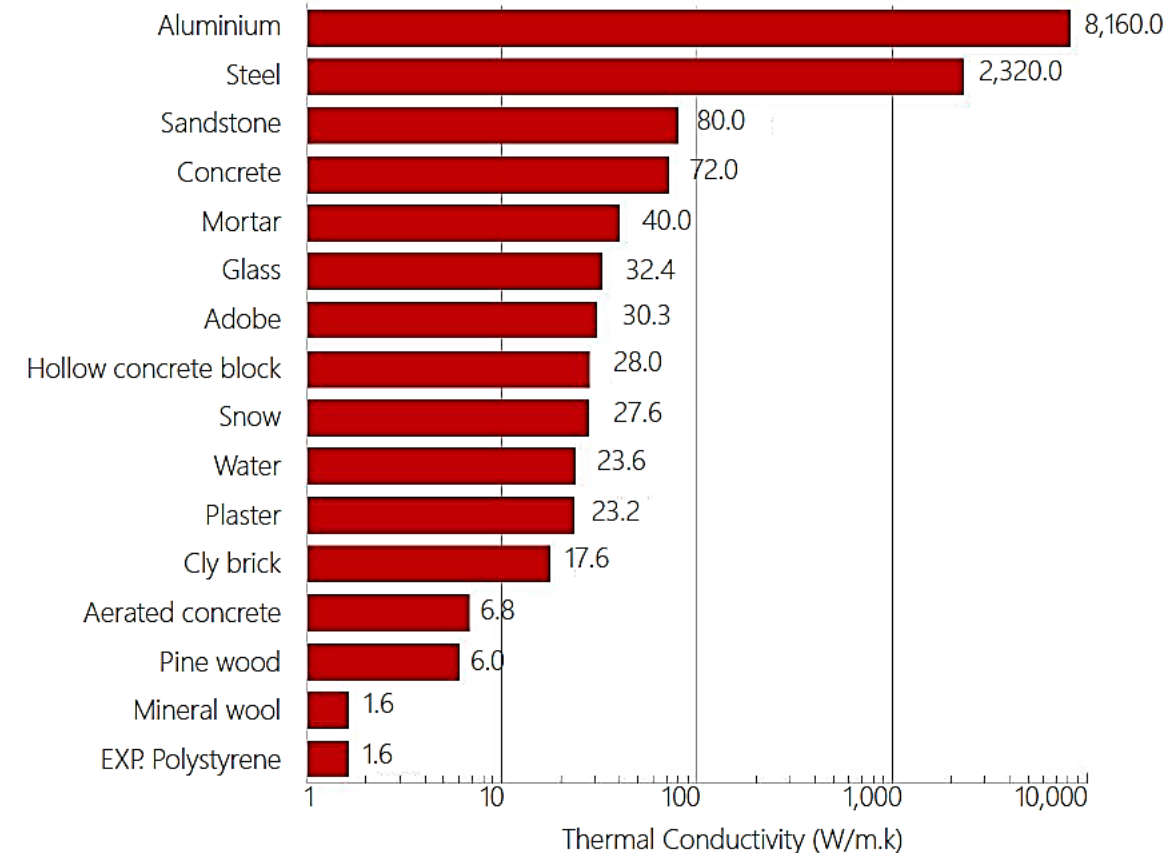
Thermal conductivity and thermal bridge

A thermal bridge is a part of the assembly (such as metal screws or nails) that allows direct heat transfer between indoors and outdoors due to interruptions in insulation.



Walling assemblies and thermal bridging.

Information and Image Courtesy: Prof. Cloude Roulet, EMPA, Switzerland, Indo Swiss BEEP project, BEE, India

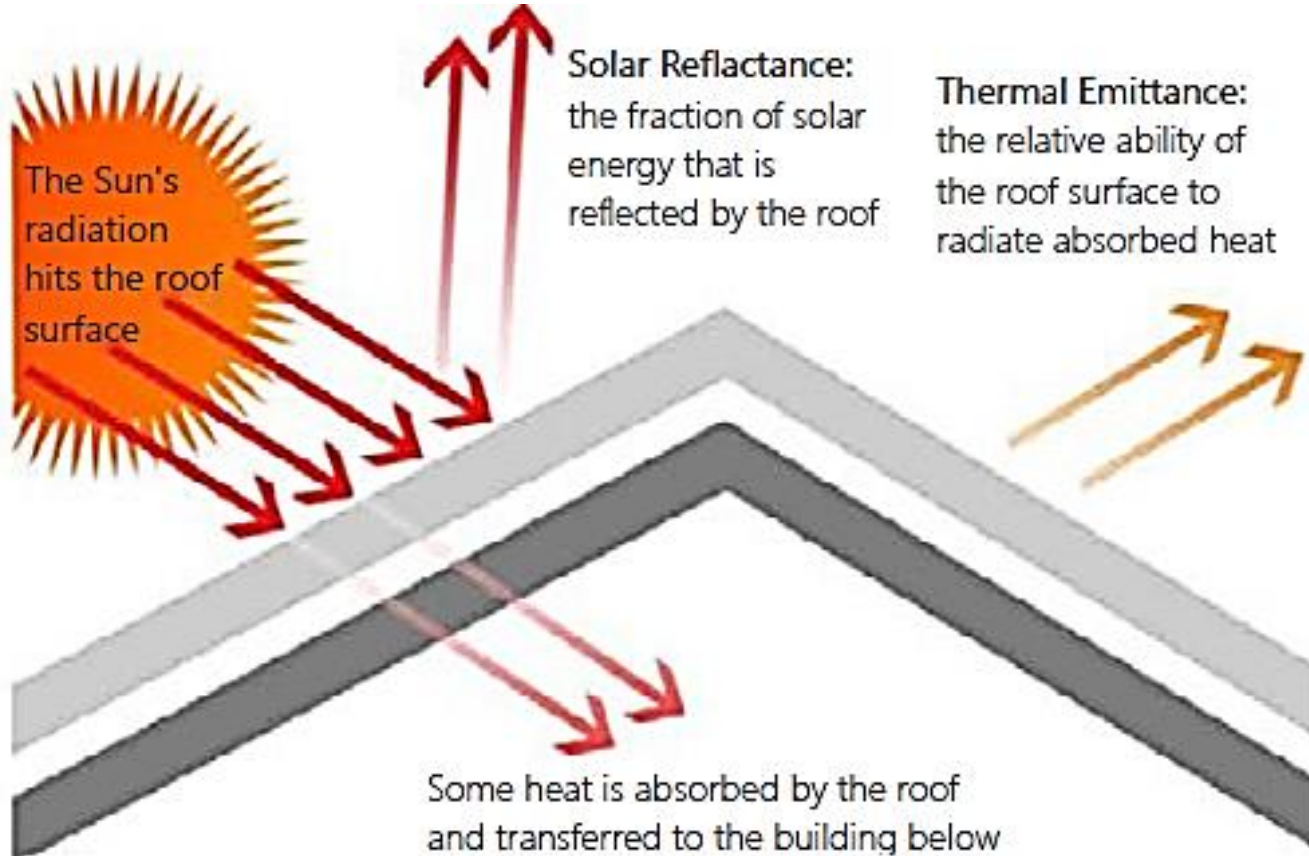


Thermal conductivities of common building materials.

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INNOVATIVE BUILDING MATERIALS (Wall, Glazing & Roof)

Roof Coating Materials



Interaction of roofing materials and surfaces with incident solar radiation.
Source (left): 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/>.

CASE STUDY- RAJKOT SMART GHAR III

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The climate of Rajkot is composite and the peak daytime temperatures during the summer reach 41°C-43°C.

Reducing heat gains through walls and roof:

Walling material was changed to 230mm thick AAC blocks. In doing so, the U-value of walls dropped to 0.8 W/Sqm.K from 2W/Sqm.K.

Improving Ventilation through shaft design:

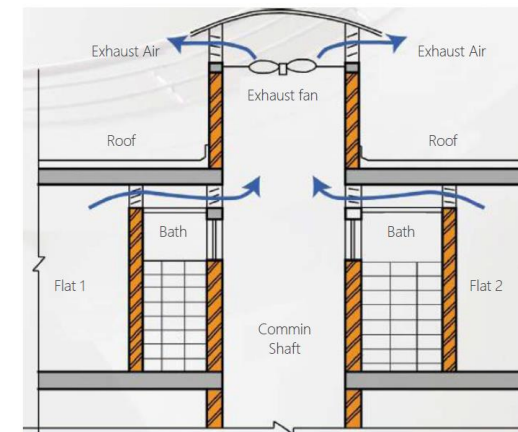
A roof feature with exhaust fans on top of the shaft was added to create negative pressure in the shaft at all times

Reducing heat gains through window design and ventilation:

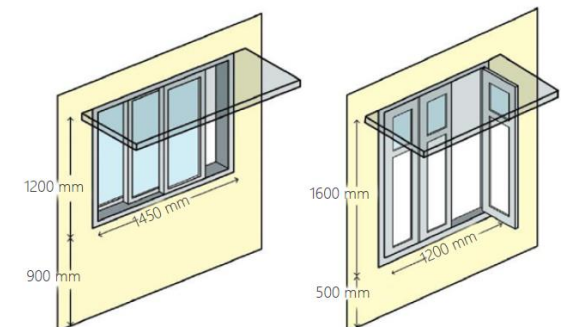
This design was changed to a taller partially glazed casement type for selected windows. The 90% openable casement windows allowed for better ventilation flow rates.



Site layout for Rajkot Smart GHAR-III (PMAY) project.
Source: (Rawal, Shukla, Patel , Desai, & Asrani, 2021)



Improving ventilation through common service shaft.



Fully glazed window design (left) was improved to taller, partially glazed casement windows (right)

THANK YOU!