

From principles to practice :- Integrating natural ventilation in modern building design

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PRINCIPLES

Why Natural Ventilation



Thermal Comfort

- Physiological cooling:
 - Convective heat transfer from skin
 - Evaporative heat transfer from skin
- Convective cooling: air carrying/ taking away heat with it. Prevent overheating in summer

Why Natural Ventilation

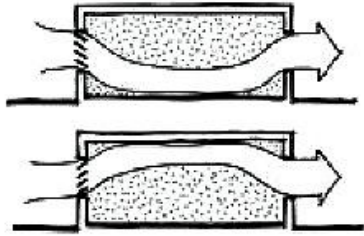


Air Quality

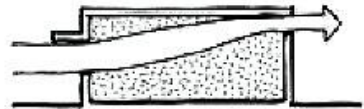
- Supply of fresh air to remove indoor pollutants
 - (CO,CO₂,VOCS,microbes)

How Natural Ventilation works

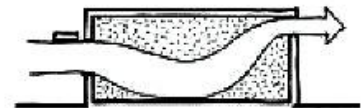
Wind driven Cross ventilation



Louvres can direct airflow upward or downward.



A canopy over a window tends to direct air upward.

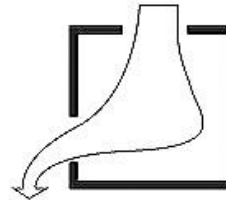


A gap between canopy and wall ensures a downward pressure.

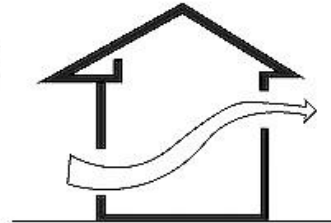


Downward pressure is improved further in the case of a louvered sunshade.

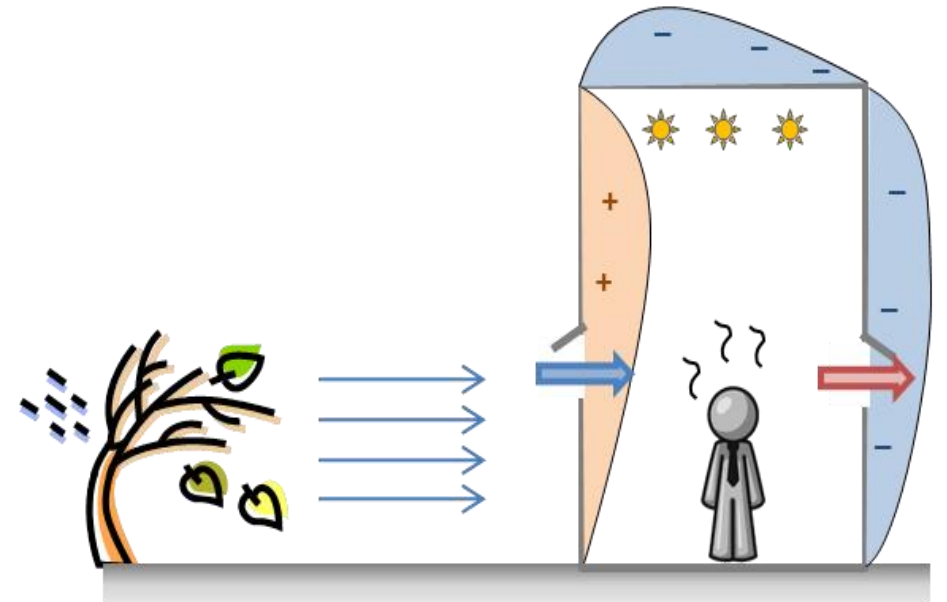
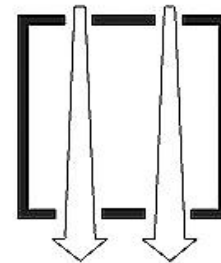
_cross-ventilation



_higher up windows to allow hot air to escape



_smaller inlet windows facing prevailing winds and larger outlet windows on opposite side

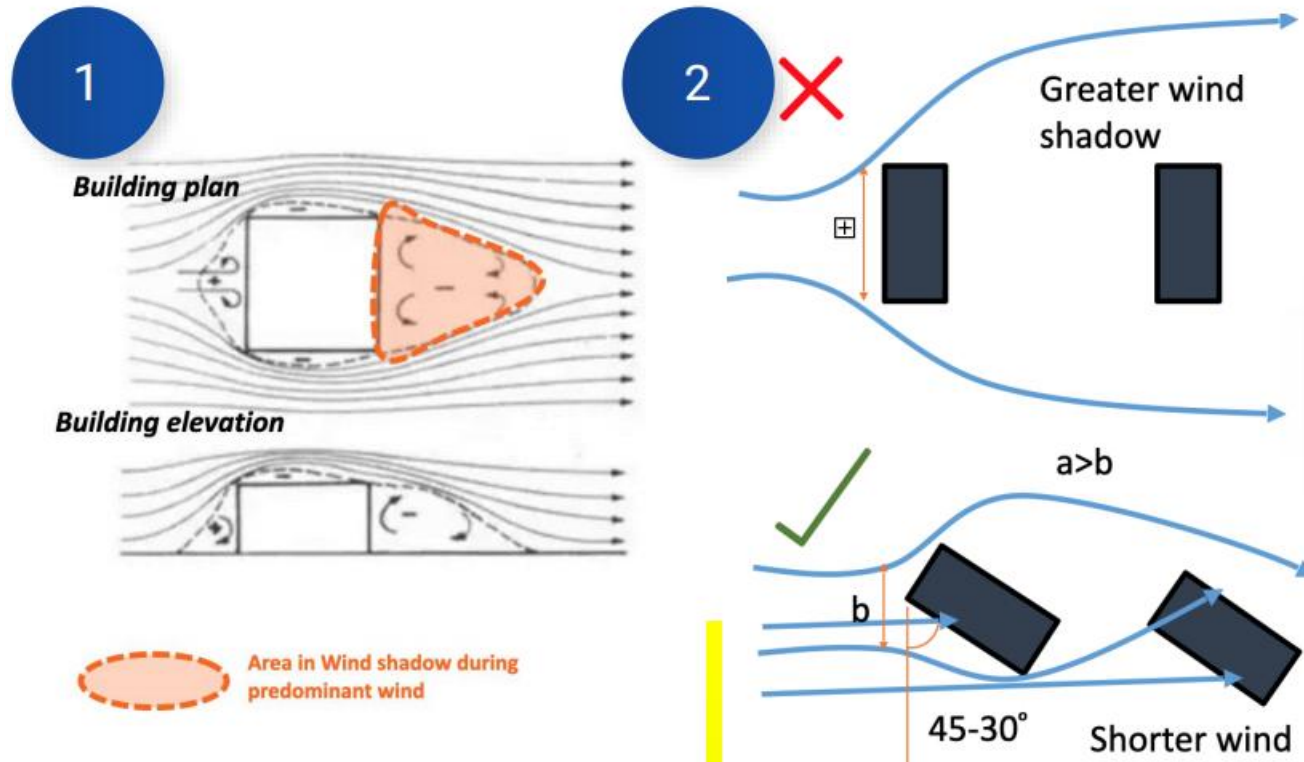


High pressure

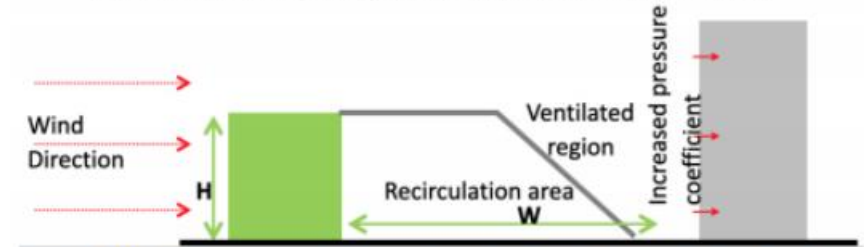
Low pressure

How Natural Ventilation works

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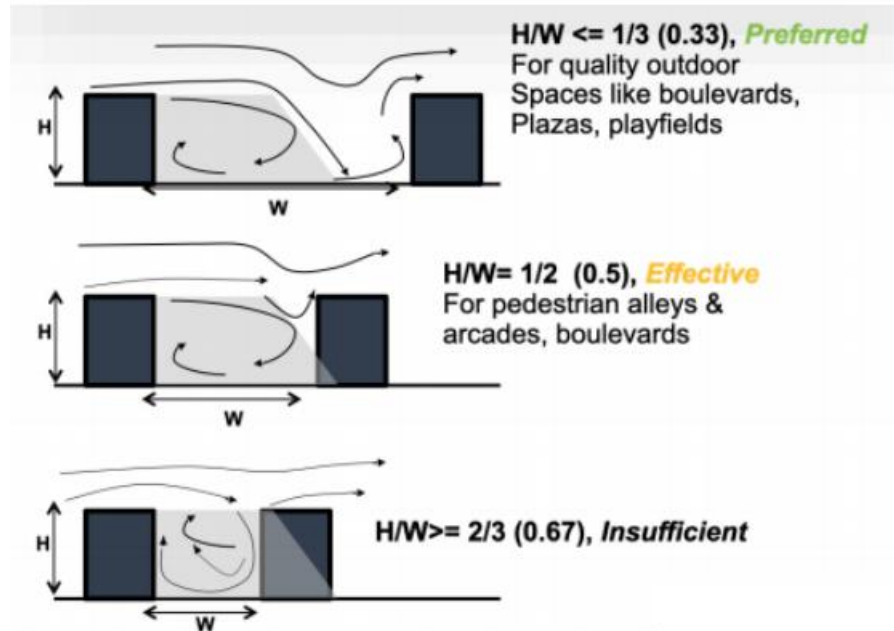


Lower building heights towards windward side



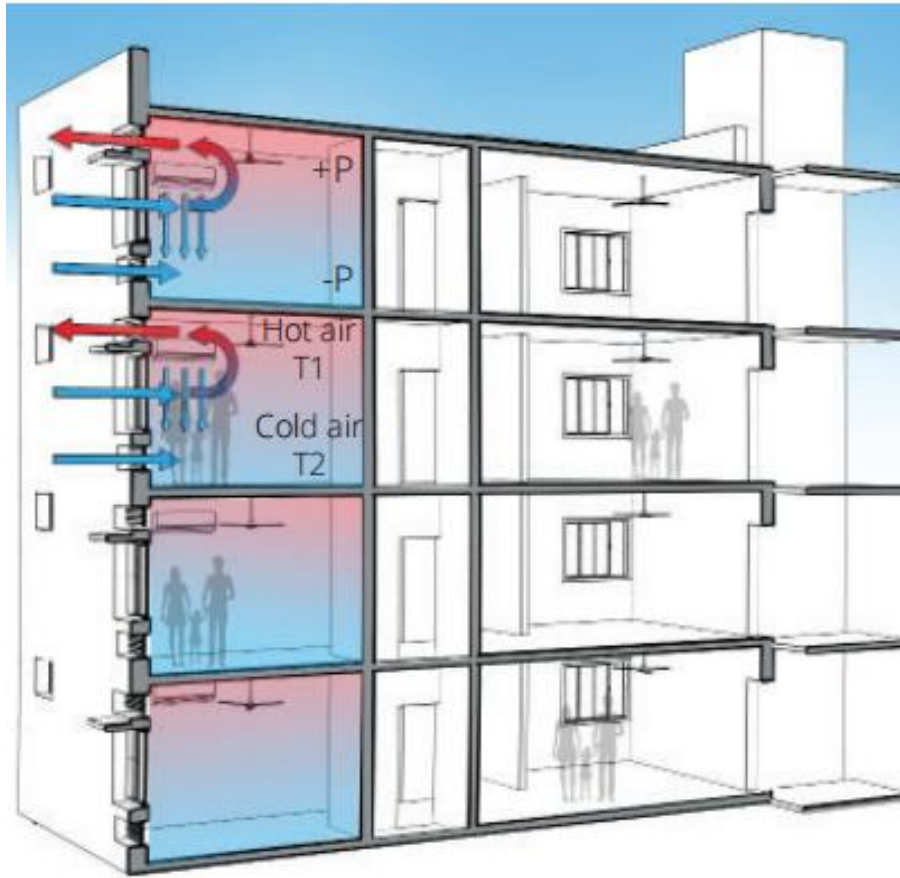
Width (W) – The average distance from the building facade edges to the shortest distance to the adjacent block.

Incase building heights cannot be varied, and buildings are placed one behind the other in the wind direction, following needs to be ensured.



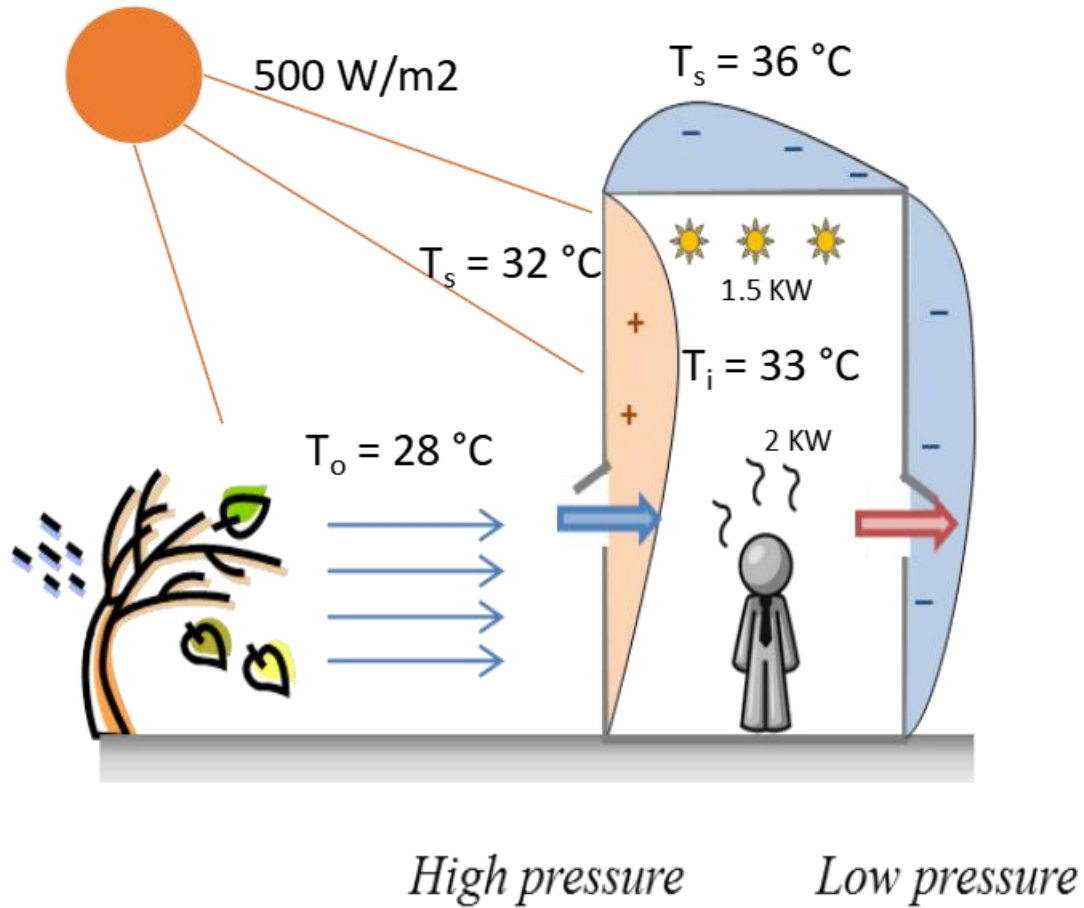
How Natural Ventilation works

Buyoancy driven / Stack ventilation



How Natural Ventilation works

Cooling effect of Ventilation



Indoors **warmer** than Outdoors

Enough quantity / **flow rate** to remove internal heat

Assisted with Passive **Design** elements

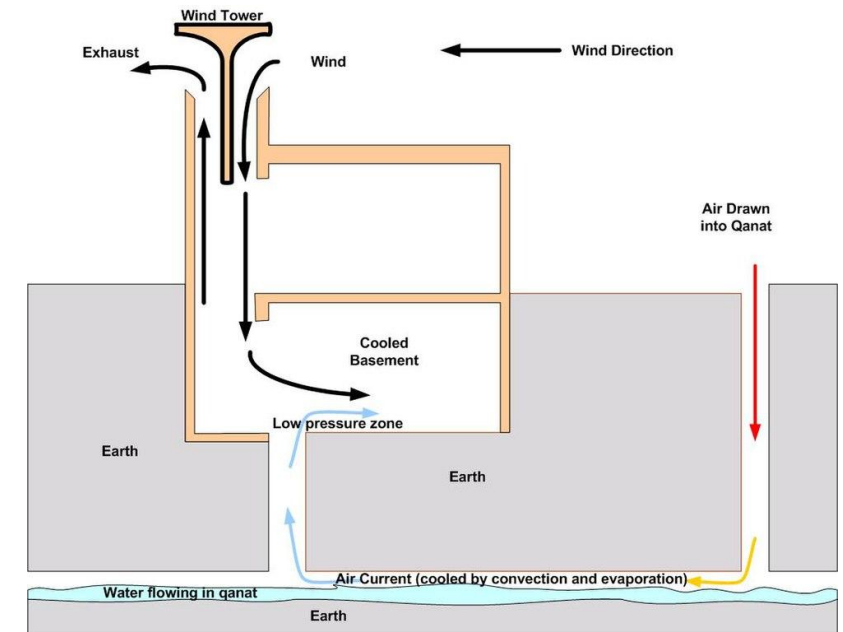
PRACTICE

Design for Natural Ventilation



Indispensible part of vernacular architecture

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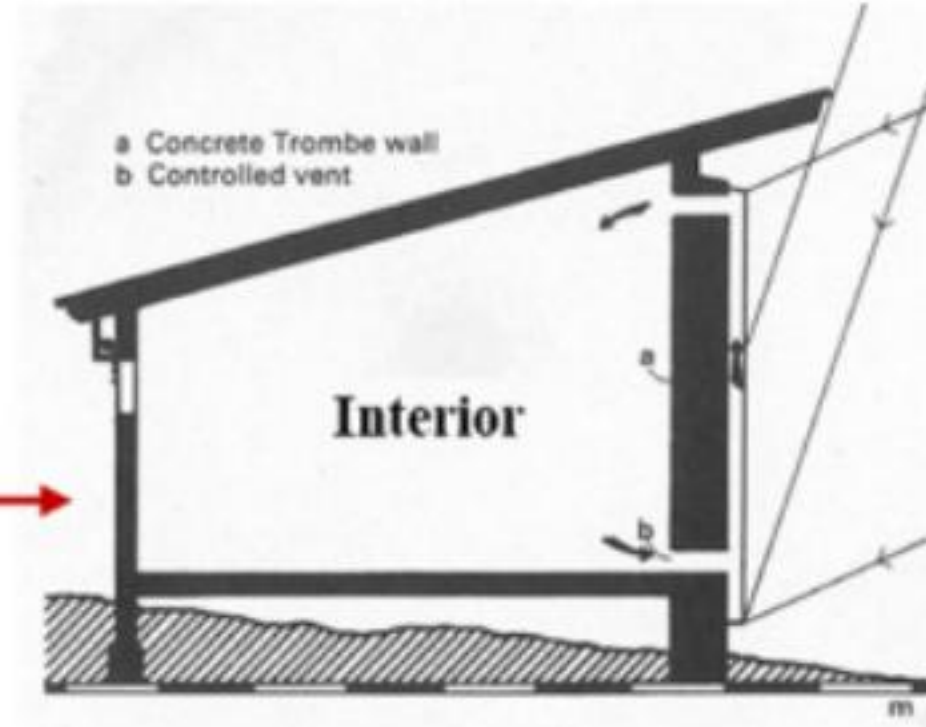
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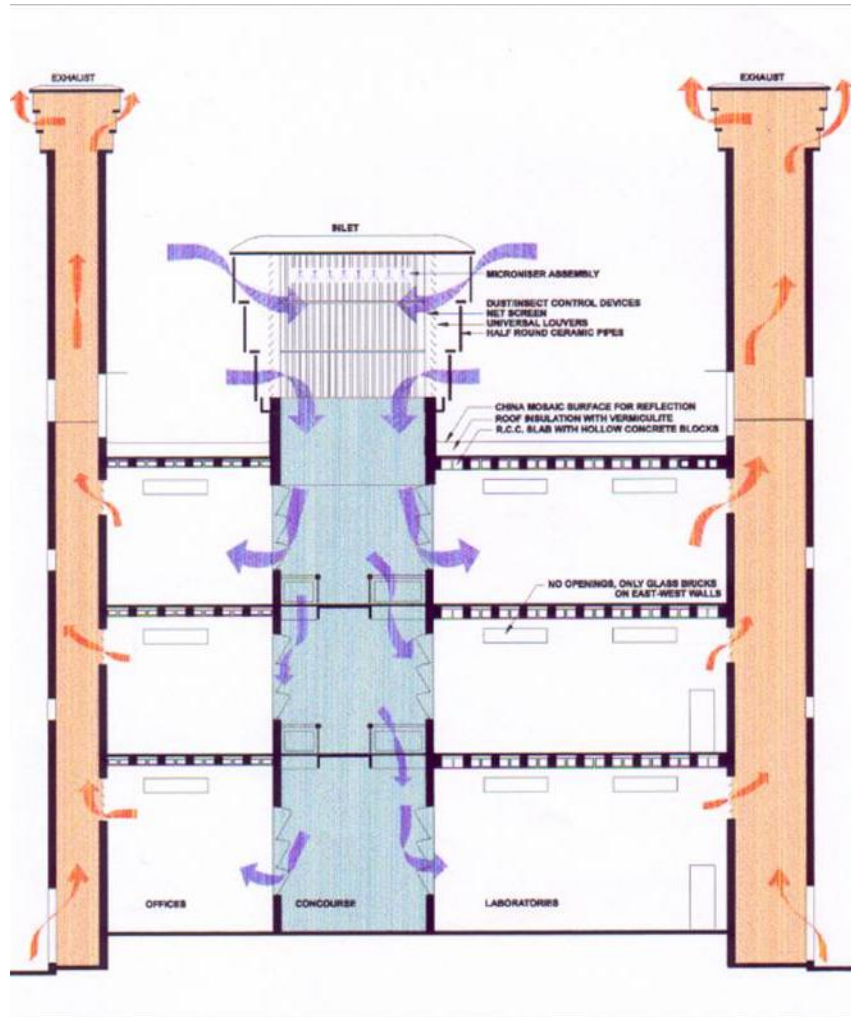
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Modern Adaptation - Leveraging Mechanical assistance with NV



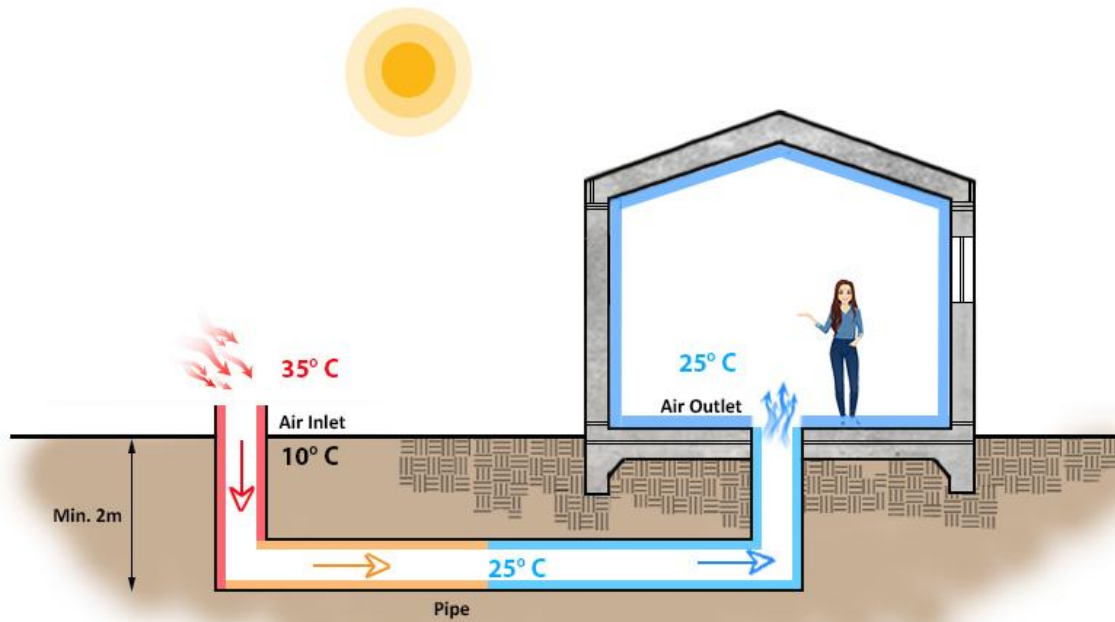
Double skin - ventilated facades and Ceiling Fans

Modern Adaptation - Leveraging Mechanical assistance with NV



Solar chimneys and Passive Downdraft Evaporative Coolers

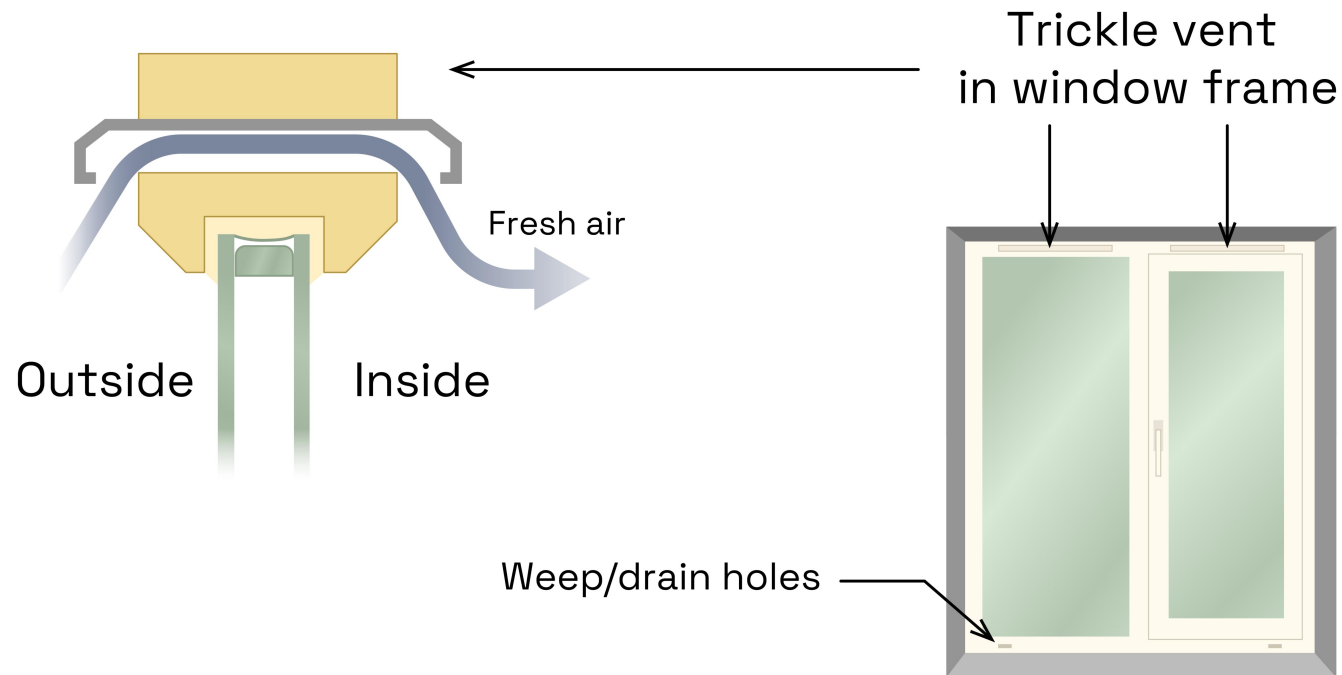
Modern Adaptation - Leveraging Mechanical assistance with NV



Earth Air tunnels

Modern Adaptation - Leveraging Mechanical assistance with NV

Trickle vents in windows



Trickle windows and Swirl Ventilator for Fresh Air

**BUT THESE FEATURES ARE
BECOMING LESS COMMON**

Dissappearing Design for Ventilation - UNIVERSALIZATION OF ARCHITECTURE



India



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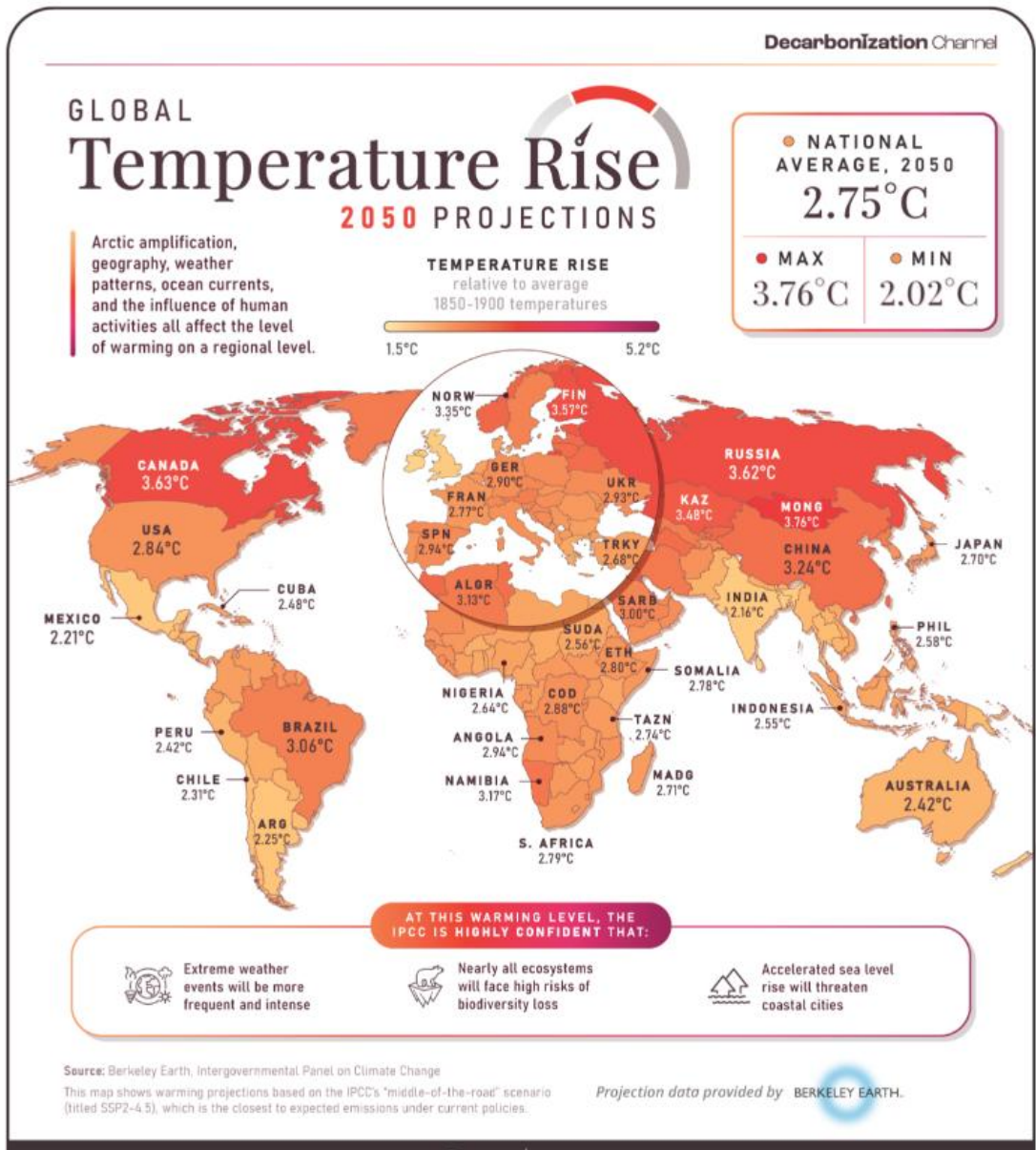


London



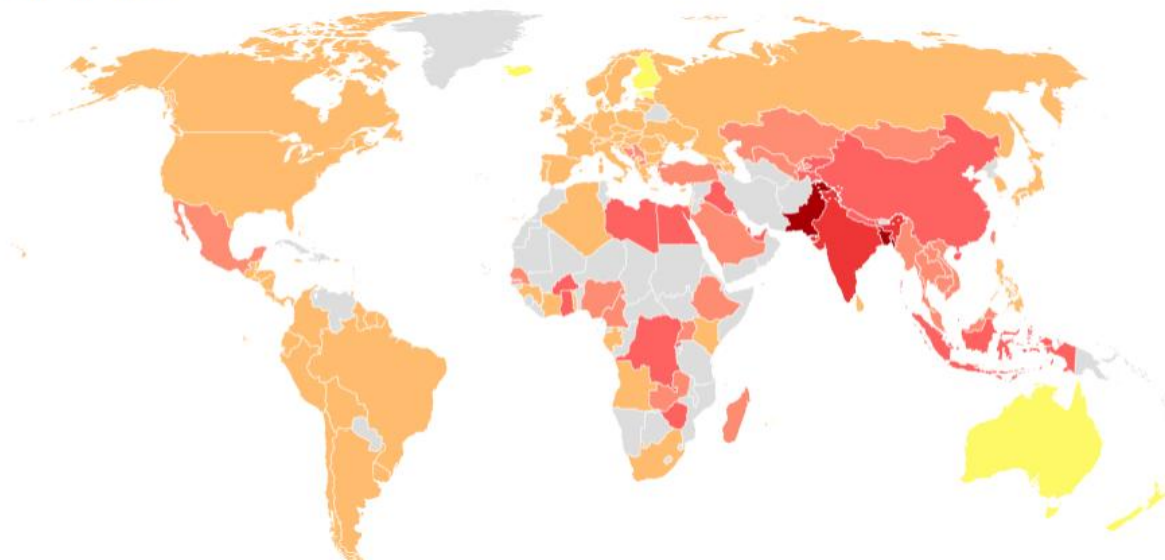
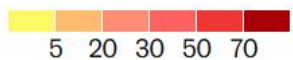
**AIR CONDITIONING
=
AIR TIGHTNESS
=
SUPER INSULATED**

Dissappearing Design for Ventilation - Global warming and rising Pollution



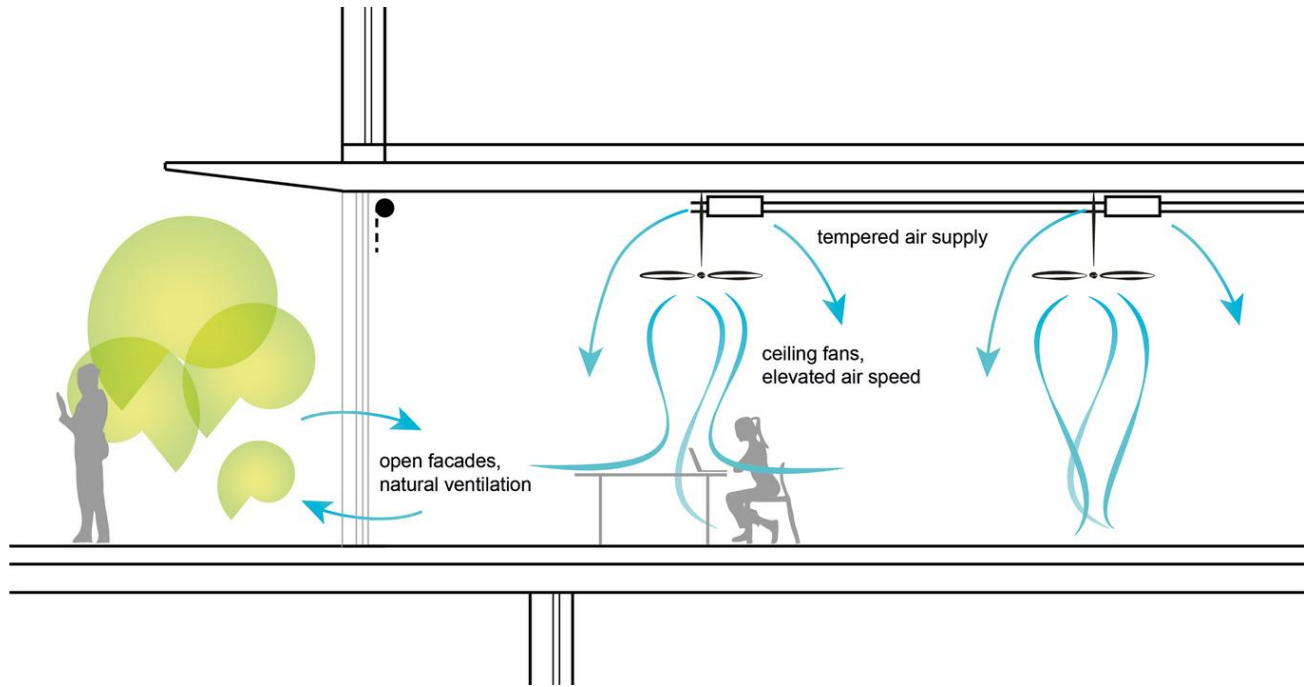
Air quality by country

Annual concentration of PM2.5 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)



**Natural Ventilation
opportunity based on
Climate Classification**

Thermal comfort and Ventilation



Adaptive THERMAL COMFORT

conventional approach



operative Temperature
24°C

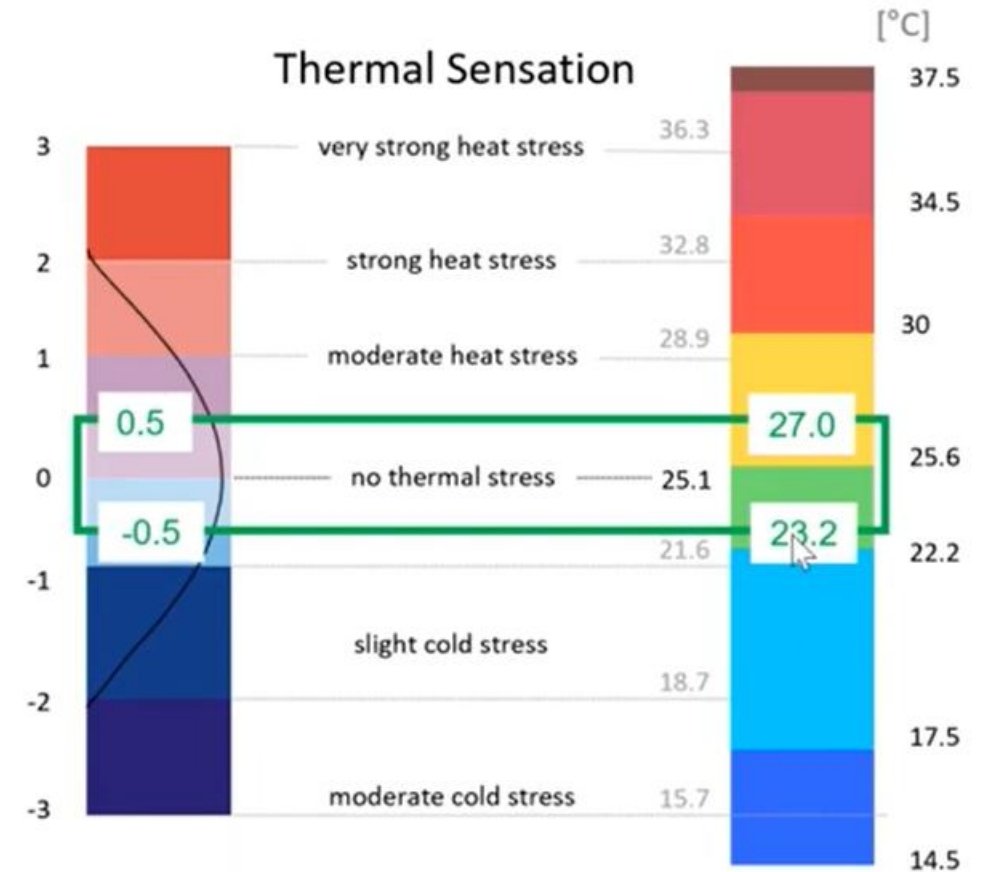
adaptive comfort approach



operative Temperature 29°C
tempered air + elevated air speed

Model
Predicted Mean
Vote (PMV)

Model
Standard Effective
Temperature (SET)



ASHRAE-55 EN-16798 Compare Ranges Upload Fans & Heat PHS

Inputs

Adaptive method

31.5 °C

33 °C

0.6 m/s (118 fpm)

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Thermal comfort and Ventilation

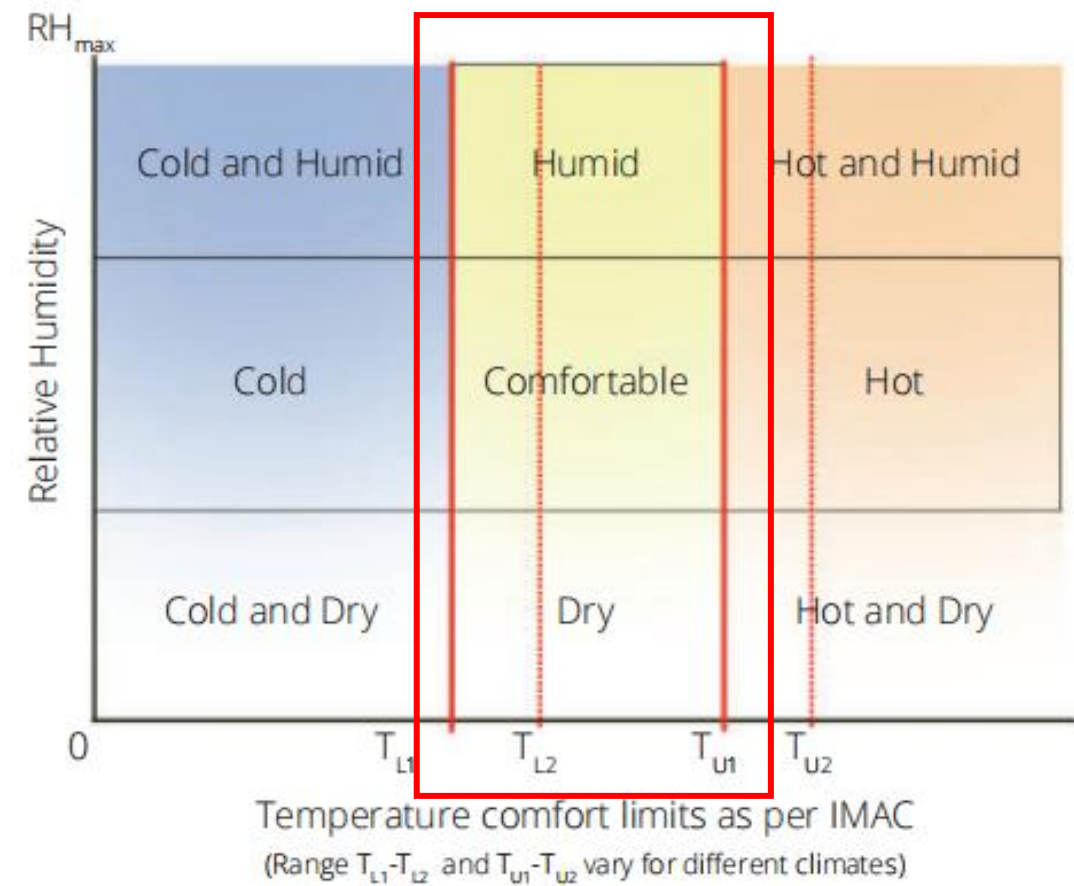
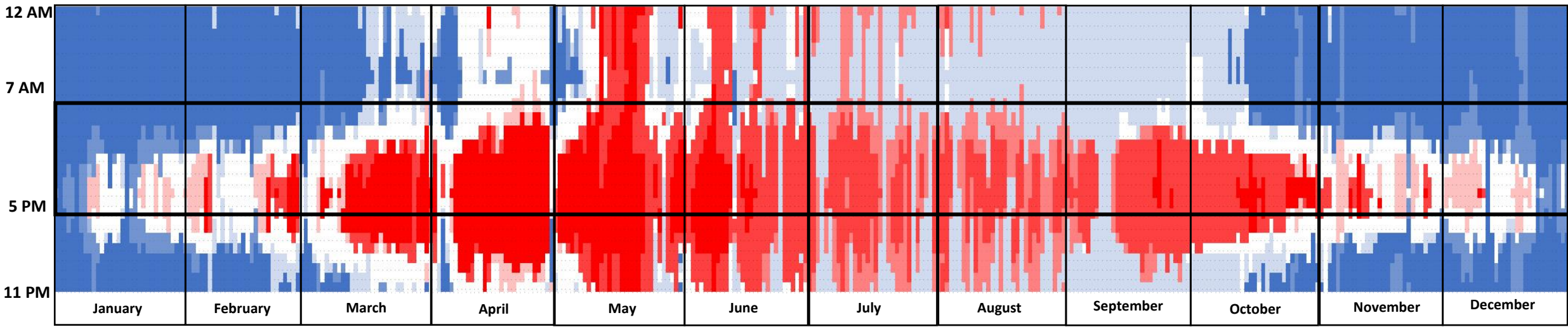


Figure 2: The logic for categorization of annual hours based on temperature and humidity thresholds. Source: Manu et. al. (2016).

Operation mode	Temperature thresholds	RH thresholds
Natural Ventilation	Within the 80% acceptability band	30% -70%
Heating	< Lower limit of 80% acceptability	30% -70%
Heating and Dehumidification	< Lower limit of 80% acceptability	>70%
Cooling	> Upper limit of 80% acceptability	30% -70%
Cooling and Dehumidification	> Upper limit of 80% acceptability	>70%
Dehumidification	Within the 80% acceptability band	>70%
Humidification	Within the 80% acceptability band	<30%
Heating and Humidification	< Lower limit of 80% acceptability	<30%
Cooling and Humidification	> Upper limit of 80% acceptability	<30%

Thermal comfort and Ventilation



		% OF HOURS (TOTAL IN THE YEAR)	
No.	Condition		
1	Cold & Humid	24.9%	2182.0
2	Cold	4.7%	410.0
3	Cold & Dry	0.0%	2.0
4	Humid	19.4%	1703.0
5	Comfortable	15.2%	1333.0
6	Dry	3.2%	277.0
7	Hot & Humid	5.6%	493.0
8	Hot	16.3%	1430.0
9	Hot & Dry	10.6%	930.0
		100.0%	8760.0

Thermal comfort and Ventilation - Different Climates in India

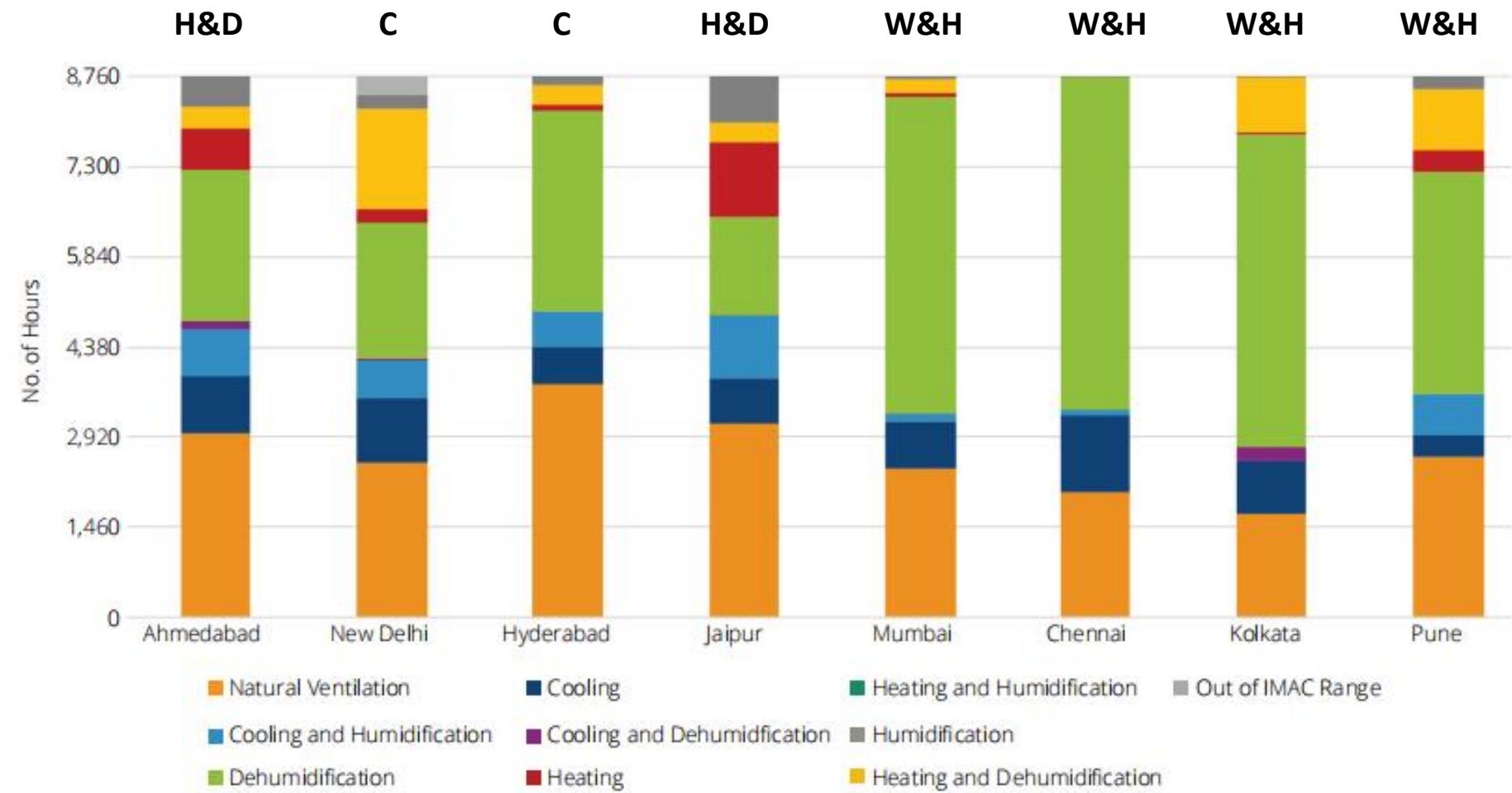
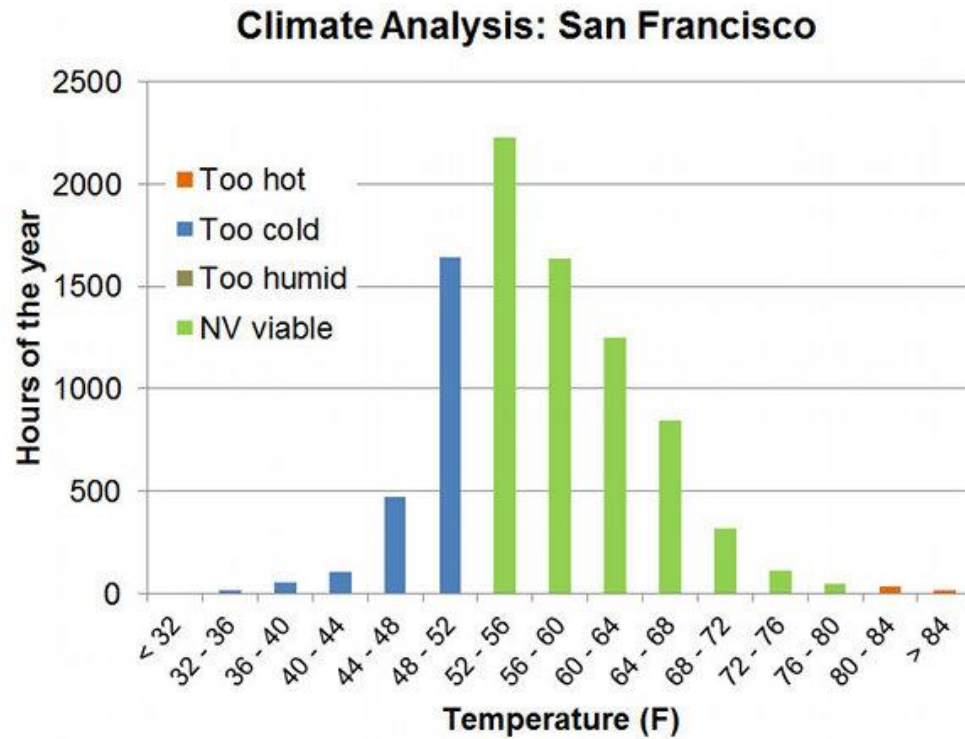


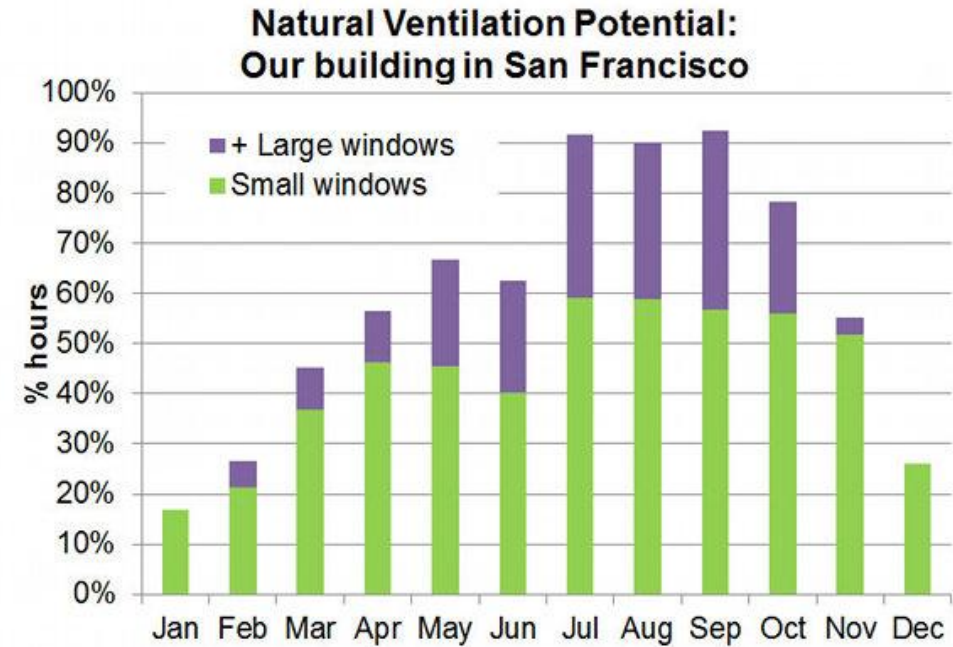
Figure 3: Number of comfort hours in a year for different operating modes as per IMAC-MM for eight Indian cities.

Source:-
LeCAVIR CARBSE CEPT

Thermal comfort and Ventilation - San Francisco *Climate Zone 3C (Warm Marine)*



NV viability 73% of year



NV potential:

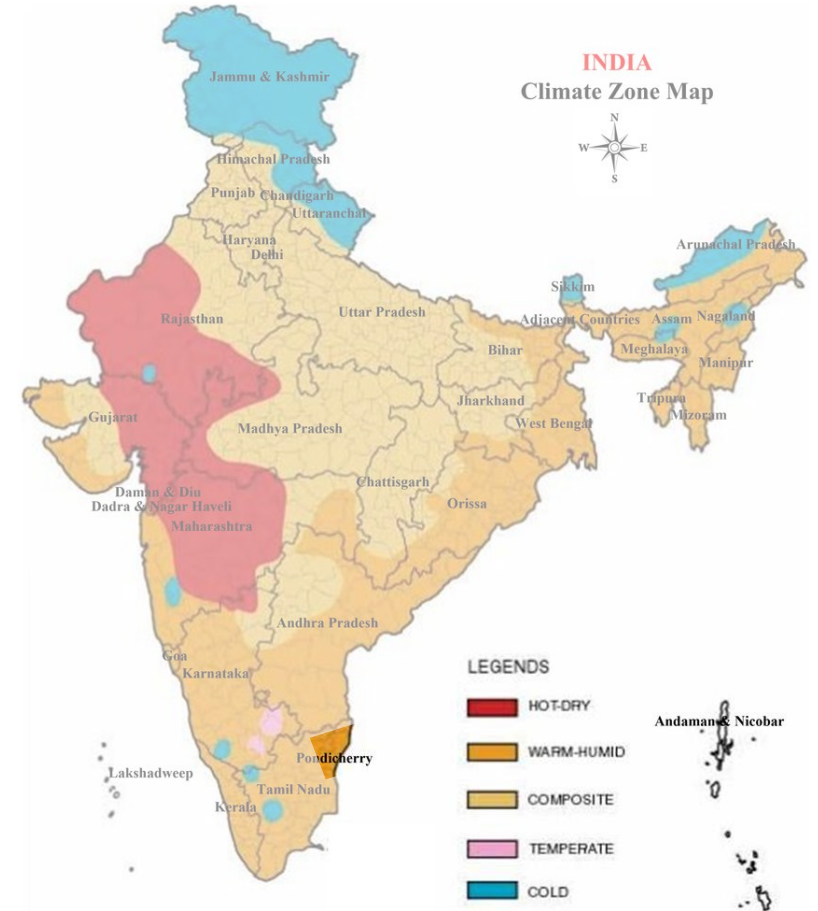
- 43% of year (small windows)
- 59% of year (large windows)



Natural ventilation for thermal comfort

- Wind driven Cross ventilation

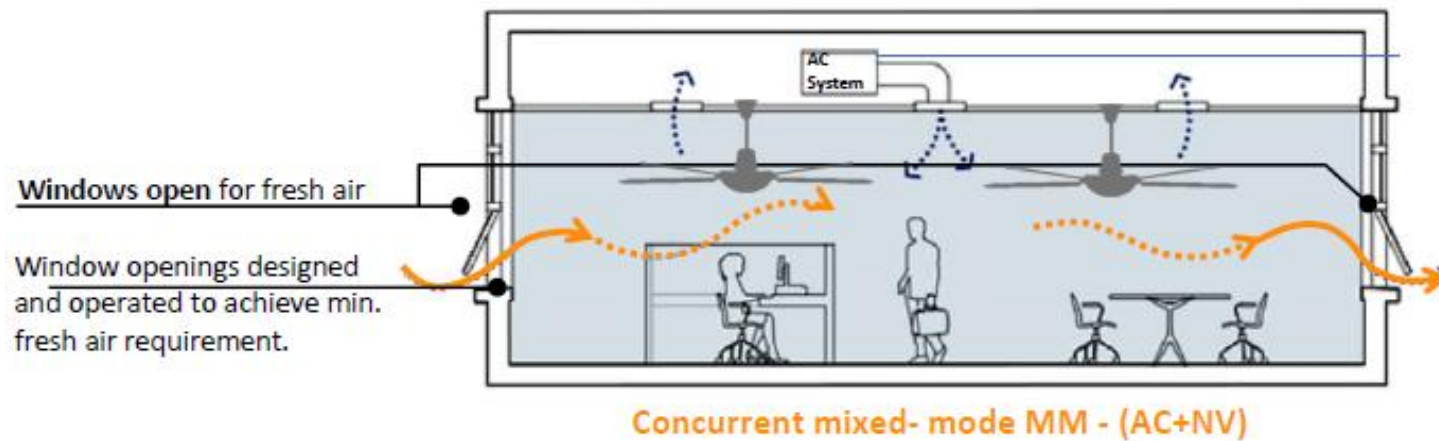
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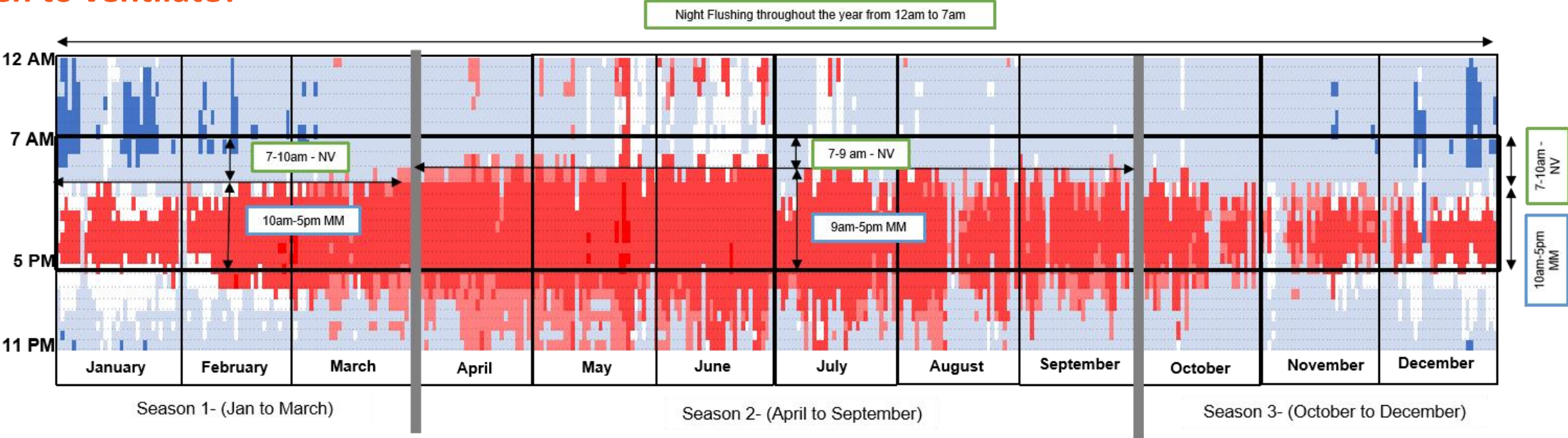
Warm Humid Climate

Mode of Operation - Mixed Mode

Ventilation for Air quality
Ventilation for thermal comfort $T_o < T_i$



When to ventilate?



Thermal comfort map - IMAC Mixed mode

No.	Condition	% OF OCCUPIED HOURS	Hrs.
1	Cold & Humid	1.3%	51.0
2	Cold	0.0%	1.0
3	Cold & Dry	0.0%	0.0
4	Humid	27.3%	1097.0
5	Comfortable	7.3%	292.0
6	Dry	0.0%	0.0
7	Hot & Humid	5.4%	216.0
8	Hot	58.0%	2329.0
9	Hot & Dry	0.7%	29.0

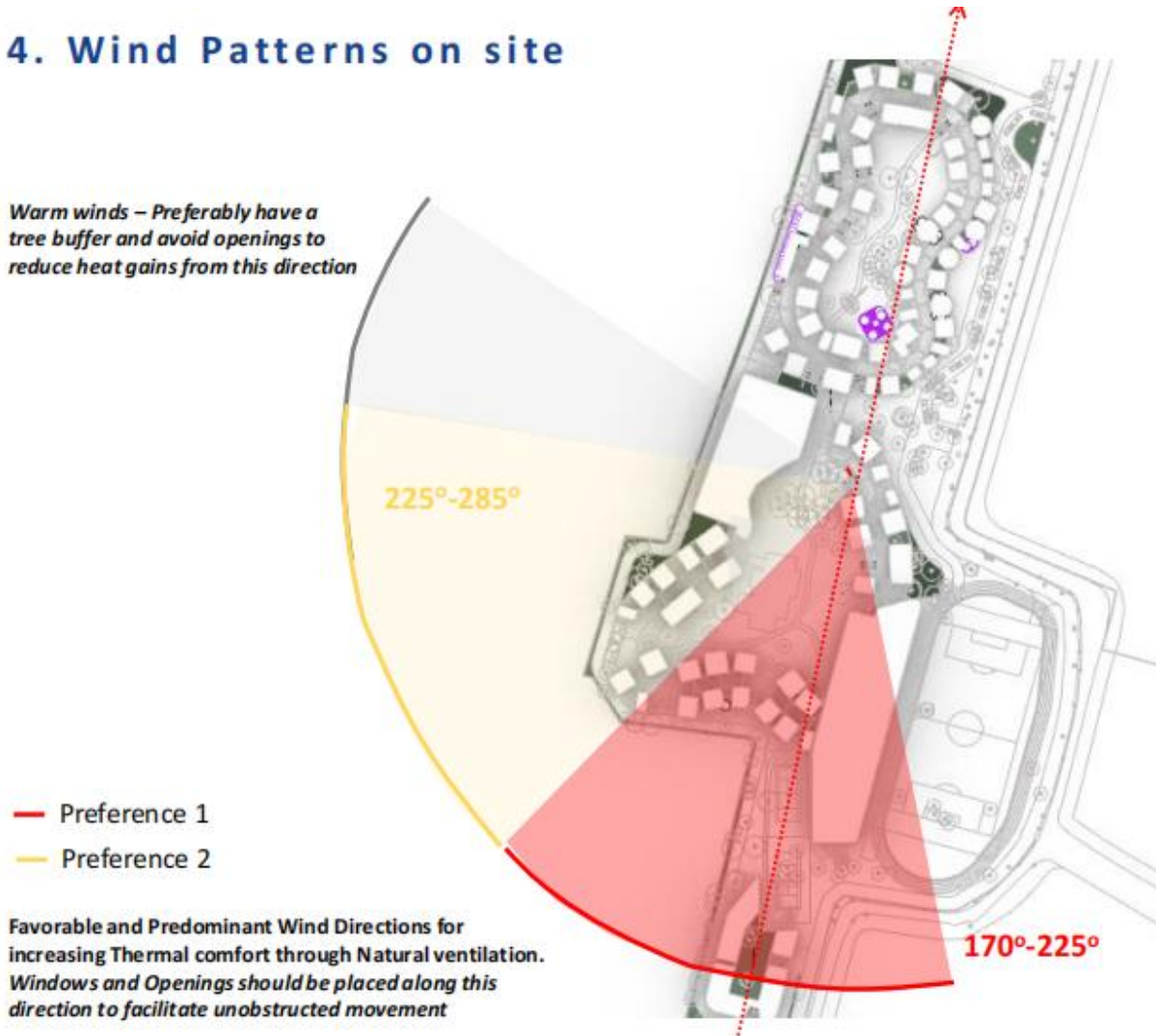
Natural ventilation only with Fans. AC will be off.
Maximum flow rate will be derived from maximum internal load of the buildings

Limited NV:
Maximum flow rate for only meeting minimum fresh air requirements.

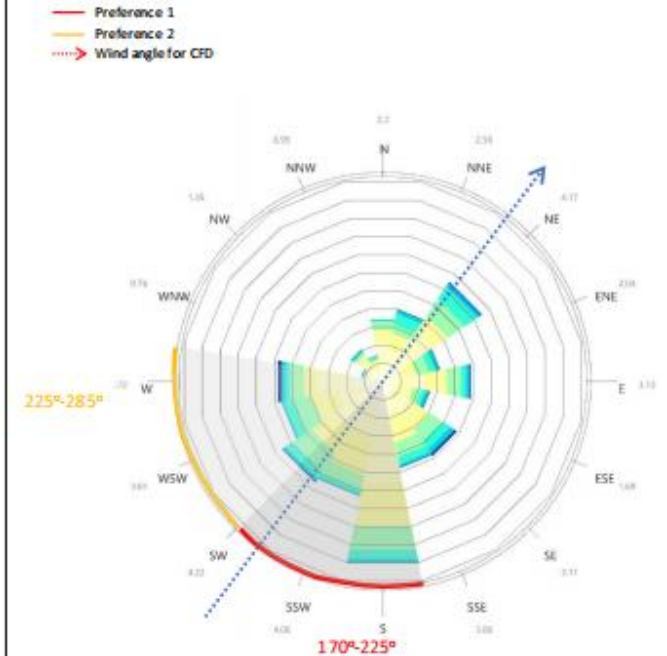
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4. Wind Patterns on site

Warm winds – Preferably have a tree buffer and avoid openings to reduce heat gains from this direction



Predominant Wind Direction for Building blocks



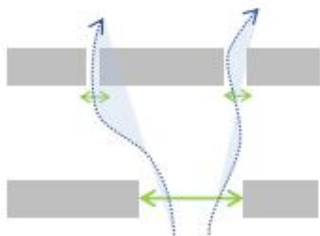
Annual wind rose
Wind speed > 1ms-1
DBT<35°C

Inputs for CFD
Wind direction: 210°
Wind speed : 3ms⁻¹

Wind driven Cross ventilation

CFD Analysis | Primary block

Analysis & Recommendations

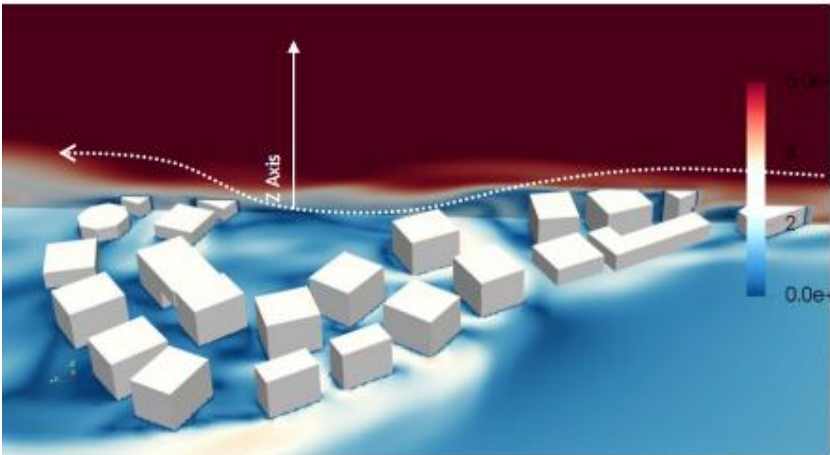
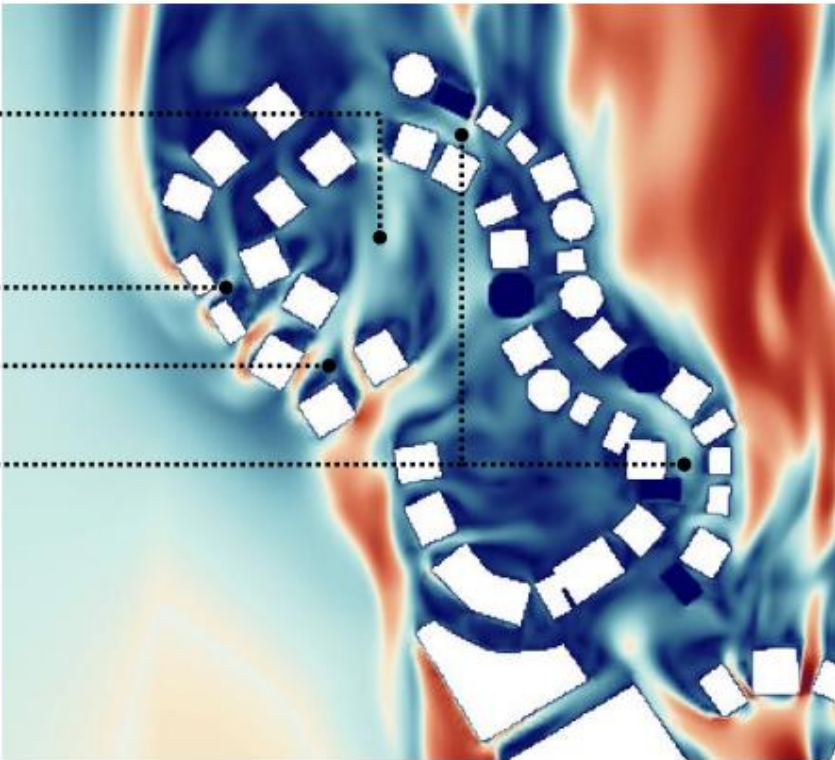


High wind zone area: Outdoor play area can be placed

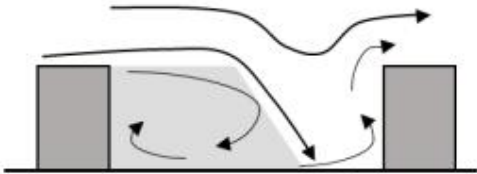
High potential of cross flow due to breaks and voids in the form.

Enhanced airflow in corridors due to staggered breaks in the built-form.

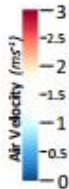
Air movement observed even in the corridors facing leeward side due to pressure difference induce by irregular & tapered voids.



The aspect of the courtyards allow for the winds to regain its momentum towards the ground hence, air movement can be observed in these spaces even when in the leeward wind direction. (Canyon effect)



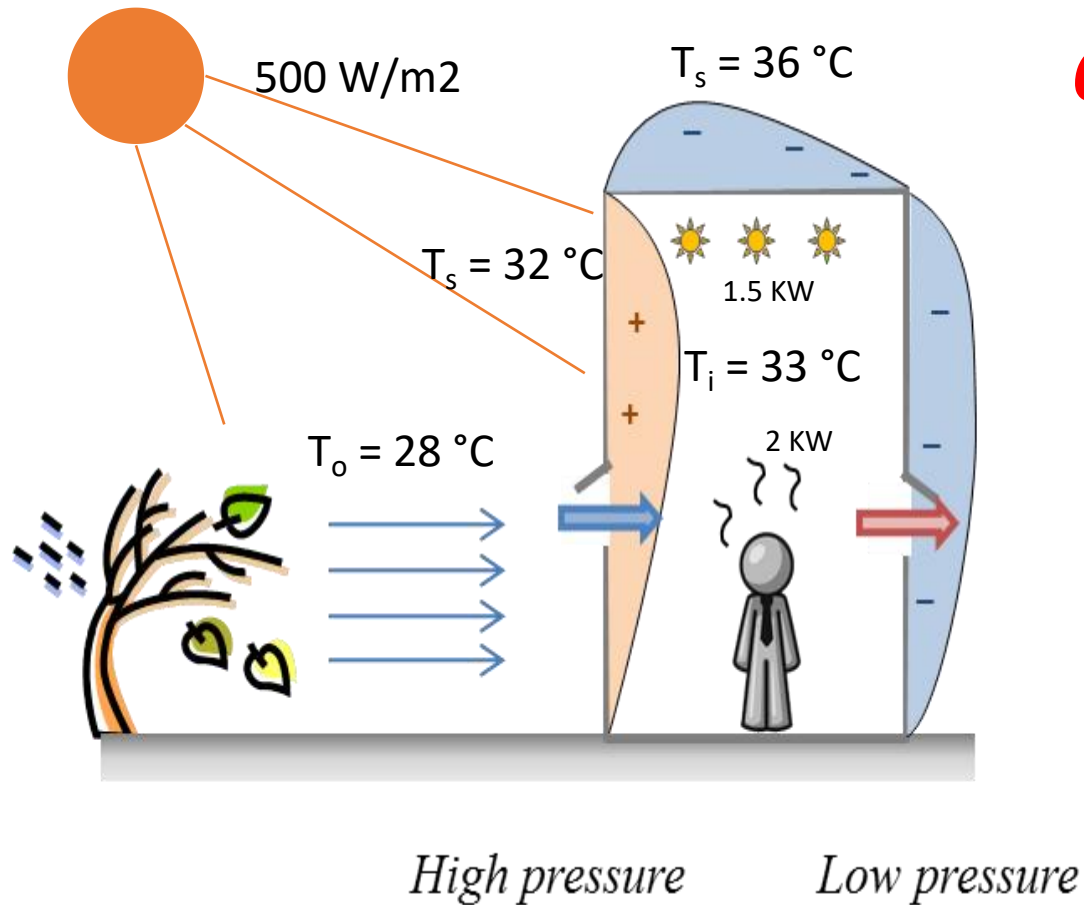
H/W>2, Preferred
For quality outdoor
Spaces like boulevards,
Plazas, playfields



Wind driven Cross ventilation

How to size Windows?

Calculate Heat Load



$$Q_{vent} = \dot{m} C_{pa} \Delta T = \rho_a \cdot V_r \cdot C_{pa} \cdot \Delta T$$

Heat from :-

1. Envelope - Glass, Walls, Roof, floors
2. Occupants
3. Equipment
4. Lights

THIS HEAT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED

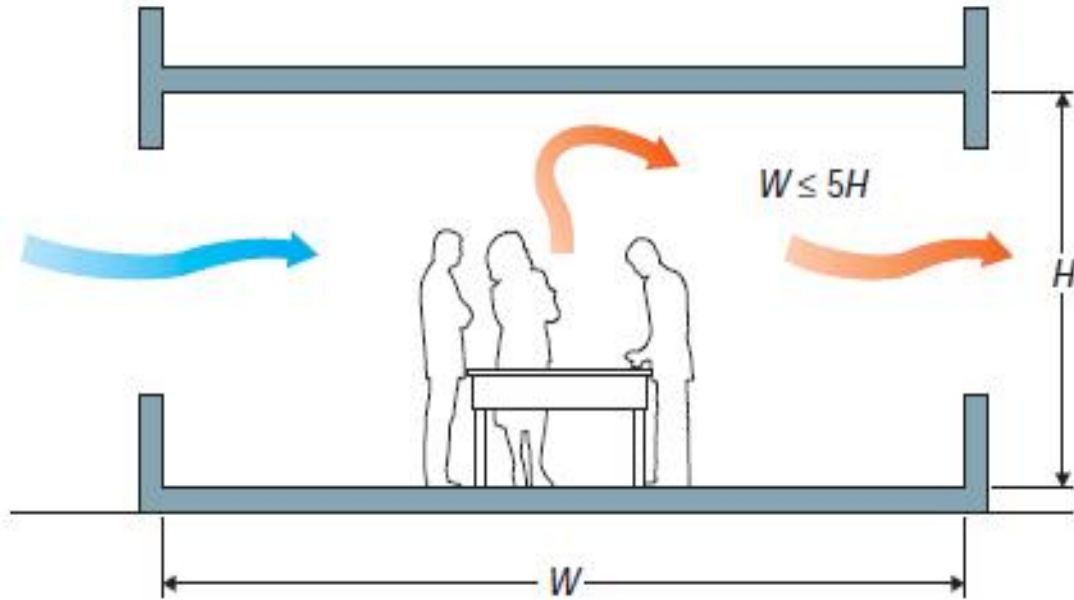
Calculate Flow rate

$$Q_{vent} = \dot{m} C_{pa} \Delta T = \rho_a \cdot V_r \cdot C_{pa} \cdot \Delta T$$

Space (type and Location)	Typical Week (October) 8-9am		Typical Week (October) 10-12pm		Hot Week (May) 8-9am	Hot Week (May) 10-12pm
	Avg. Heat gains (W)	Air changes required	Avg. Heat gains (W)	Air changes required	Avg. Heat gains (W)	Avg. Heat gains (W)
Activity room 1 (circle West facing)	1410	15	1640	10	1420	1880
Activity room 2 (Square West facing)	1800	19	2690	27	1950	2900
Activity room 3 (Octagon East facing)	1440	12	1605	15	1550	1790
Activity room 5 (Square East facing)	1500	13	1544	12	1600	1790
Activity room 5 (Circle East facing)	1370	4	1500	6	1470	1600

Calculate Window Size

Reference : CIBSE AM10 - Natural Ventilation Design



$$A = q \left(C_d U \sqrt{\frac{\Delta C_p}{2}} \right)^{-1}$$

A = Total opening area m^2

q = Flow rate m^3/s

C_d = Discharge Coefficient

U = Wind speed adjusted for height m/s

ΔC_p = Pressure difference between windward and leeward side

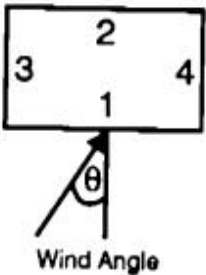
Calculate Window Size

ΔC_p = Pressure difference between windward and leeward side

Table 3.5 (iv) Wind Pressure Coefficient Data

Low-rise buildings (up to 3 storeys)

Length to width ratio: 2:1
Shielding condition: Exposed
Wind speed reference level: Building height



Location	Wind Angle							
	0°	45°	90°	135°	180°	225°	270°	315°
Face 1	0.5	0.25	-0.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5	0.25
Face 2	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5	0.25	0.5	0.25	-0.5	-0.8
Face 3	-0.9	0.2	0.6	0.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.35	-0.6
Face 4	-0.9	-0.6	-0.35	-0.6	-0.9	0.2	0.6	0.2

Calculate Window Size

**U = Wind speed adjusted for height
m/s**

$$U = U_{mean} k z^a$$

U_{mean} : wind speed at weather station
at 10m height

z is the building height

k and a are constants

Terrain Coefficient	k	a
open, flat country	0.68	0.17
country with scattered wind breaks	0.52	0.20
urban	0.35	0.25
city	0.21	0.33

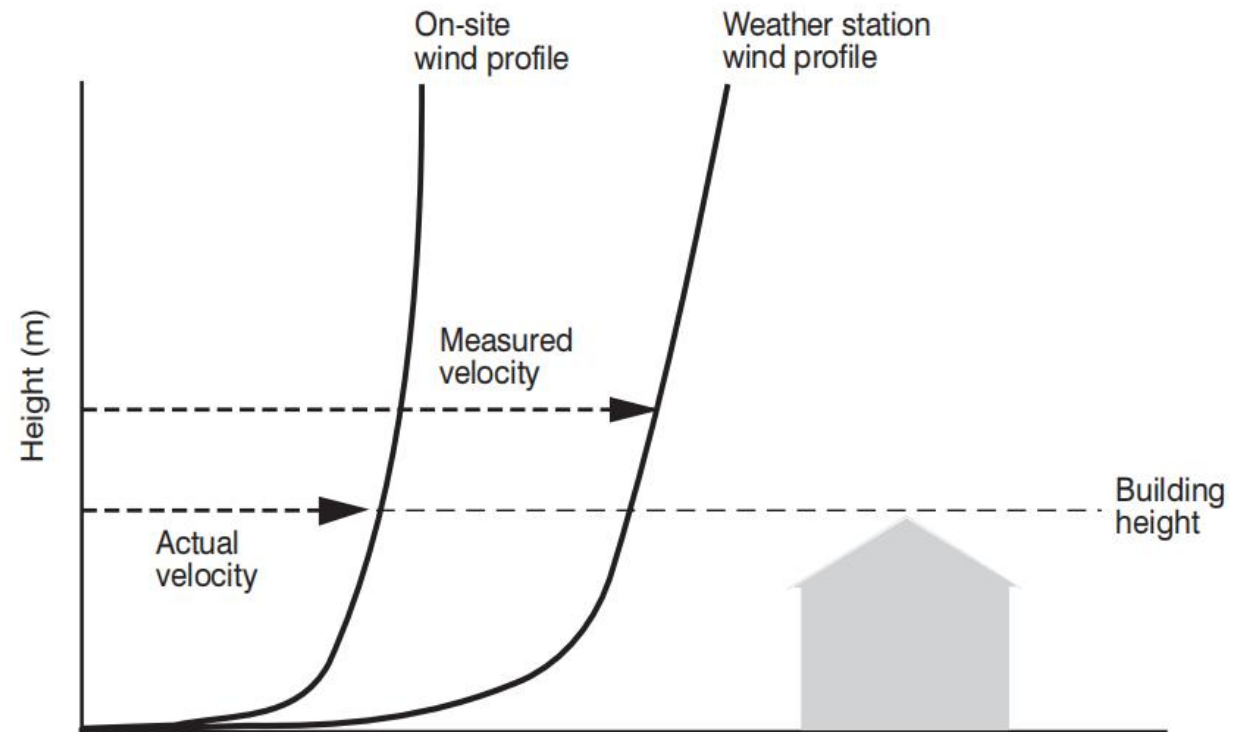


Figure 12.7 Influence of Wind Profile and Terrain Characteristics on Local Wind Speed

Calculate Window Size

Cd = Discharge Coefficient

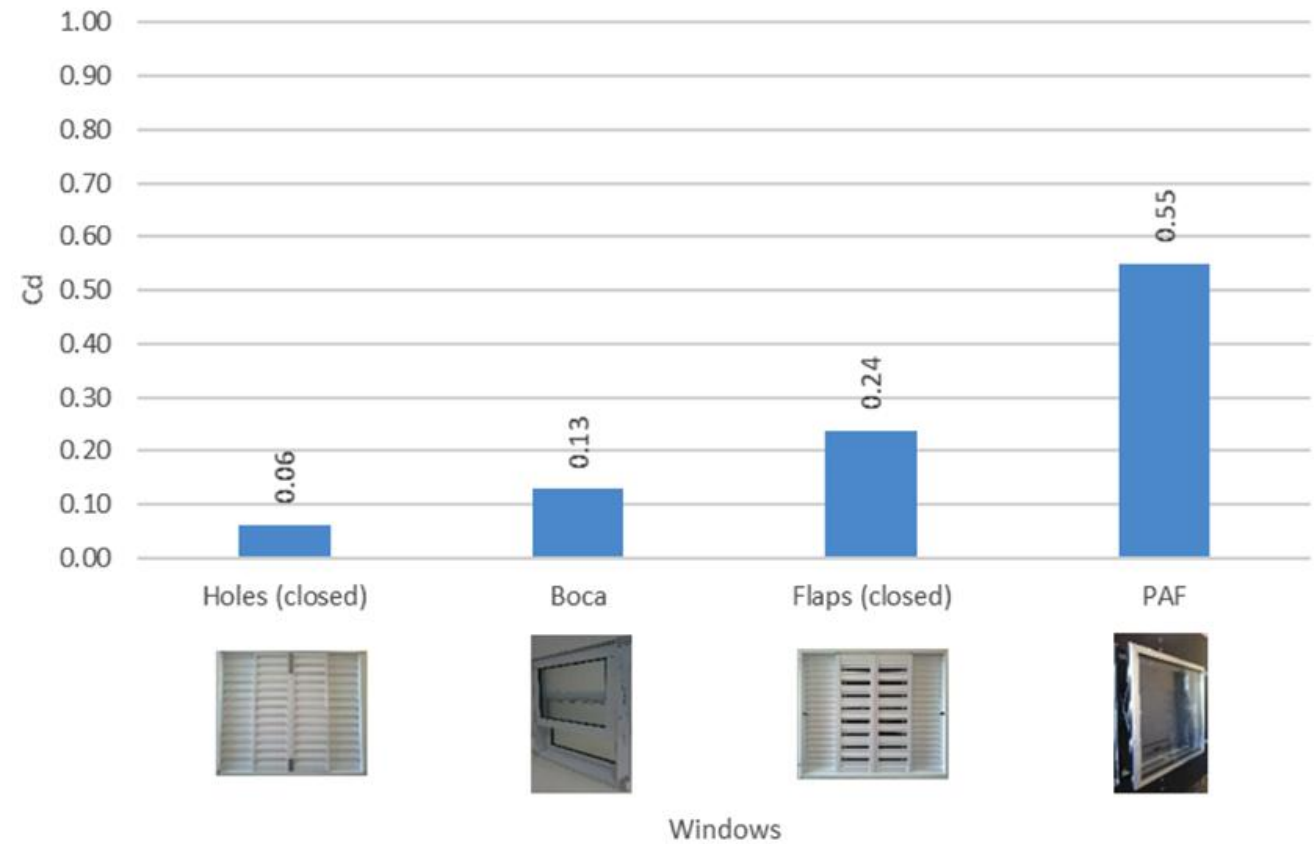
$$\Delta p_i = P_{E0} - P_{I0} - \Delta \rho_0 g z_i \quad (4.2)$$

where P_{E0} and P_{I0} are the external and internal hydrostatic pressures respectively at ground level (Pa), $\Delta \rho_0$ is the density difference at ground level ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$), g is the gravitational force per unit mass ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$) and z_i is the height of opening i above ground level (m).

The density difference is defined by:

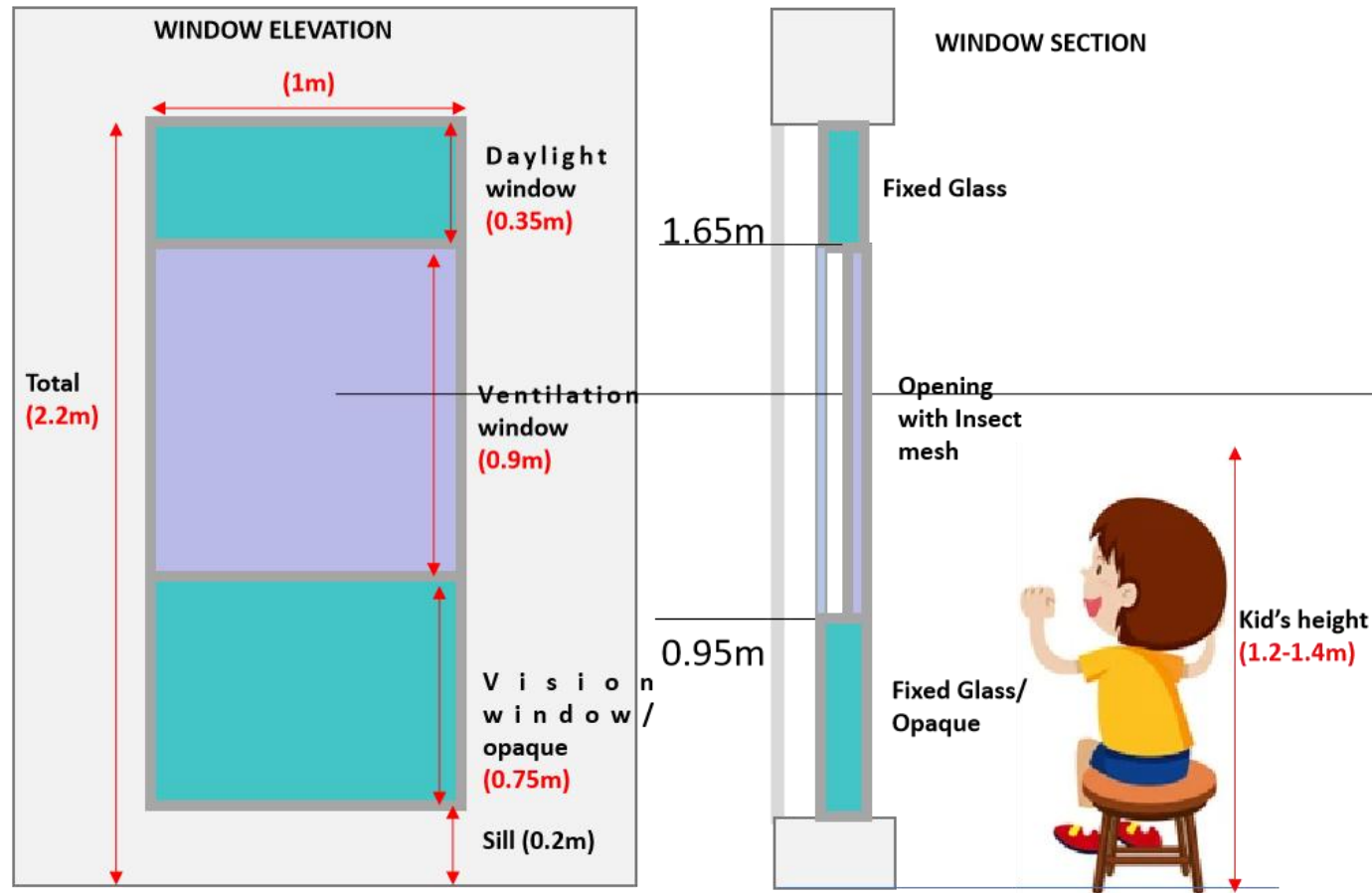
$$\Delta \rho_0 = \rho_E - \rho_I \quad (4.3)$$

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Planning Window design

Based on the inferences from the Daylight and Shading mask analysis and the requirements for Natural ventilation, a window design scheme is worked out following a series of optimization studies. This window design scheme adequately serves all the purposes and allows for optimum Visual and thermal comfort.



As per the Calculations for Natural ventilation, a minimum of **8m² of window area must be operable** to create air changes of 10-15 per hour.

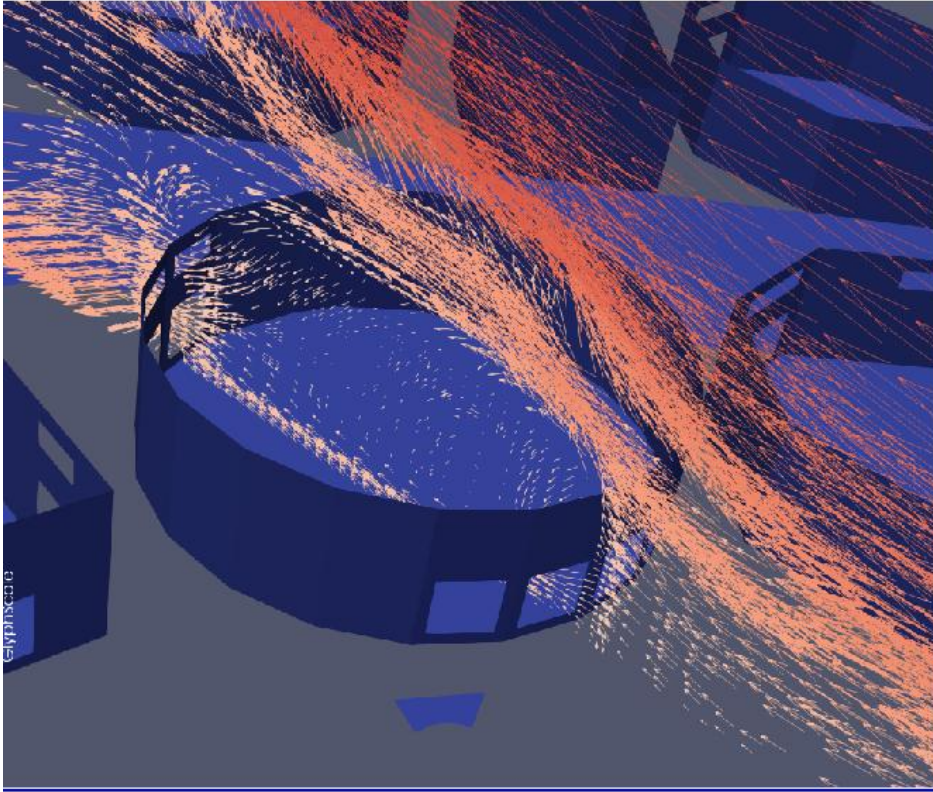
Option 1 – Casement windows with Stays



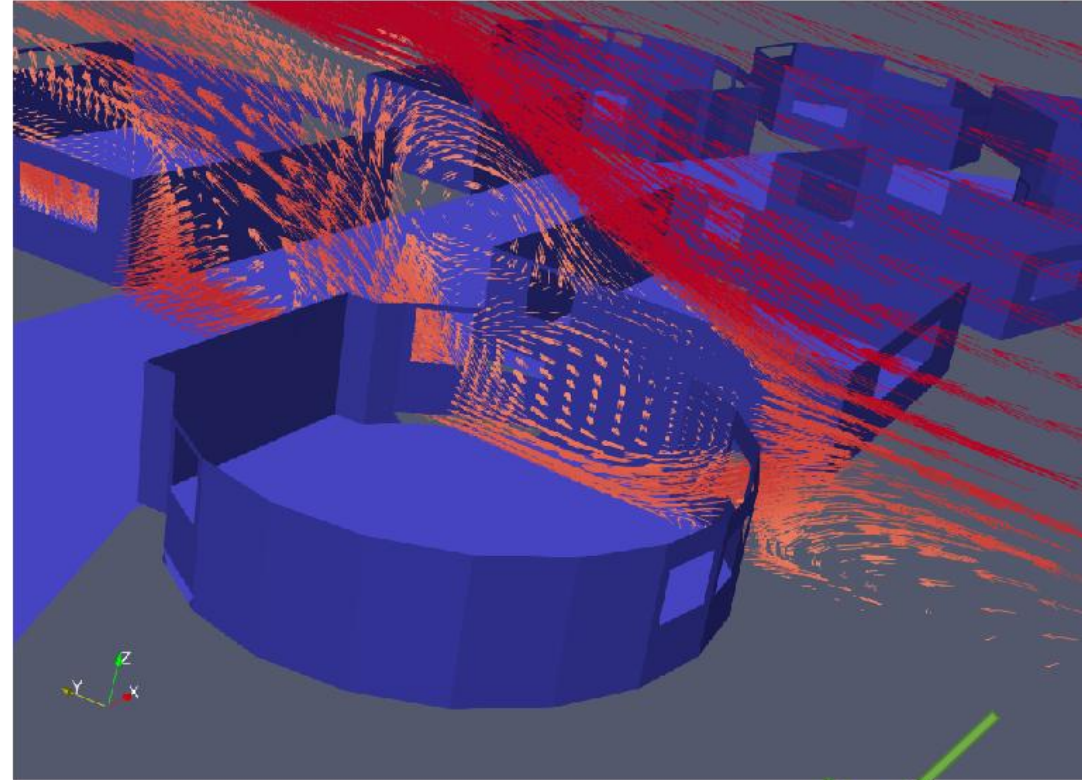
Option 2 – Double sliding window

Testing Window design

Inlet and outlet at low height.



Inlet at moderate height and outlet at higher level



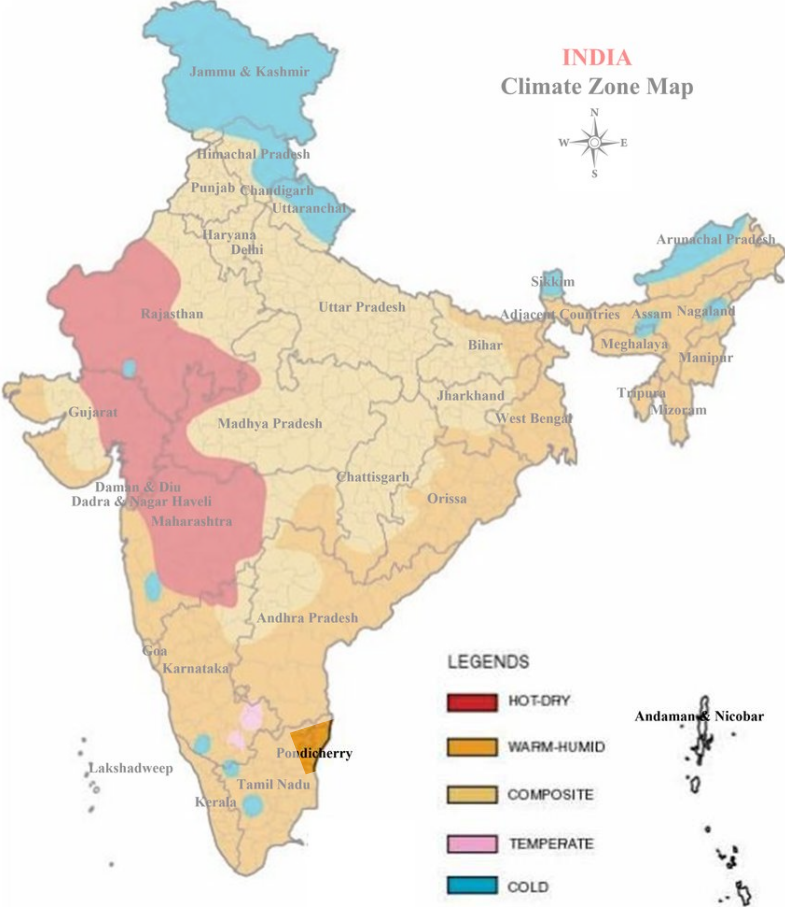
Windows opening at 0.75m from the ground allow a better air distribution compared to lower level. The air in case of lower windows sinks further and can only be felt till 300mm from the flooring level.



**Natural ventilation for
thermal comfort**

**Buoyancy driven
ventilation**

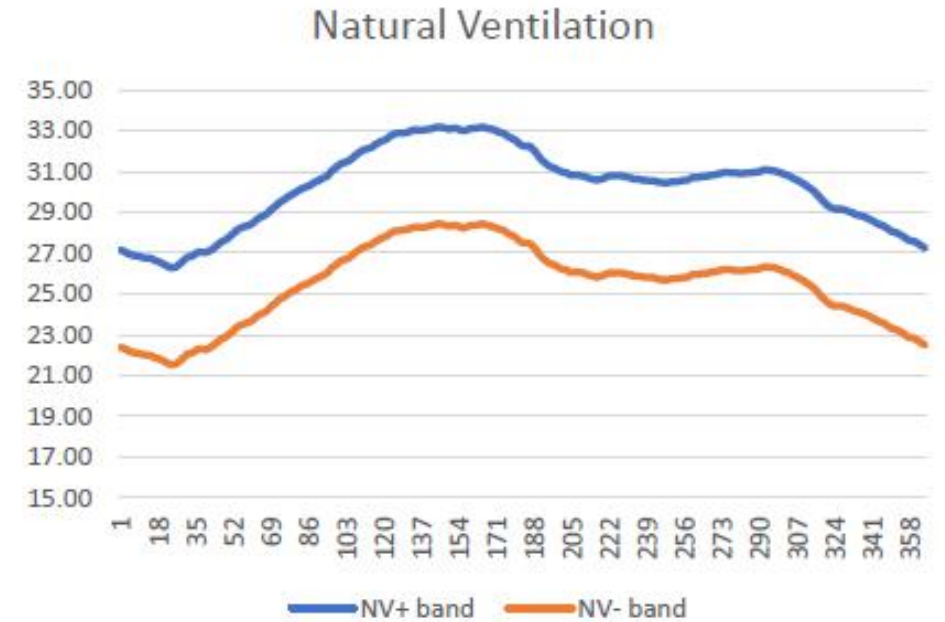
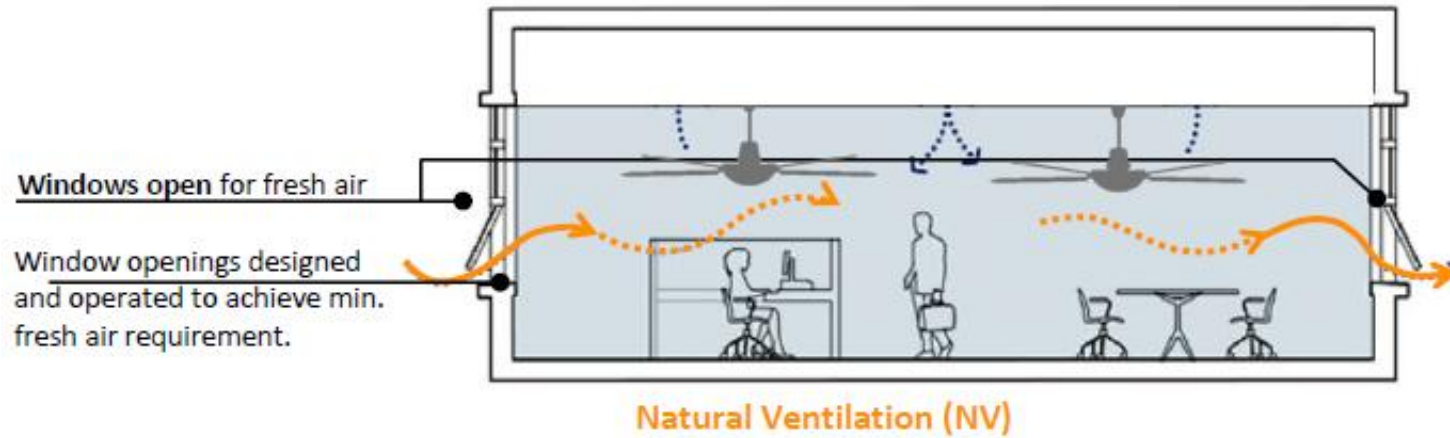
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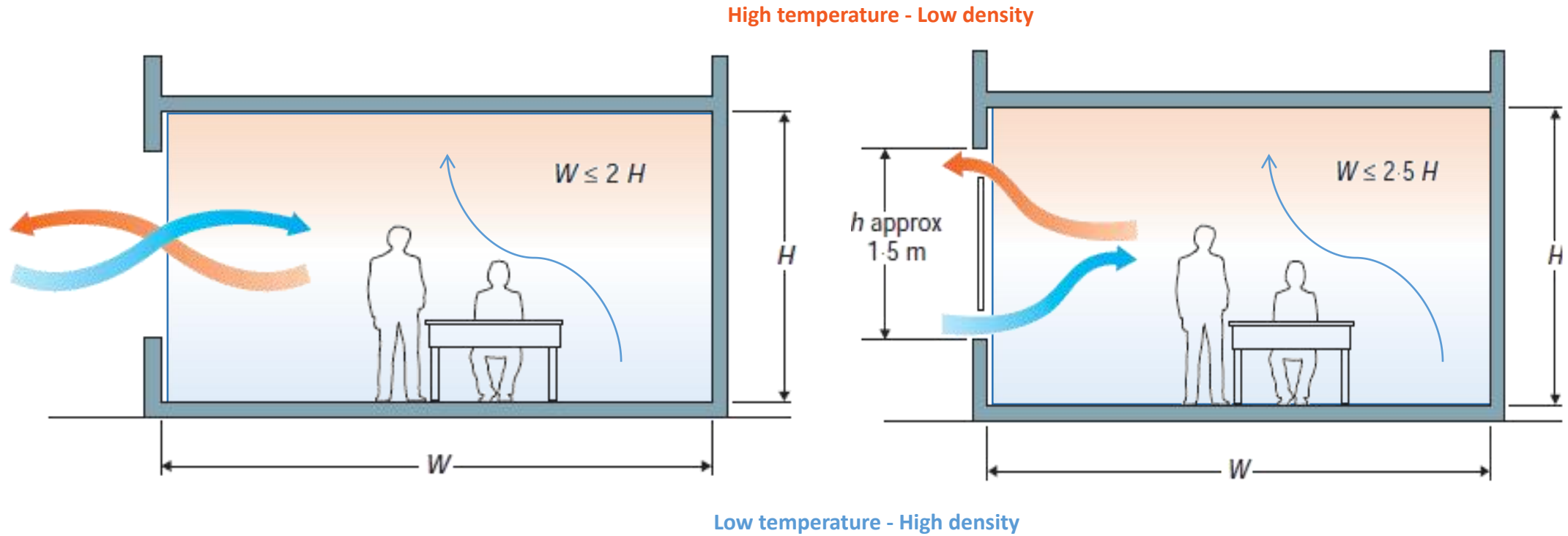
Warm Humid Climate

Modes of Operation - NV

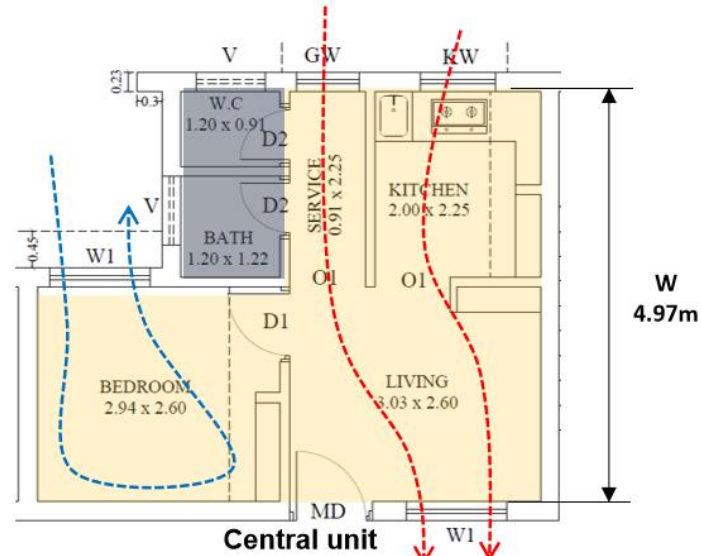
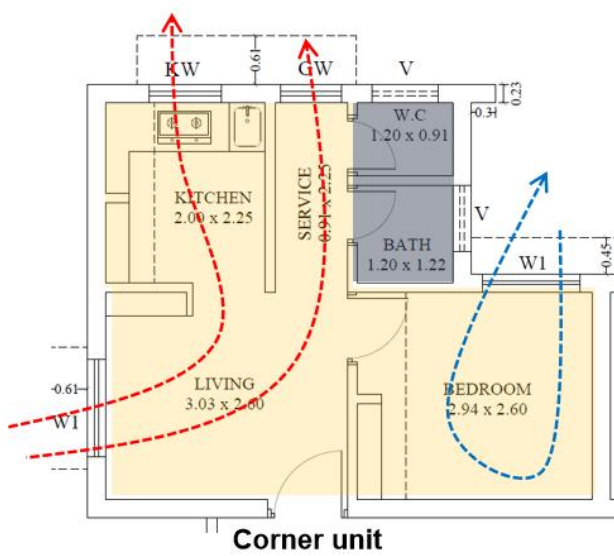
Ventilation for thermal comfort $T_o < T_i$



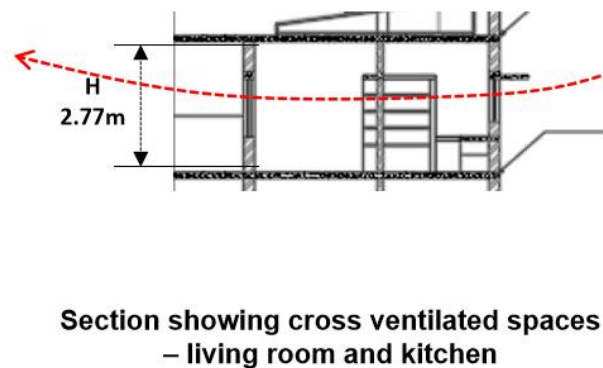
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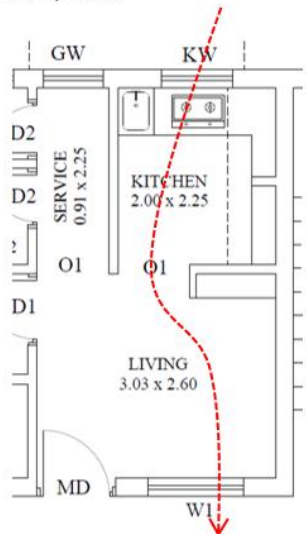
- Cross ventilation
- Single side ventilation
- Regularly occupied spaces
- Non Regularly occupied spaces



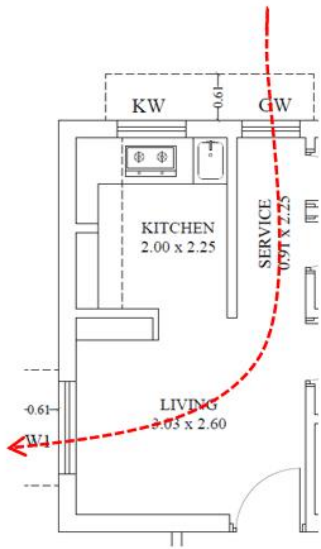
Single side ventilated



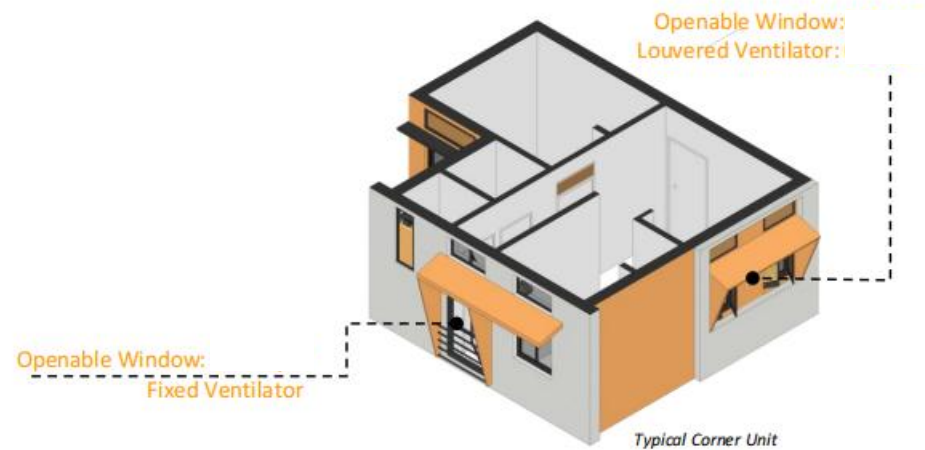
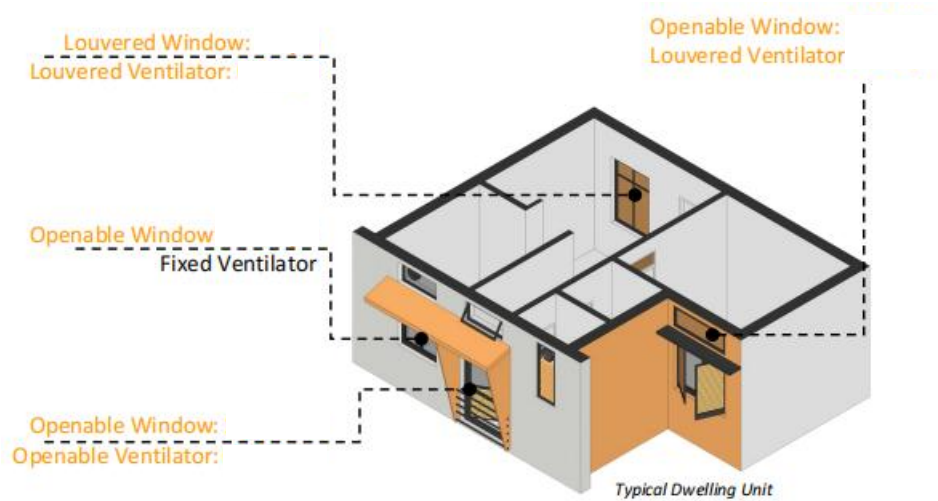
Cross ventilated – central unit



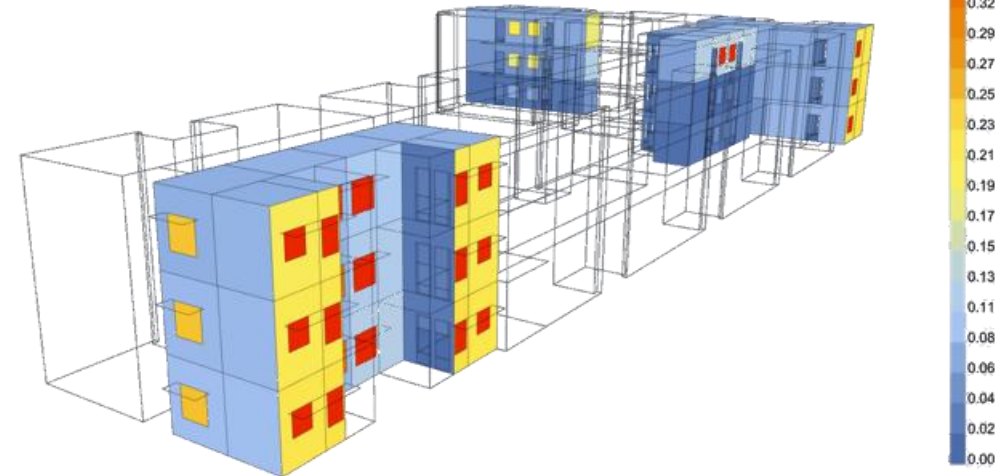
Cross ventilated – corner unit



Buoyancy driven Ventilation



$$Q_{vent} = \dot{m} C_{pa} \Delta T = \rho_a \cdot V_r \cdot C_{pa} \cdot \Delta T$$



Buoyancy driven Ventilation

Reference : CIBSE AM10 - Natural Ventilation Design

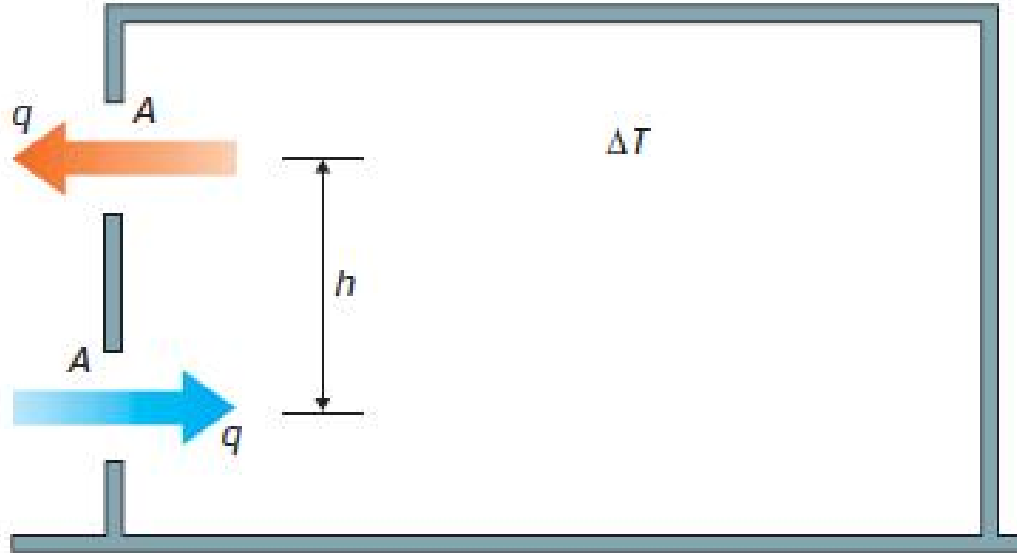


Figure 4.9 Case 1: single-sided ventilation, two identical openings, driven by buoyancy alone



Figure 4.11 Case 3: single-sided ventilation, single opening, driven by wind alone

$$A = \frac{q}{C_d} \sqrt{\frac{(T_i + 273)}{\Delta T g h}}$$

T_i = internal temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

ΔT = difference between the internal and external air temperatures (K)

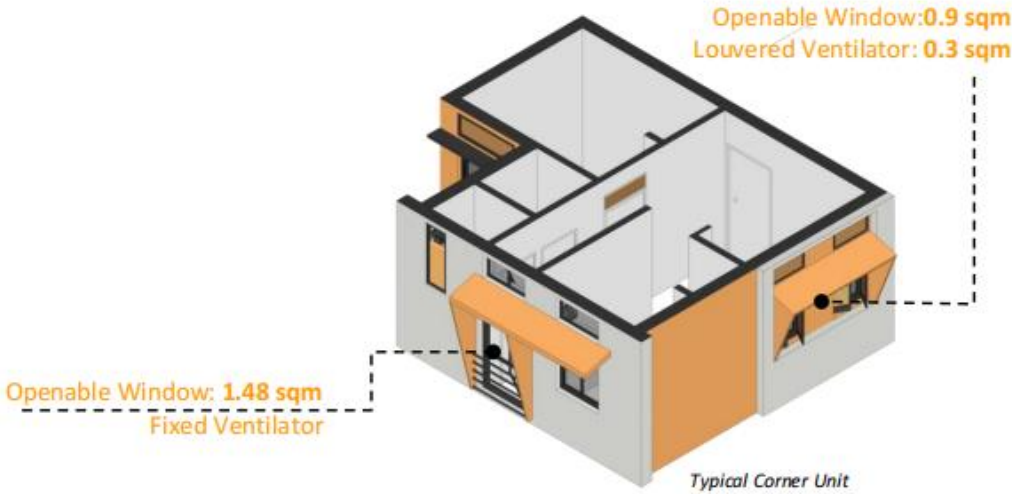
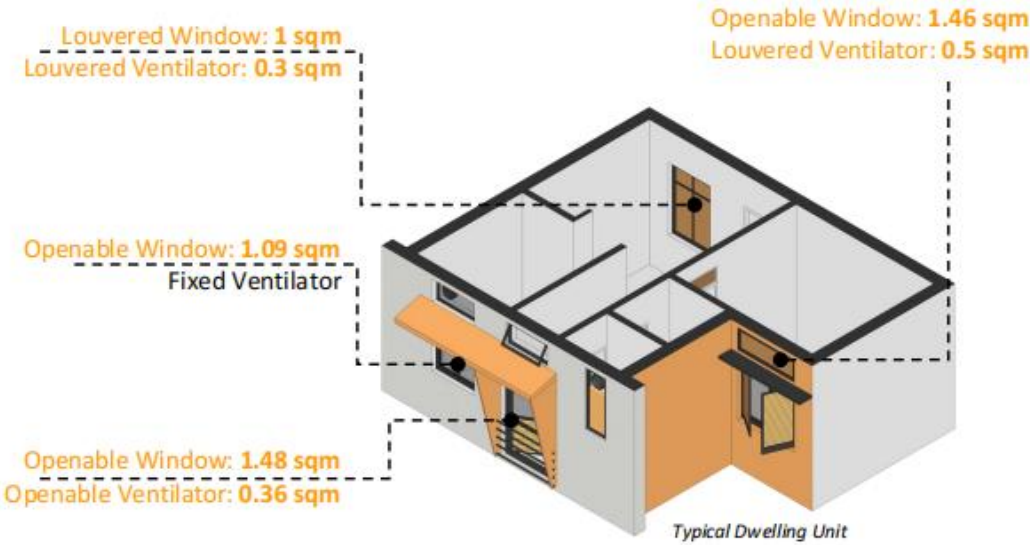
g = gravitational force per unit mass (m/s^2)

h = height between the openings (m)

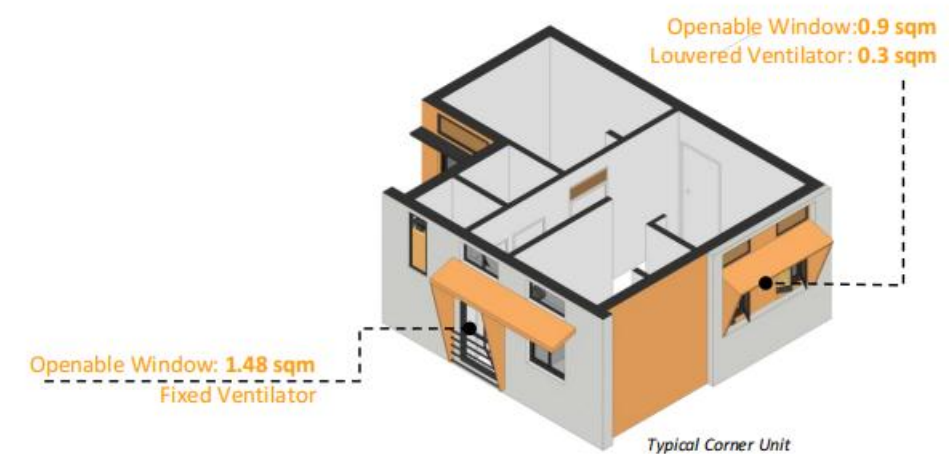
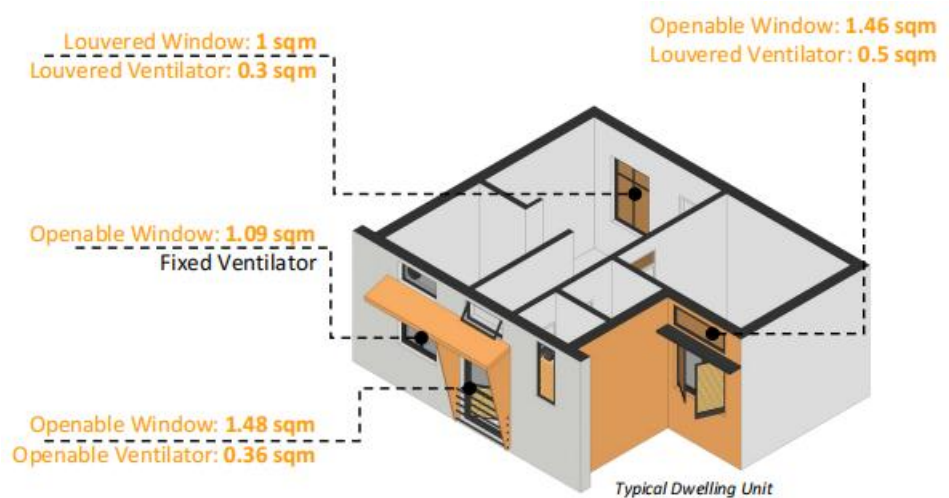
Buoyancy driven Ventilation

Central Dwelling Unit	Single Sides SINGLE Vent by Buoyancy Alone									
	Space	Req. Area of Opening	Flow Rate	Discharge Coeff	Temp Diff	ACH	Optimized window	Window Dimension		Present window area vs Required window area
		m2	m3/s		K	ACH		m	m	
		A	q	Cd	DeltaT	ACH		l	h	
	Living Room	0.48	0.09	0.65	2	15	1.21	0.9	1.35	Satisfied
	Service	0.10	0.02	0.65	2	15	2.07	0.9	2.3	Satisfied
	Bedroom	0.43	0.09	0.65	2	15	1.46	1.22	1.2	Satisfied
	Kitchen	0.29	0.05	0.65	2	15	1.09	0.91	1.2	Satisfied

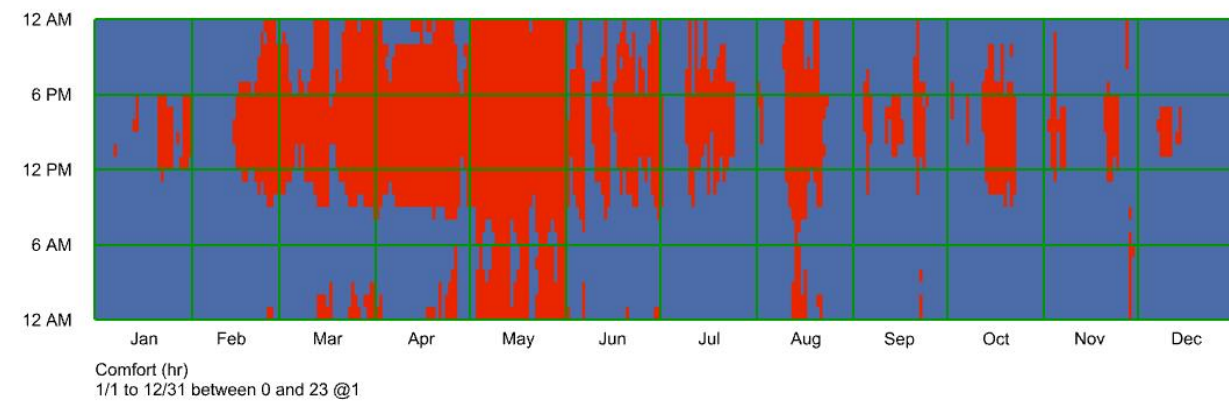
Corner Dwelling Unit	Single Sides SINGLE Vent by Buoyancy Alone									
	Space	Req. Area of Opening	Flow Rate	Discharge Coeff	Temp Diff	ACH	Optimized window	Window Dimension		Present window area vs Required window area
		m2	m3/s		K	ACH		m	m	
		A	q	Cd	DeltaT	ACH		l	h	
	Bedroom	0.40	0.09	0.65	2	15	2.18	1.22	1.79	Satisfied
	Living Room	0.44	0.09	0.65	2	15	1.2	0.75	1.6	Satisfied
	Kitchen	0.29	0.05	0.65	2	15	1.09	0.91	1.2	Satisfied
	Service	0.10	0.02	0.65	2	15	2.07	0.9	2.3	Satisfied



Buoyancy driven Ventilation

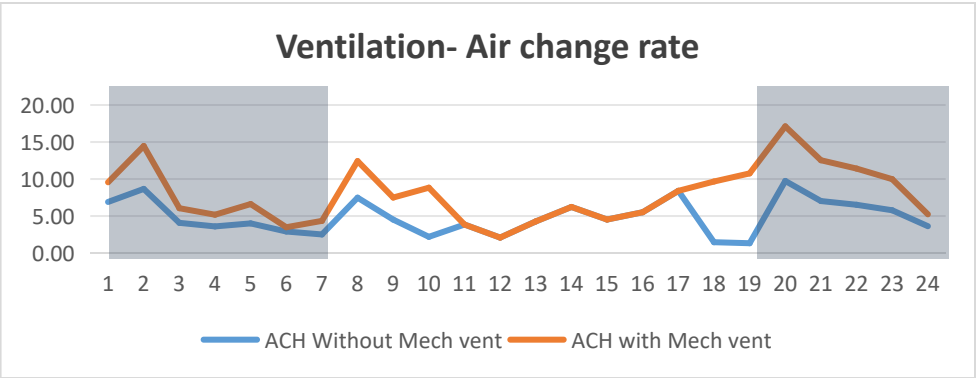
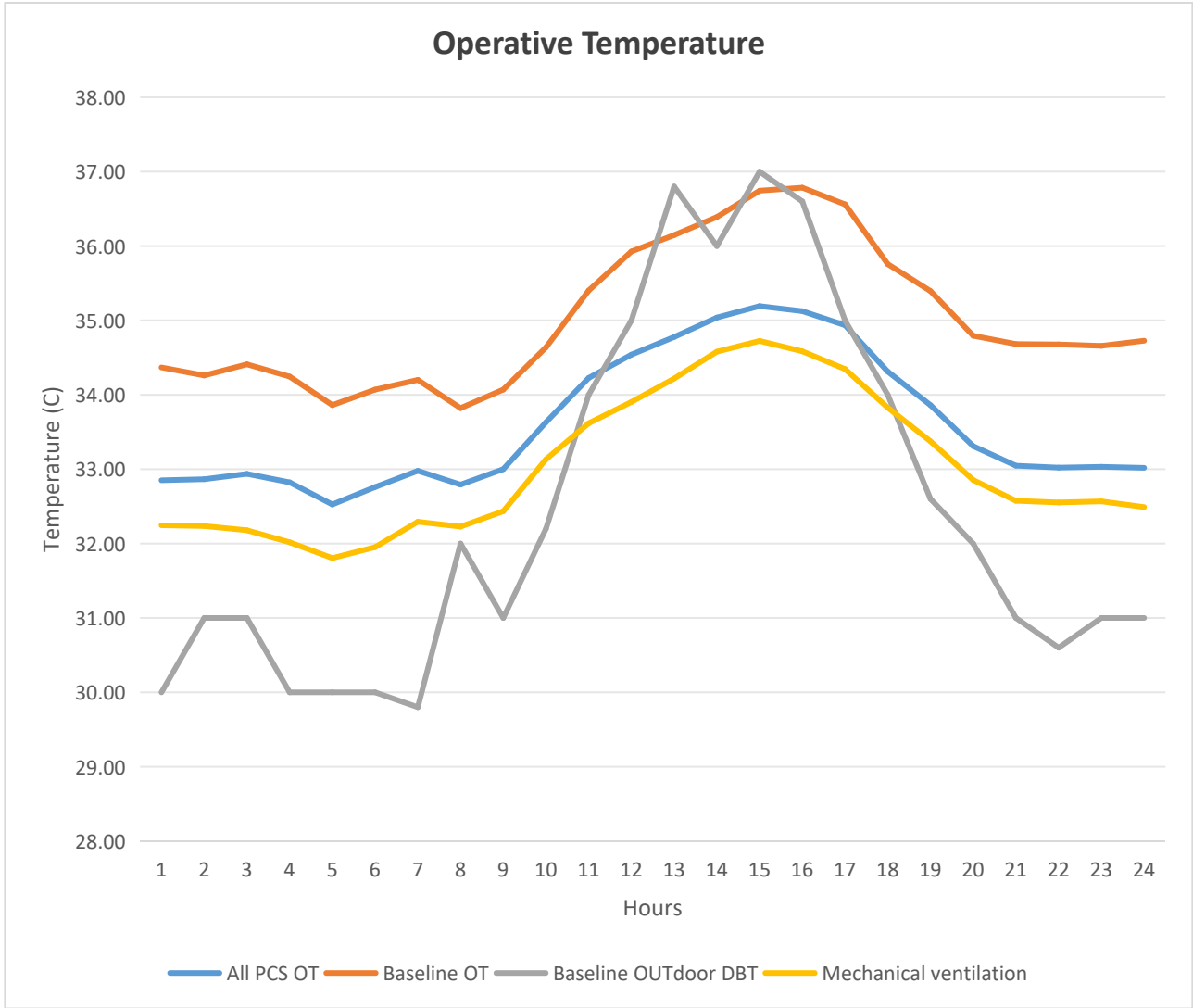


Assesment for Thermal comfort

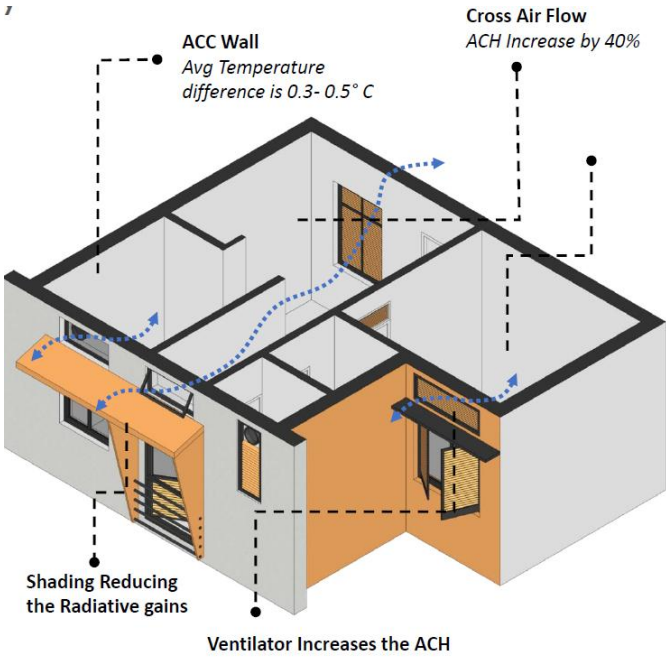


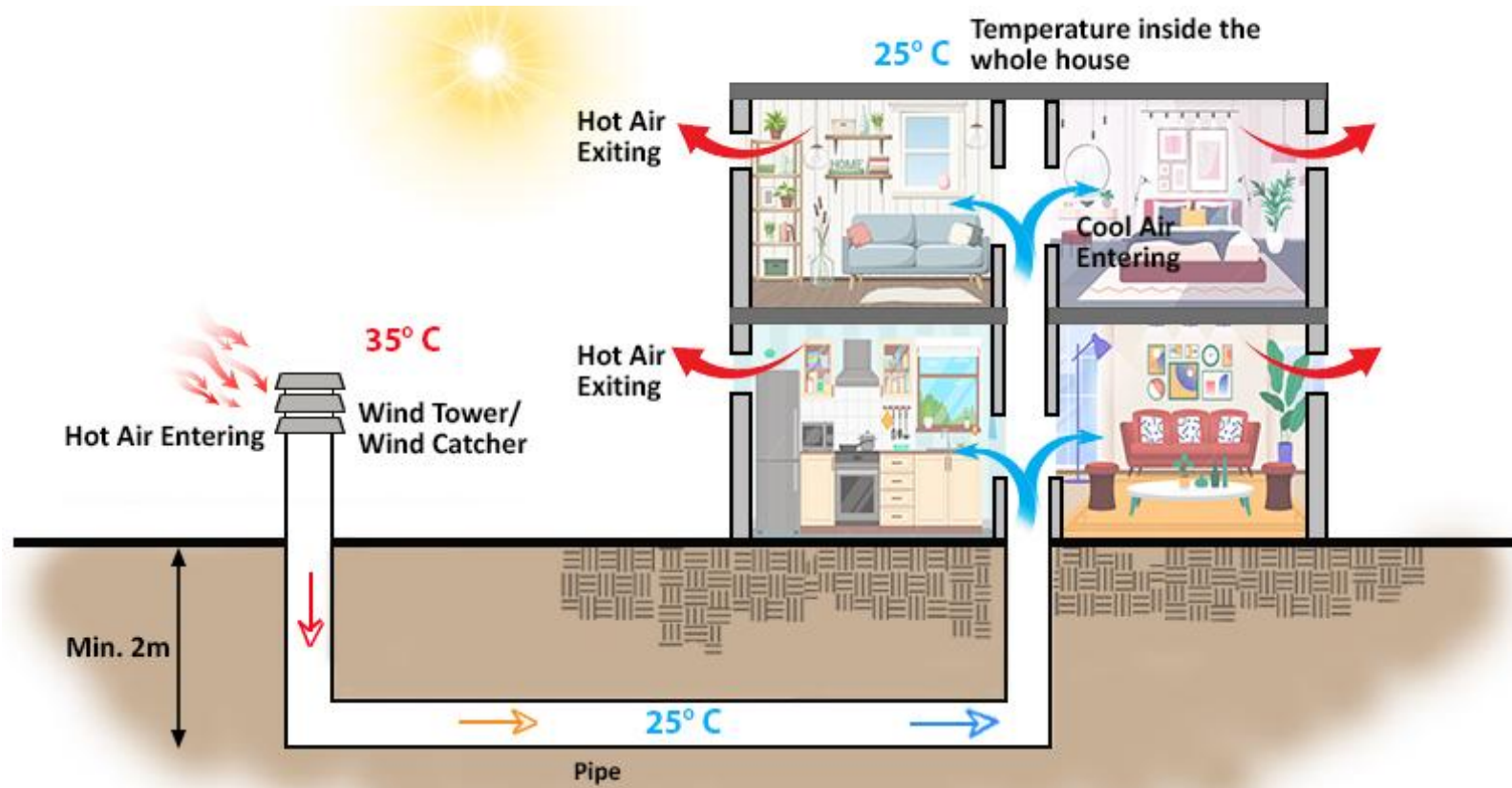
Comfortable hours - 6187 Hrs

Buoyancy driven Ventilation with Mechanical assistance



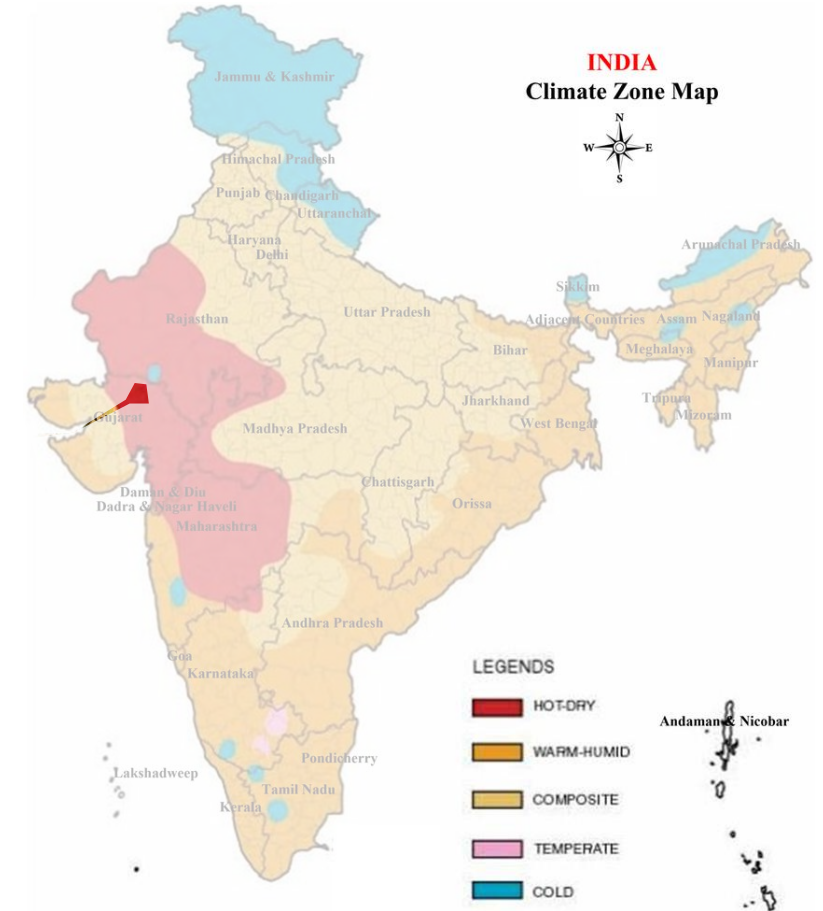
Vent on - 7pm to 7am





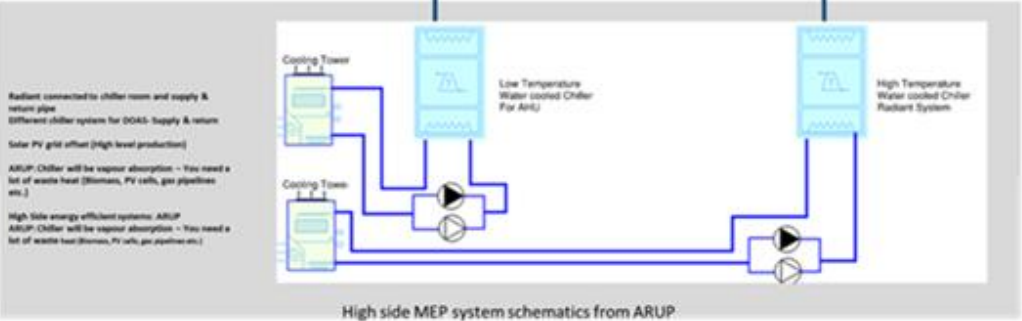
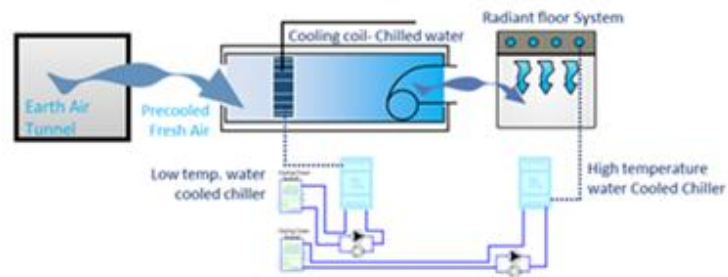
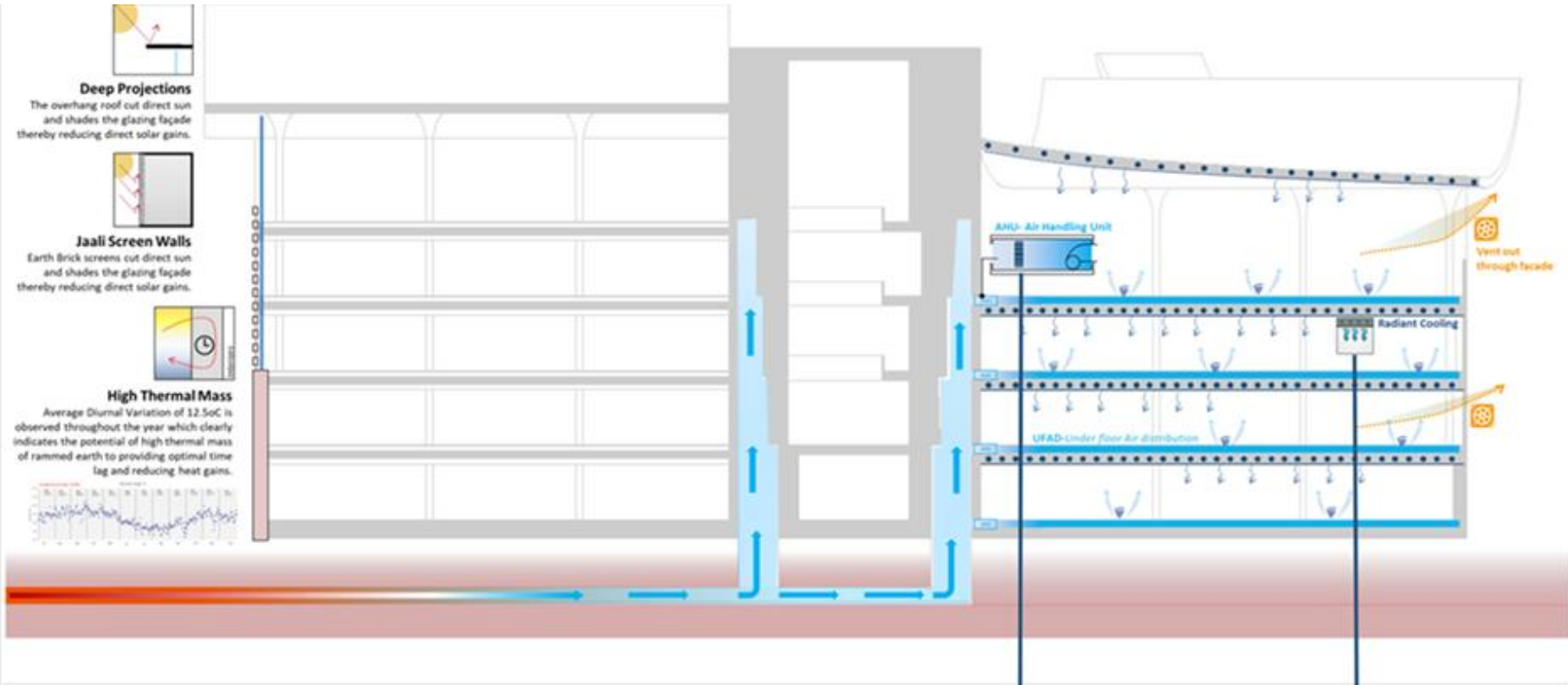
Stack effect

Solar Chimney and Earth Air Tunnels



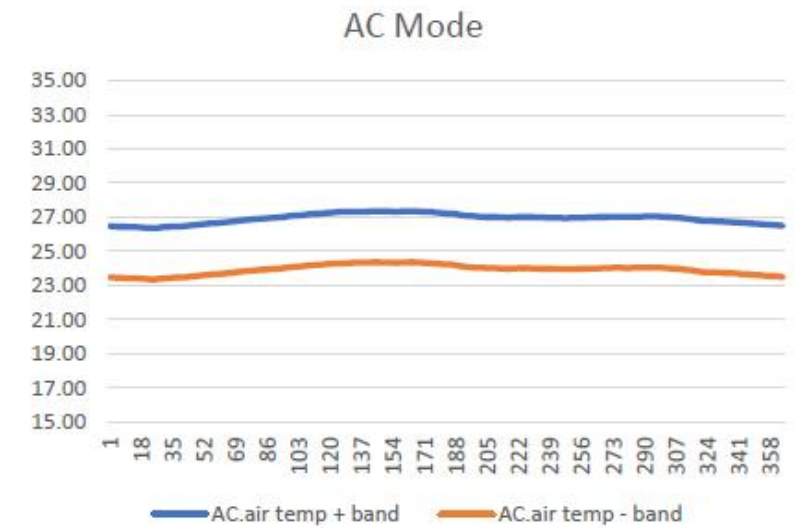
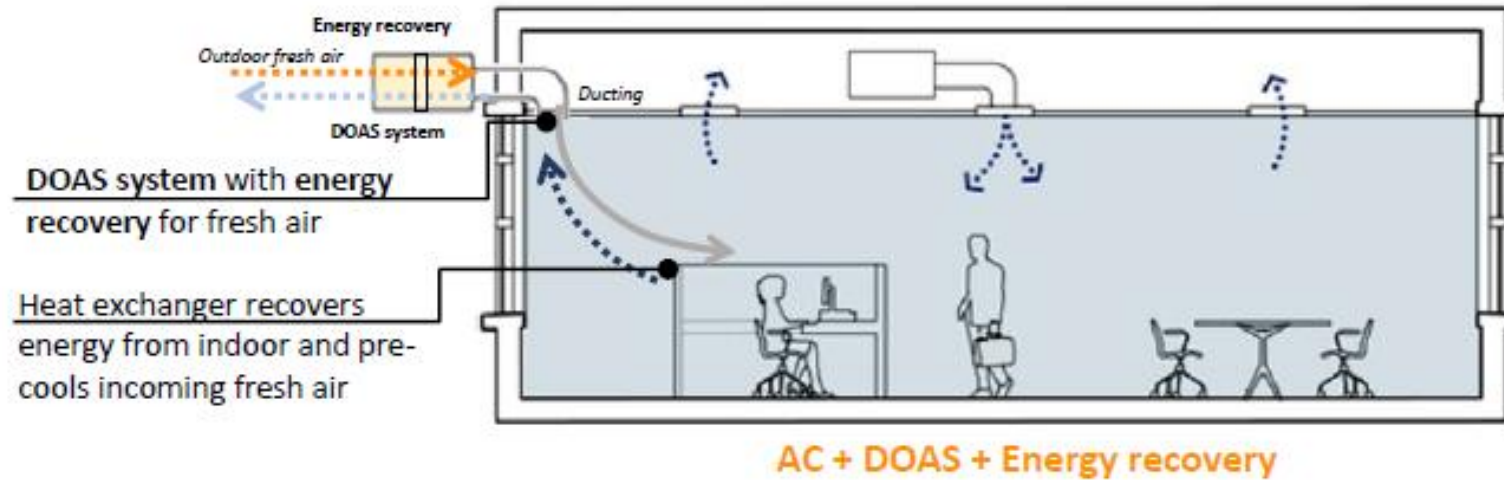
Hot and Dry Climate

Stack effect - Earth Air Tunnels



Modes of Operation - AC

Ventilation for Air quality

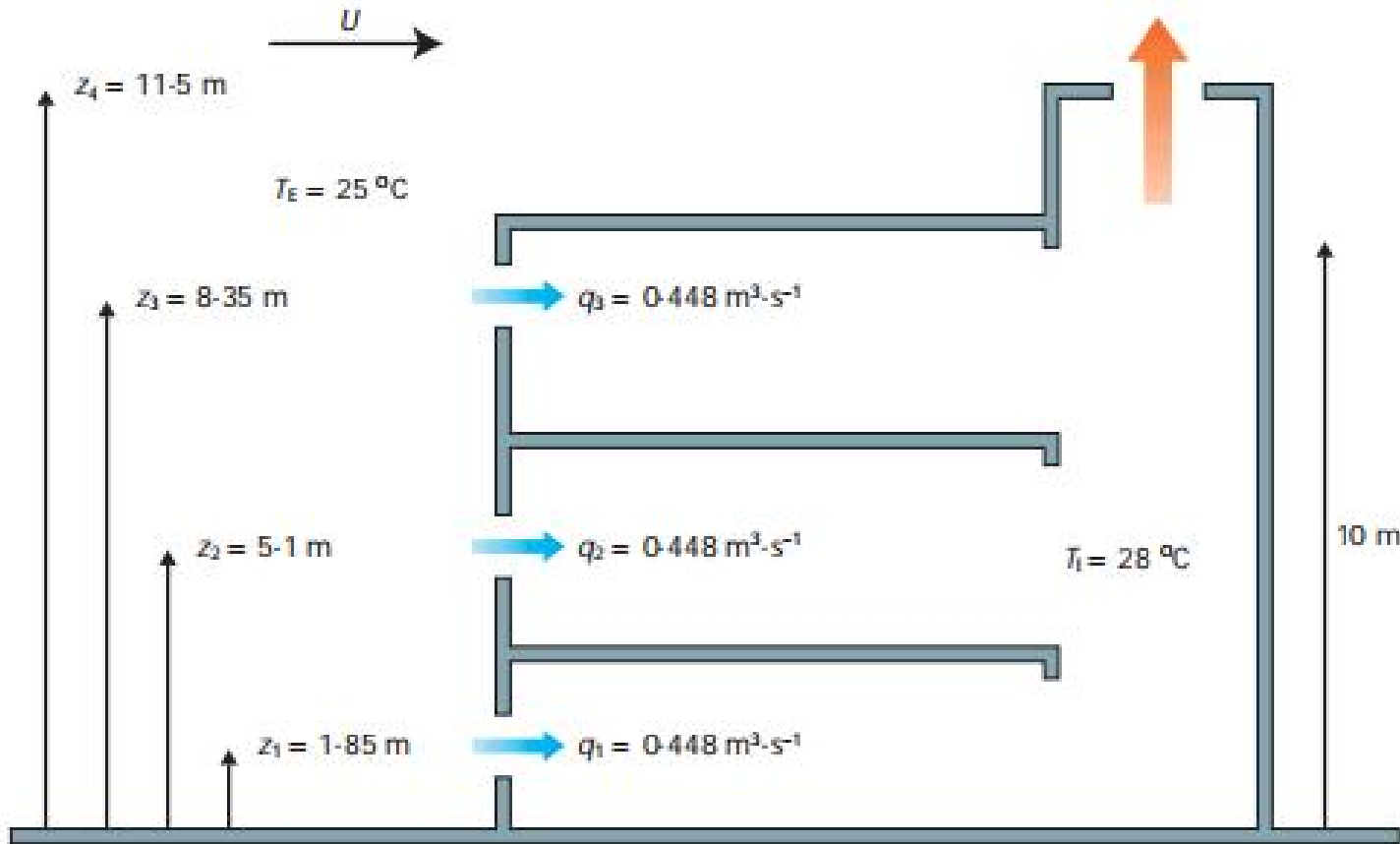


Modes of Operation - AC

Minimum ventilation rates of ASHRAE 62.1

Occupancy Category	People Outdoor Air Rate <i>R_P</i>		Area Outdoor Air Rate <i>R_A</i>		Notes	Default Values		
						Occupant Den- sity (see Note 4)	Combined Outdoor Air Rate (see Note 5)	
	cfm/person	L/s•person	cfm/ft ²	L/s•m ²		#/1000 ft ² (#/100 m ²)	cfm/person	L/s•person
Educational Facilities								
Daycare (through age 4)	10	5	0.18	0.9		25	17	8.6
Classrooms (ages 5-8)	10	5	0.12	0.6		25	15	7.4
Classrooms (age 9 plus)	10	5	0.12	0.6		35	13	6.7
Lecture classroom	7.5	3.8	0.06	0.3		65	8	4.3

Stack effect



- external temperature: $T_E = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- internal temperature: $T_I = 28 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- temperature difference: $\Delta T_0 = 3 \text{ K}$
- wind speed: $U = 0 \text{ m/s}$
- dynamic pressure: $0.5 \rho U^2 = 0 \text{ Pa}$
- reference density: $\rho_0 = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- density difference $\Delta \rho_0 = 0.01208 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$q_i = C_{di} A_i \sqrt{\frac{2|\Delta p_i|}{\rho_0}}$$

$$A_i = \frac{q_i}{C_{di}} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{2|\Delta p_i|}}$$

$$\Delta p_i = \Delta \rho_0 g z_n - \Delta \rho_0 g z_i$$

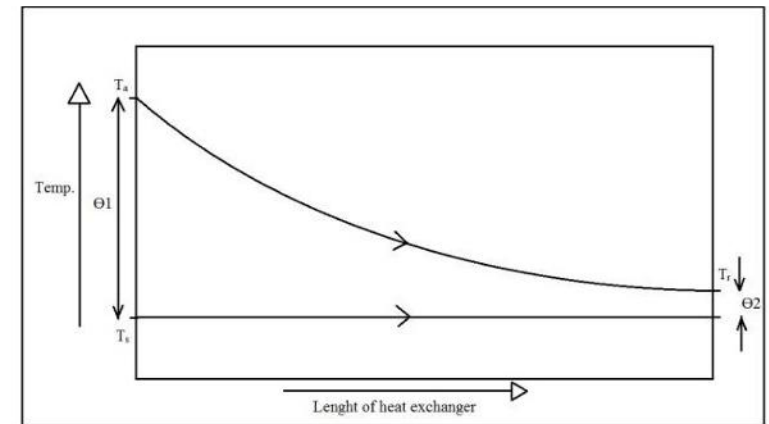
Earth Air Tunnel sizing



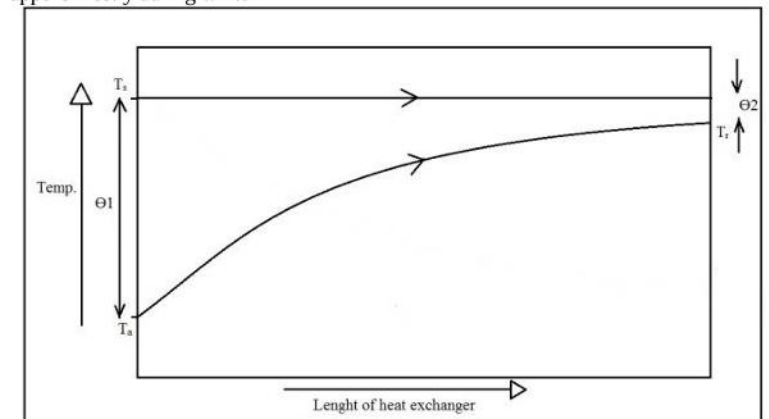
$$Q = h_a \times A \times T_{lm}$$

Where,

- Q = is the cooling load.
- h_a = is the heat transfer coefficient.
- A = surface area of heat exchanger from where heat will be exchanged between the pipe and the soil.
- T_{lm} = logarithmic mean temperature difference.



- $T_r \leq T_s$, this happens mostly during winter

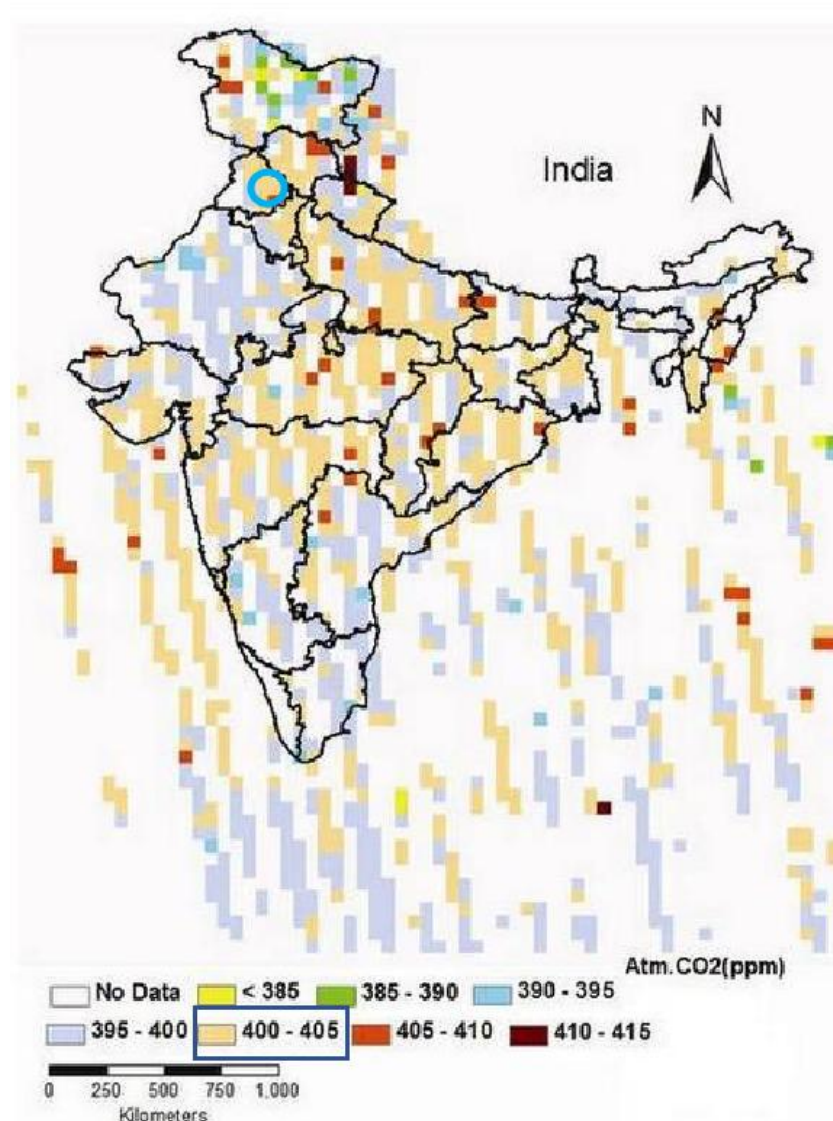




Ventilation for Air Quality

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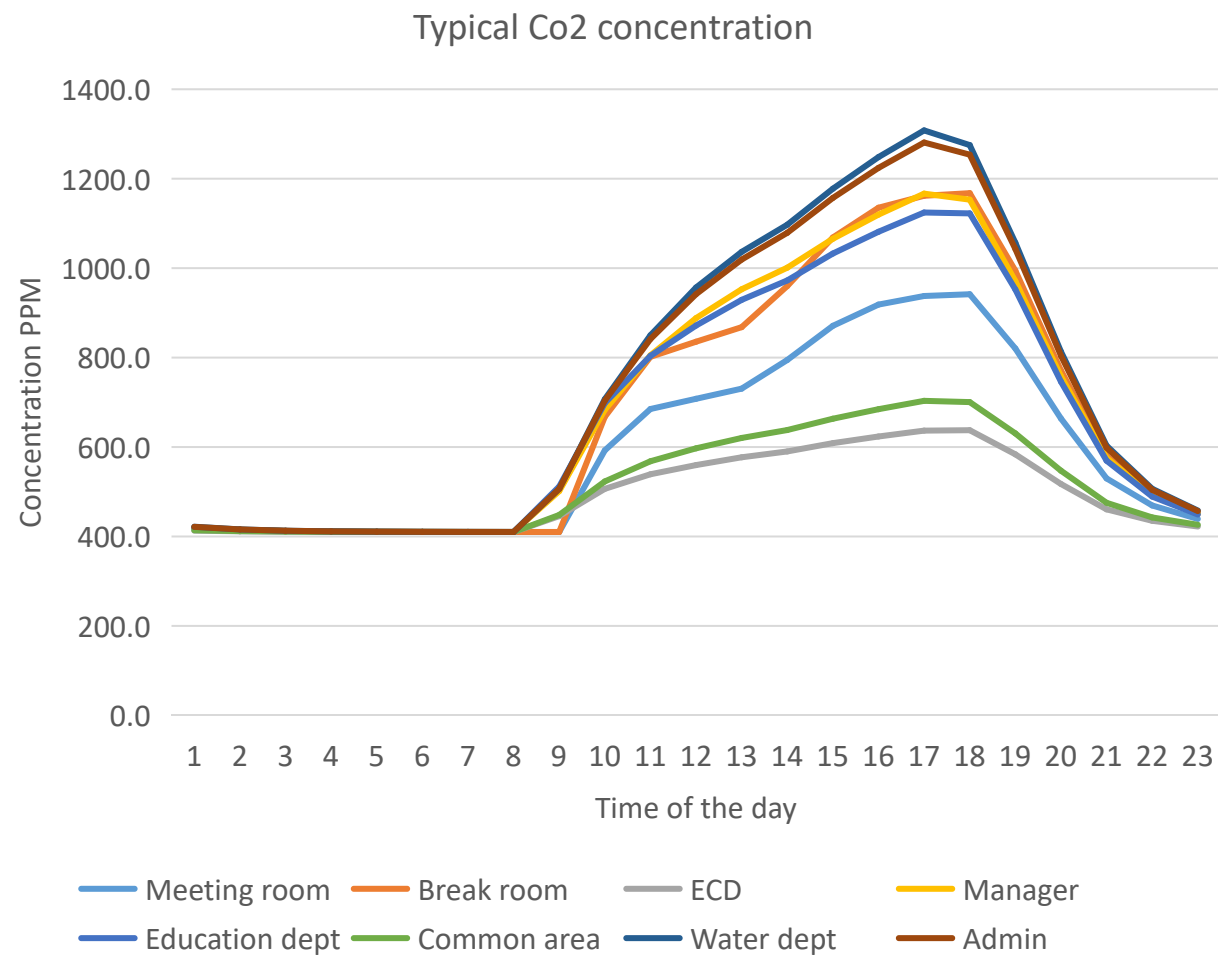
Outdoor CO₂ levels



- Concentration of CO₂ in earth's atmosphere is measured at certain locations globally.
- The average maximum CO₂ concentration recorded lies between 400-418 ppm recorded in March 2021.
- The graph extrapolates data using scientific calculations to estimate the CO₂ ppm levels in different locations in India.
- For Delhi, the outdoor CO₂ level can be assumed to lie in the range of 400-405 ppm

Ventilation and Air Quality

Measured and simulated data



	On-site measurement with AC (windows and doors closed)				
Room	Time of measurement	No. of Occupants	Temperature	TVoC ppb	CO2
Meeting room	13:37 pm	4	27°C	1569	952 ppm
ECD room	13:37 pm	1	30°C	59%	759 ppm
Manager's room		2	26°C	63%	920 ppm
Education room		3	27°C	51%	680 ppm
Water & sanitation dept		2	NA – AC off		1207 ppm
Admin dept		2	NA – AC off		1081 ppm
Common area	14:30 pm	3	28°C	65%	1257 ppm

Ventilation and Air Quality

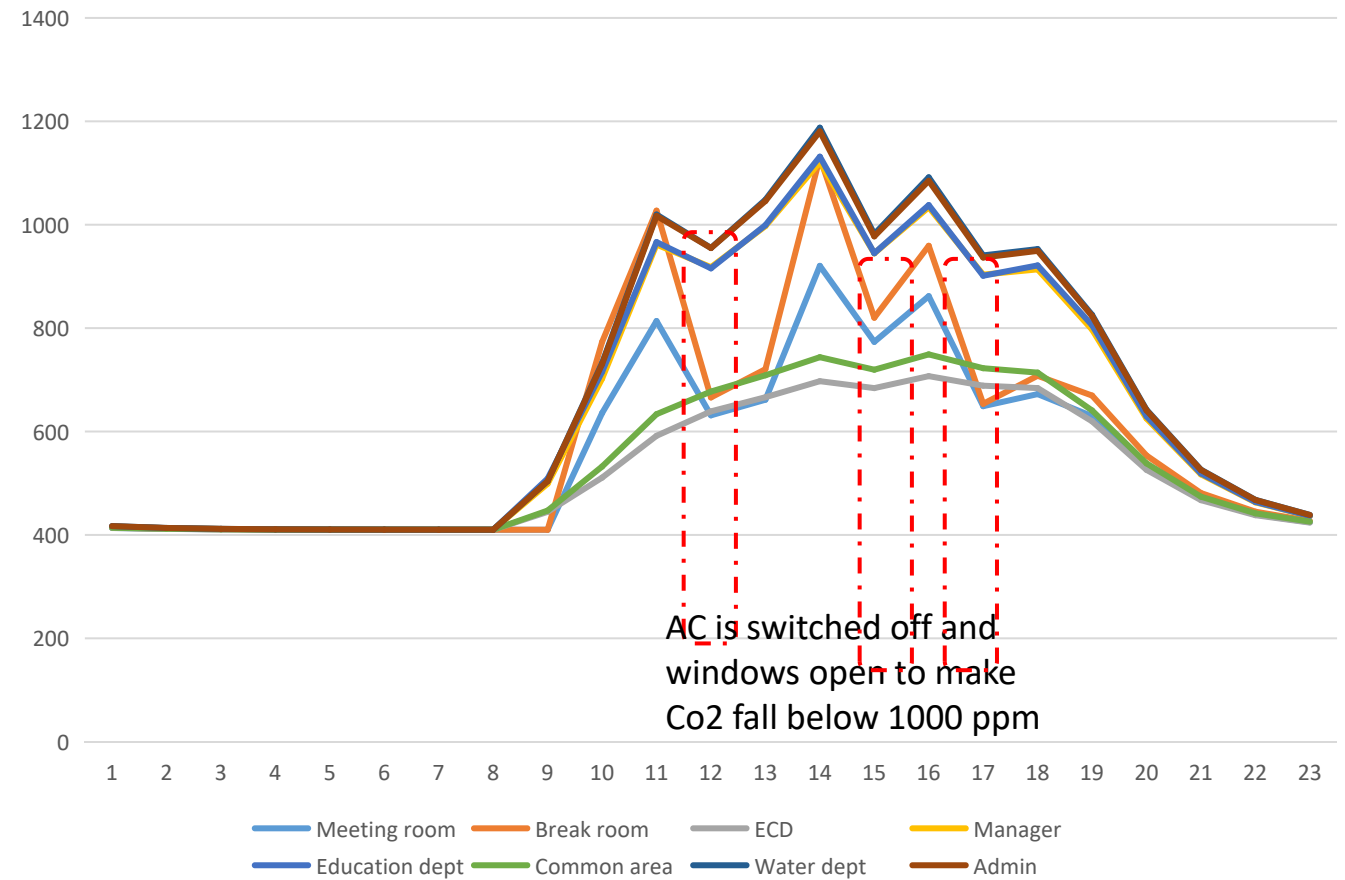
Measured and simulated data

Average Outdoor Air During Occupied Hours	Fresh Air /person (m3/s)	0.0025	As per ASHRAE 62.1 Minimum ventilation standards		
	Fresh Air /space (m3/s)	0.0003			
	Nominal Number of Occupants	Zone Volume [m3]	Area [m2]	Fresh air [m3/h]	ACH
ECDROOM	1	45.32	15.11	25.8588	0.6
MEETINGROOM	14	141.8	47.27	178.6716	1.3
BREAKROOM	4	27.34	13.02	49.2516	1.8
ADMIN	3	46.94	15.65	43.632	0.9
WATER DEPT	3	46.84	15.61	43.5888	0.9
COMMON AREA	2	79.21	26.4	46.332	0.6
EDUCATION DEPT	4	59.26	19.75	56.88	1.0
MANAGERS CABIN	2	33.74	11.25	30.33	0.9

CO2 sensors to raise an alarm for opening windows

<https://tinyurl.com/uzh59myd>

Typical Co2 concentration - windows and doors open



Thankyou

