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Indoor Environment

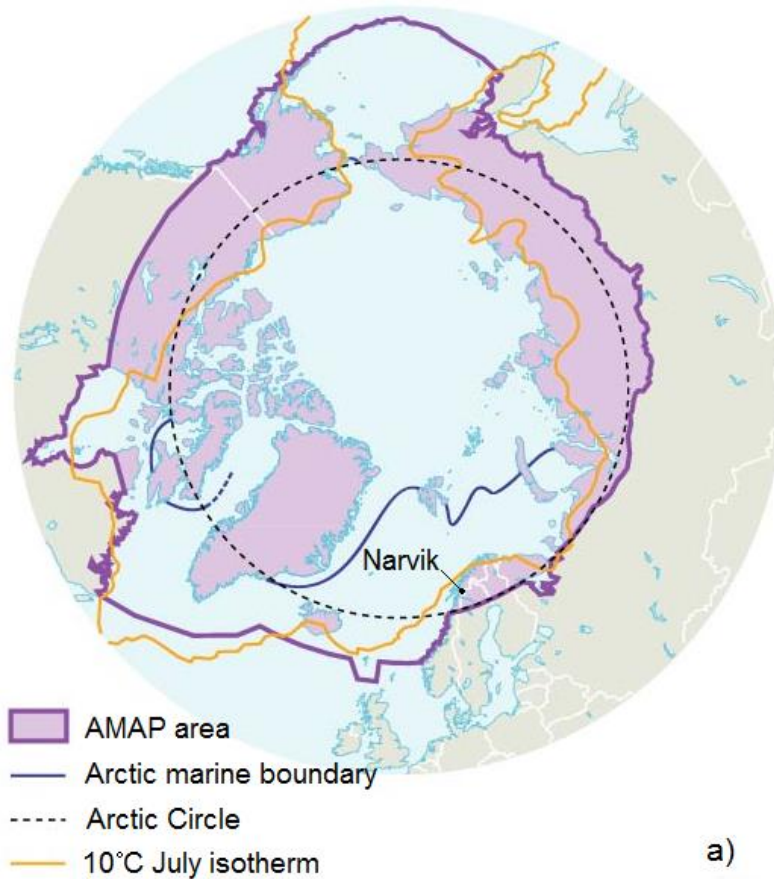
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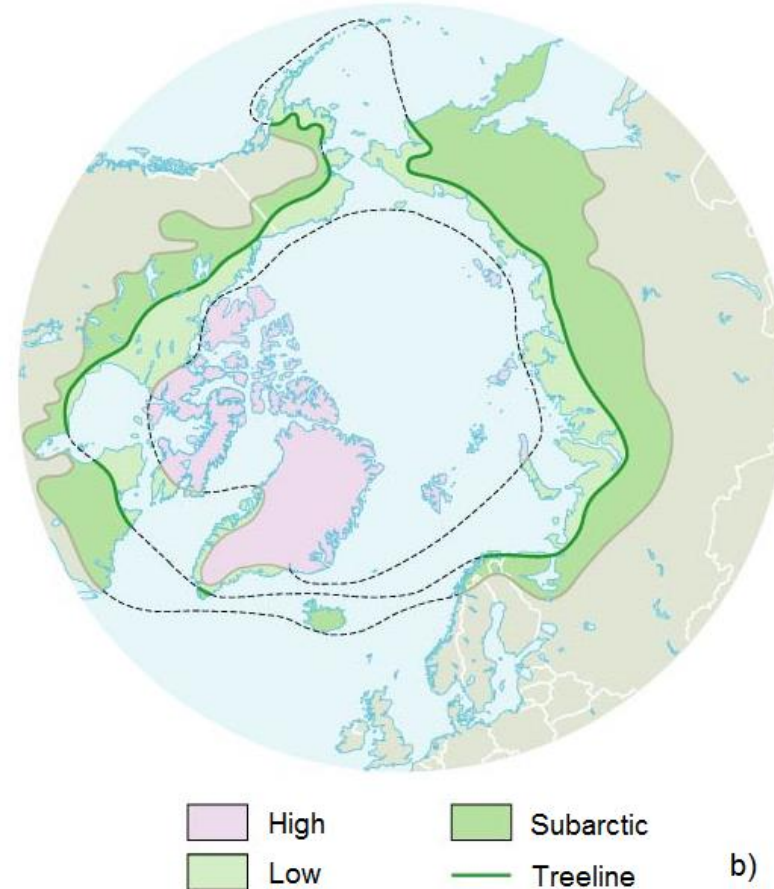
Introduction

The Arctic – definitions

By region or temperature



By treeline or fauna



AMAP – Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (1998)

Introduction

Arctic climate

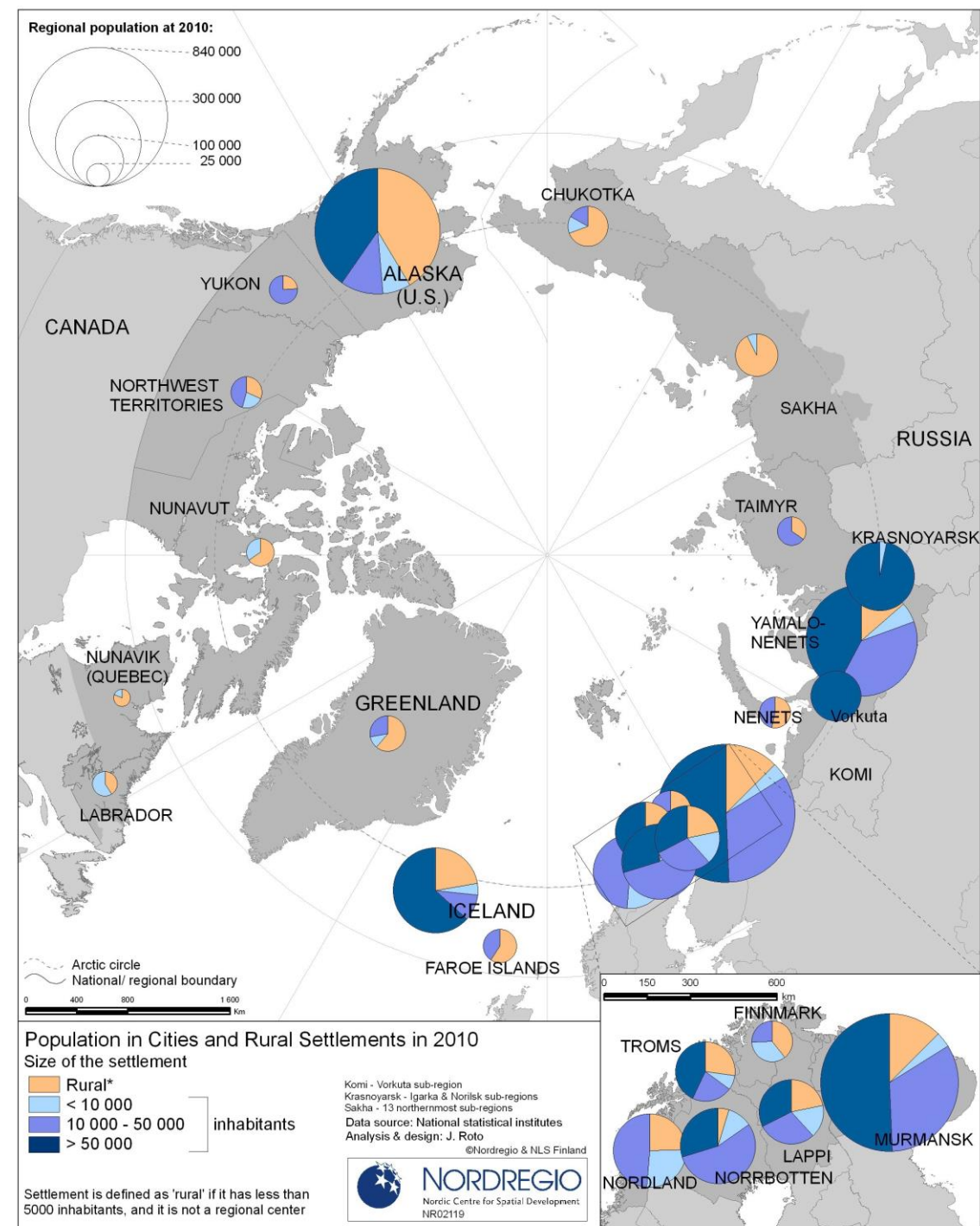
- Warmest monthly mean temperature $> 10^{\circ}\text{C}$ and lowest $< -3^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Large seasonal variations precipitation
 - cold, dark winters (polar nights)
 - short, bright summers (midnight sun)
- Arid, dry, little precipitation
 - snow and ice
 - frost action
 - seasonally frozen ground and permafrost
- Shifting between easterly polar winds and Westerlies



Introduction

Population in the Arctic

- Less than 5,5 million people within AMAP borders
- Largest concentrations of people in Scandinavia, NW-Russia
 - declining in Russia
 - generally stable elsewhere
- Concentrated in small towns along coast lines and in rural areas
- Large portion of indigenous people or of indigenous descent



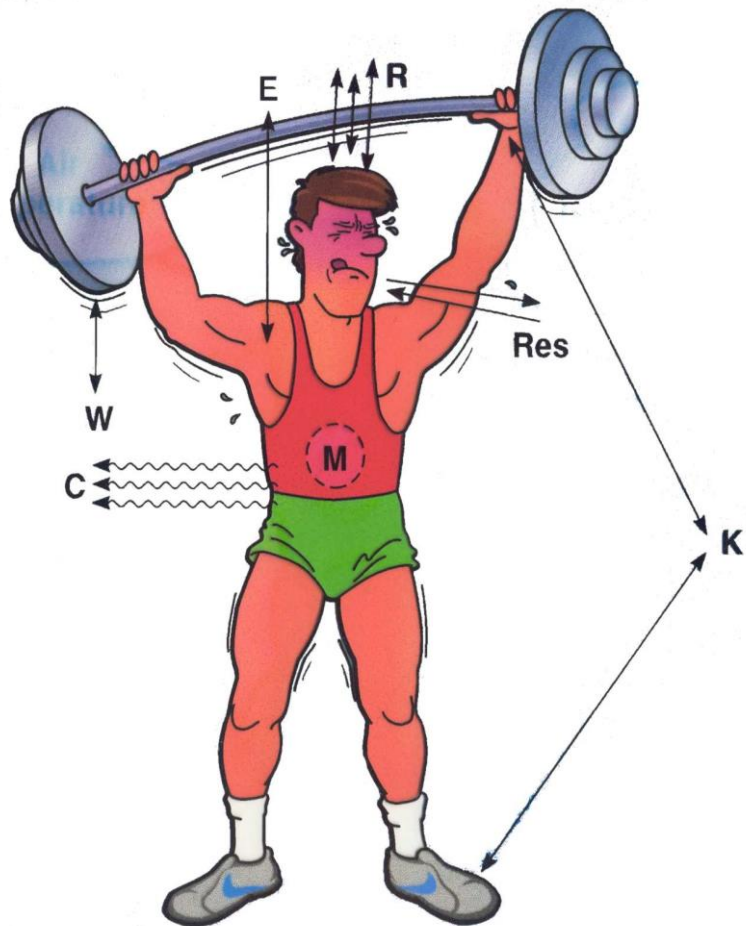
Indoor environment Definition

		Type	Description
Indoor climate	Indoor environment	Thermal	Energy balance, temperature, thermal comfort
		Atmospheric	Air quality, pollutants (gases), fibres and particles
		Acoustic	Sound perception, noise and vibrations
		Actinic	Electromagnetic (light) emission, glare, radon radiation
		Mechanical (physical)	Perception of touch, pain, safety, ergonomics
		Psychosocial	Inter-human relations
		Aesthetic	Aesthetics

WHO – World Health Organization’s definition

Thermal climate

Heat generation and losses



- **R and C**: heat loss from **radiation and convection**
– approx. 60-70 % depending on clothing
- **E**: heat loss from **evaporation**
– approx. 25 % with moderate activity
- **K and RES**: heat loss from **conduction and respiration**
– negligible, normally omitted in calculations
- **M**: heat generation (metabolism)
– varies with activity level (**W**)
– humans are ineffective “machines”
– less than 20 % efficiency factor

Thermal climate

Metabolism, activity level and insulation (clothing)

1 met = 58 W/m²



1.1 Met



2.5 Met



6.5 Met

Insulation for the entire clothing: $I_{clo} = \sum I_{clo,i}$ (m²K/W)



0.19

+



0.04

+



0.11

+



0.02

+



0.02

0.38

a) Summer



0.28



0.25



0.04



0.25



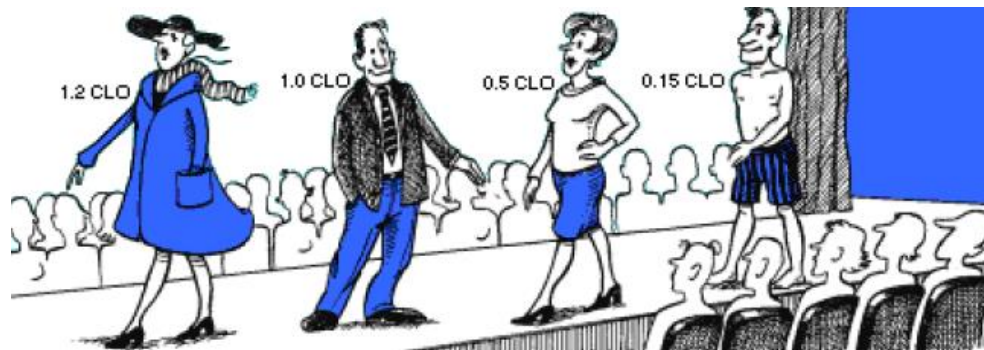
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b) winter



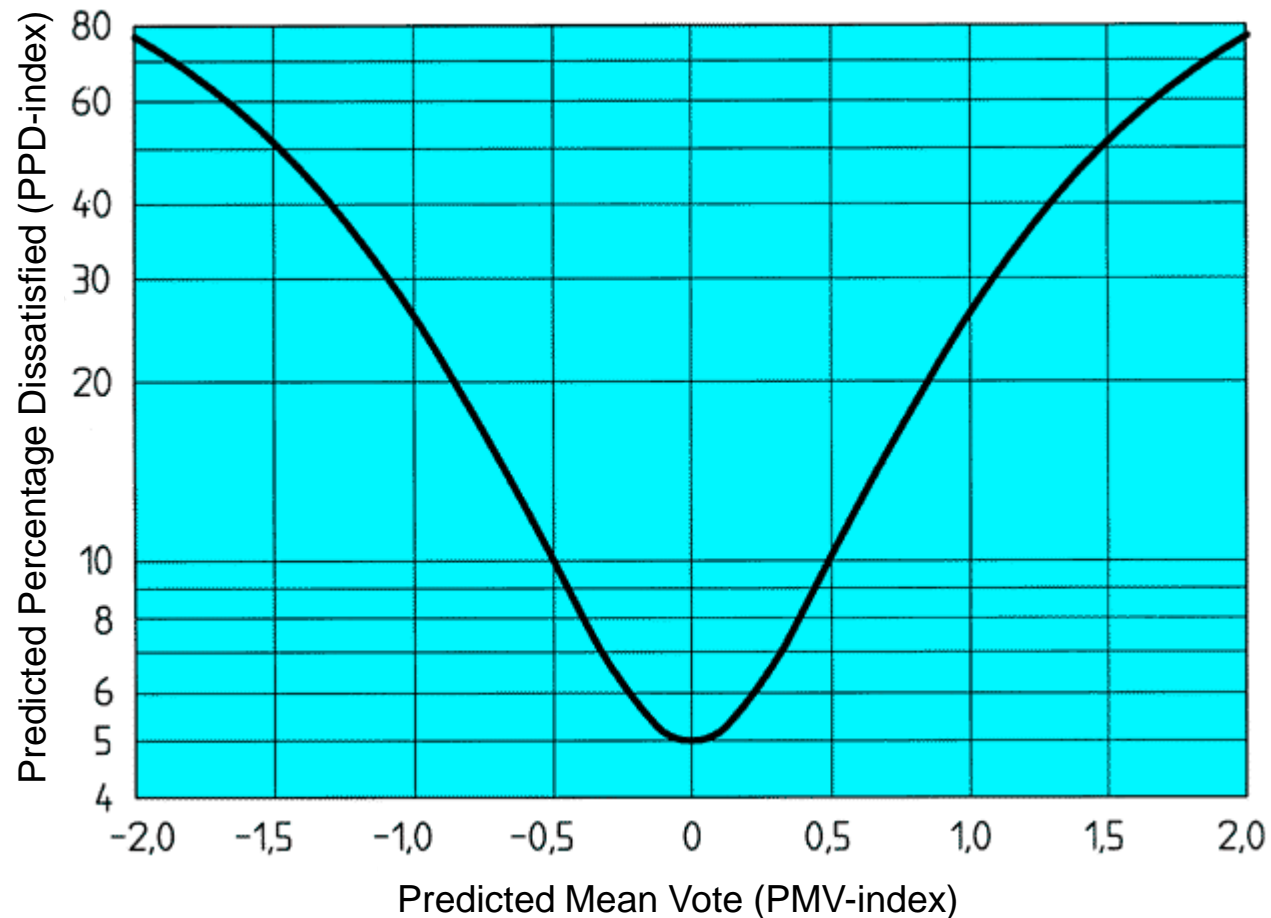
Various temperature terms



Term	Description								
Air temperature (t_a)	Temperature measured in air (stagnant or in motion).								
Operative temperature (t_o or t_{op})	<p>Combines the effects of air temperature and heat radiation from surrounding surfaces.</p> <p>In well-insulated buildings: $t_o \approx t_a$</p> <p>$t_o = A \cdot t_a + (1 - A)\bar{t}_r$ (A is an impact factor)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="998 696 1625 805"> <tbody> <tr> <td>v_{ar}</td> <td>< 0,2</td> <td>0,2-0,6</td> <td>0,6-1,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>0,5</td> <td>0,6</td> <td>0,7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>where relative air speed (v_{ar} in m/s) is defined as: $v_{ar} = v_a + 0,3(M - 1)$, ved $0,8 < M < 4,0$ met or $v_{ar} = v_a + 0,005(M - 58)$, ved $46 < M < 232$ W/m²</p>	v_{ar}	< 0,2	0,2-0,6	0,6-1,0	A	0,5	0,6	0,7
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Equivalent temperature (t_{eq})	Same as operative temperature when the air speed (v_a) is zero.								
Mean radiant temperature (\bar{t}_r)	Mean radiant temperature from all surfaces in a room, affecting a human inside.								
Comfort temperature (t_{co})	The equivalent temperature needed for achieving thermal comfort ($PMV = 0$) at a given activity and clothing level, and at a given relative humidity.								

Thermal climate

Thermal comfort – user assessment



PMV

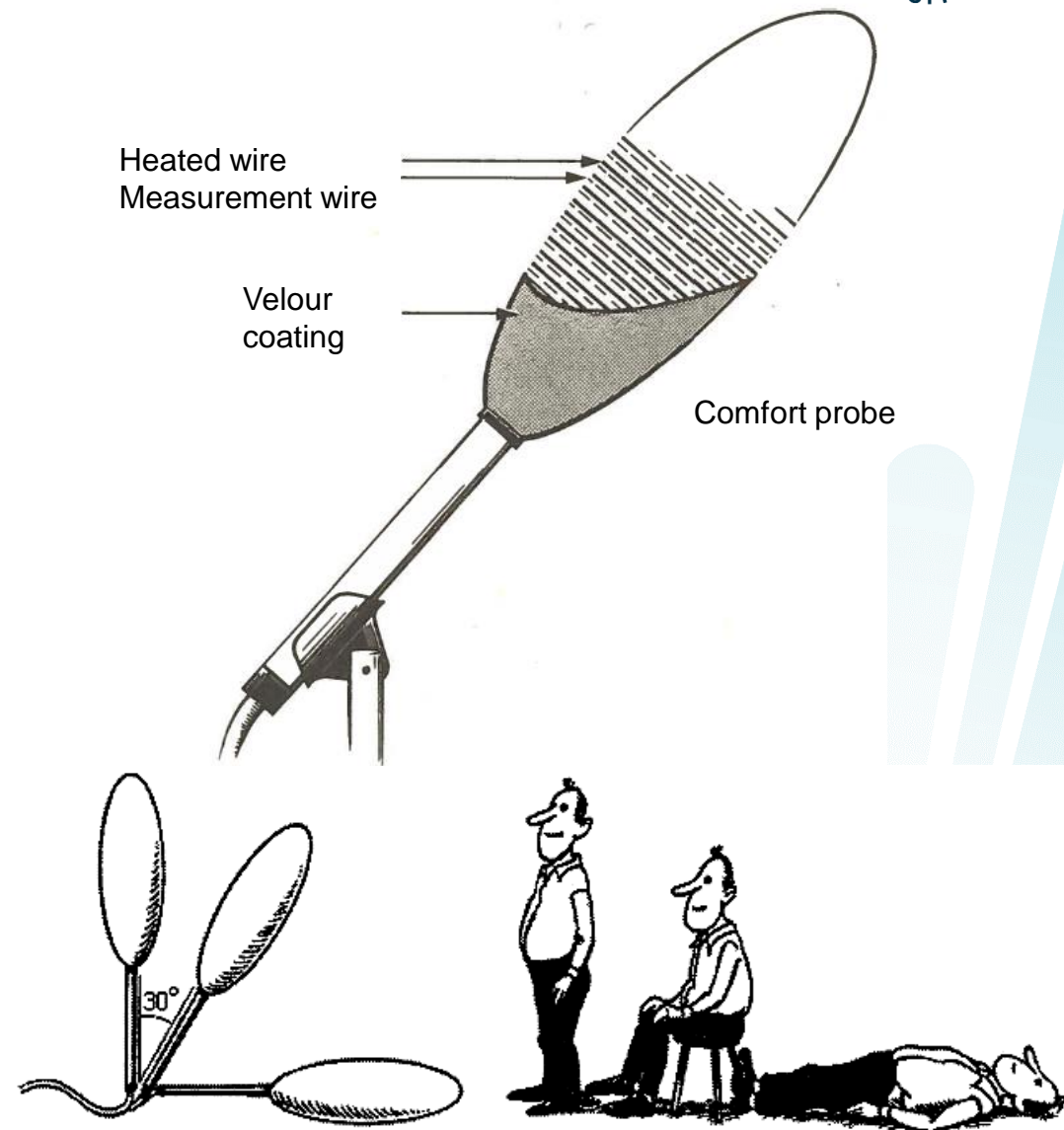
- 3: cold
- 2: chilly
- 1: somewhat chilly
- 0: neutral
- 1: somewhat warm
- 2: warm
- 3: hot

PPD

- 100 %
- 77 %
- 27 %
- 5 %
- 27 %
- 77 %
- 100 %

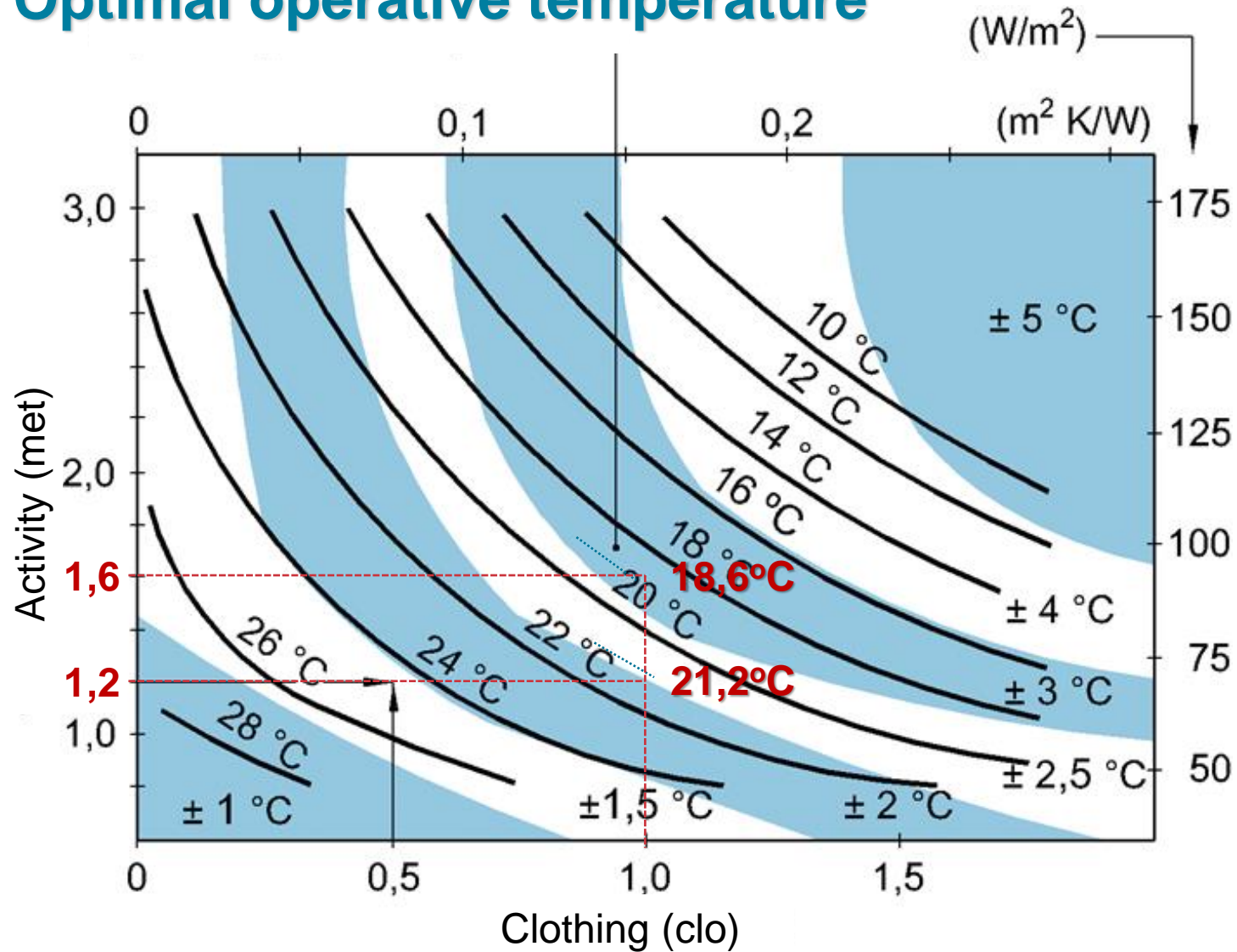
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Thermal comfort – measurements



Thermal climate

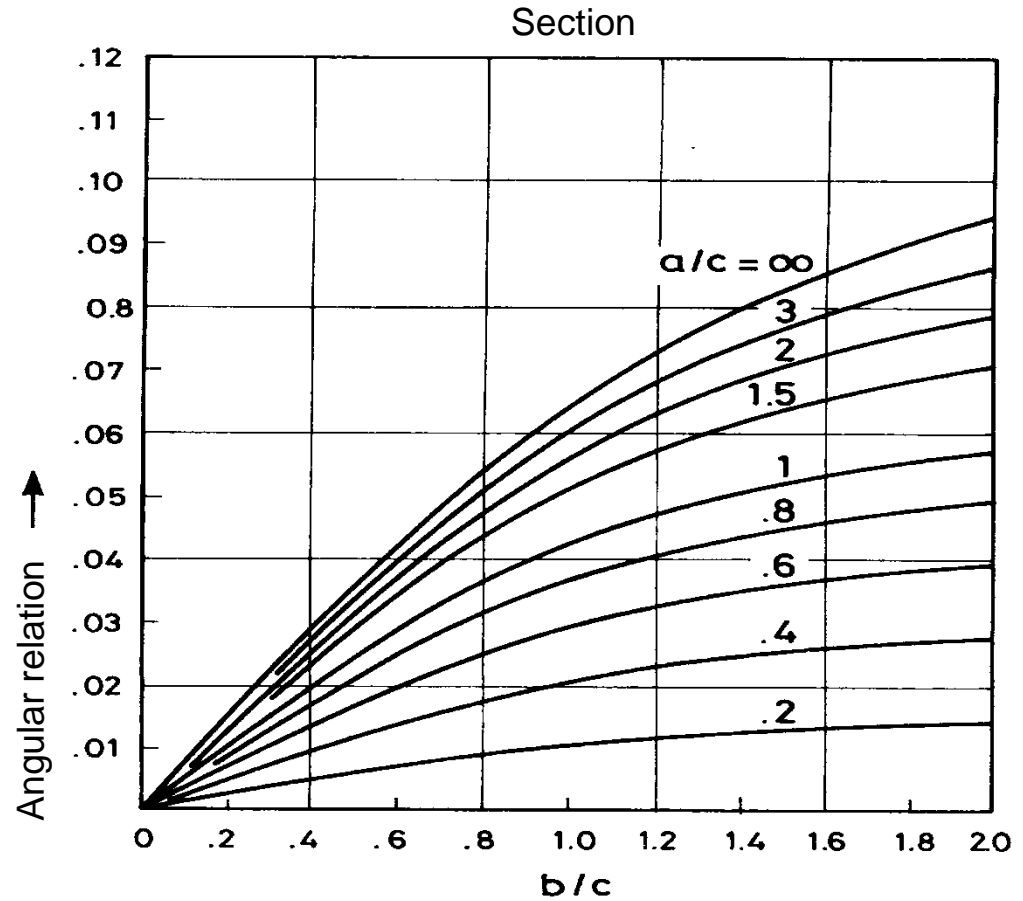
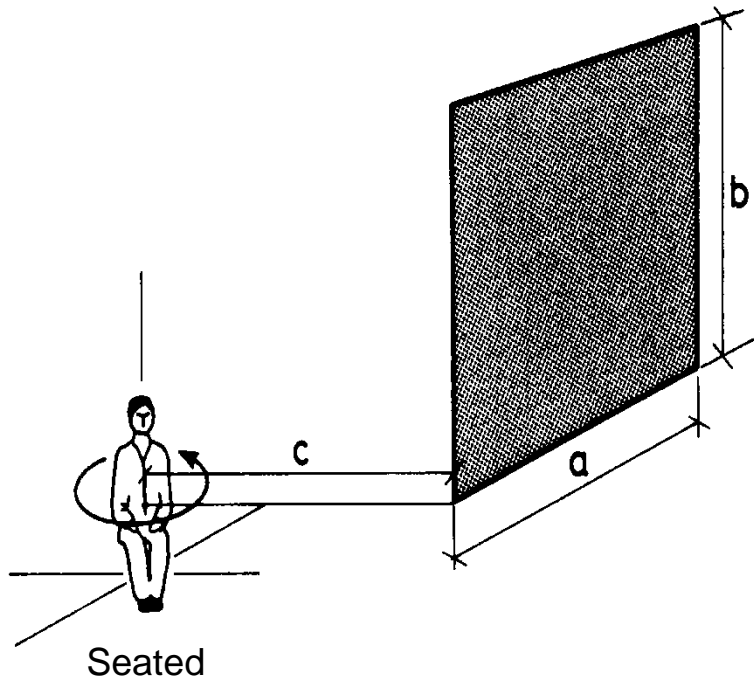
Optimal operative temperature



The blue and white regions represents intervals around optimal operative temperature where PMV is $\pm 0,5$.

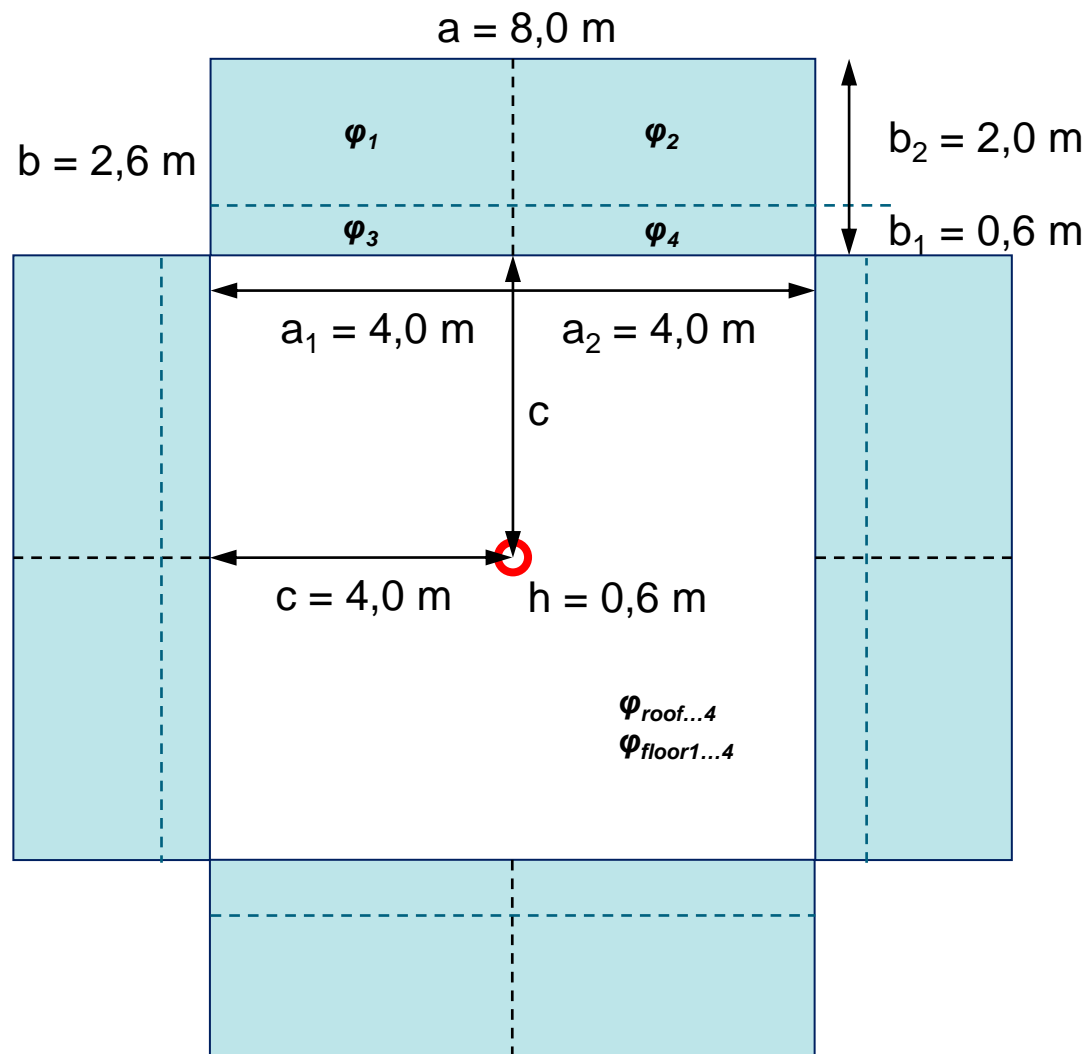
This translates to a PPD less than 10 %.

Heat radiation – angular relations



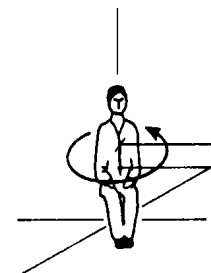
Thermal climate

Heat radiation – angular relations



	Wall		Roof	Floor
	upper	lower		
a	4	4	4	4
b	2	0,6	4	4
c	4	4	2	0,6
a/c	1	1	2	6,67
b/c	0,5	0,15	2	6,67

	Wall		Roof	Floor
	upper	lower		
tab	A.01.06, p. 473		A.01.06, p. 474	
φ	0,026	0,009	0,067	0,113
#	8	8	4	4
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	1,0			



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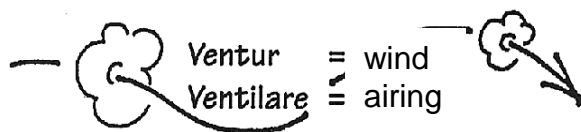
Heat radiation – surface temperatures



Atmospheric climate

Air quality – ventilation

Why ventilate?



- CO₂



- Emissions

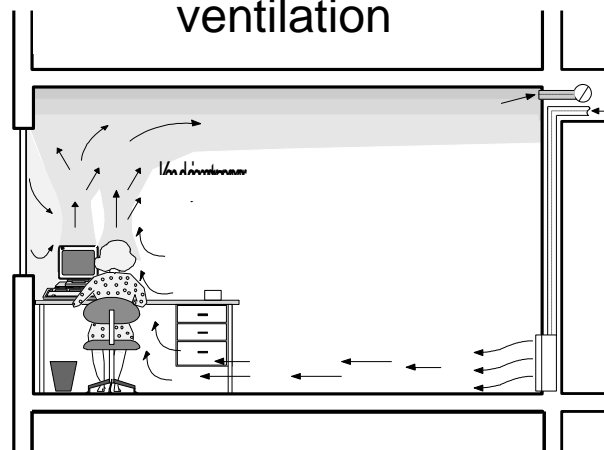


- Moisture

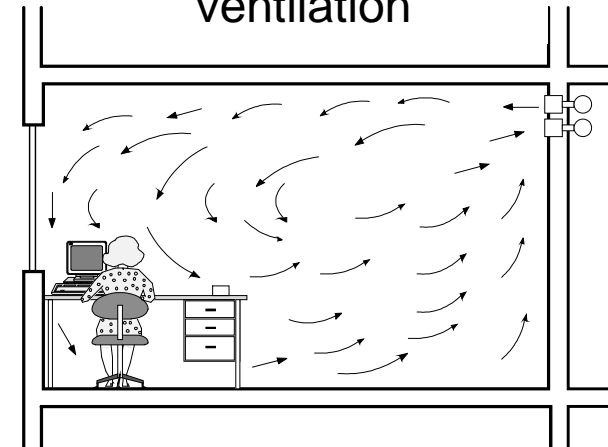


- Heat

Displacement ventilation

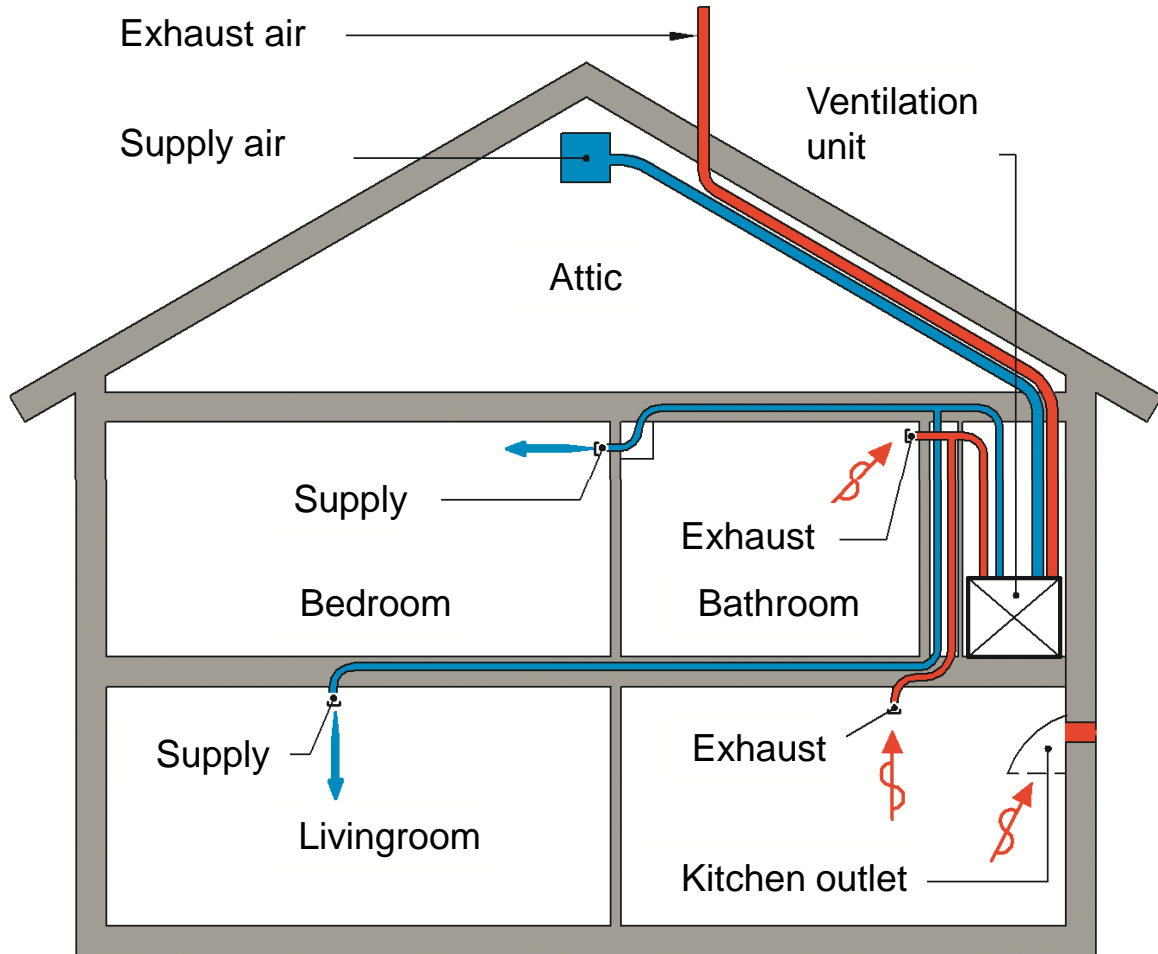


Mixing ventilation

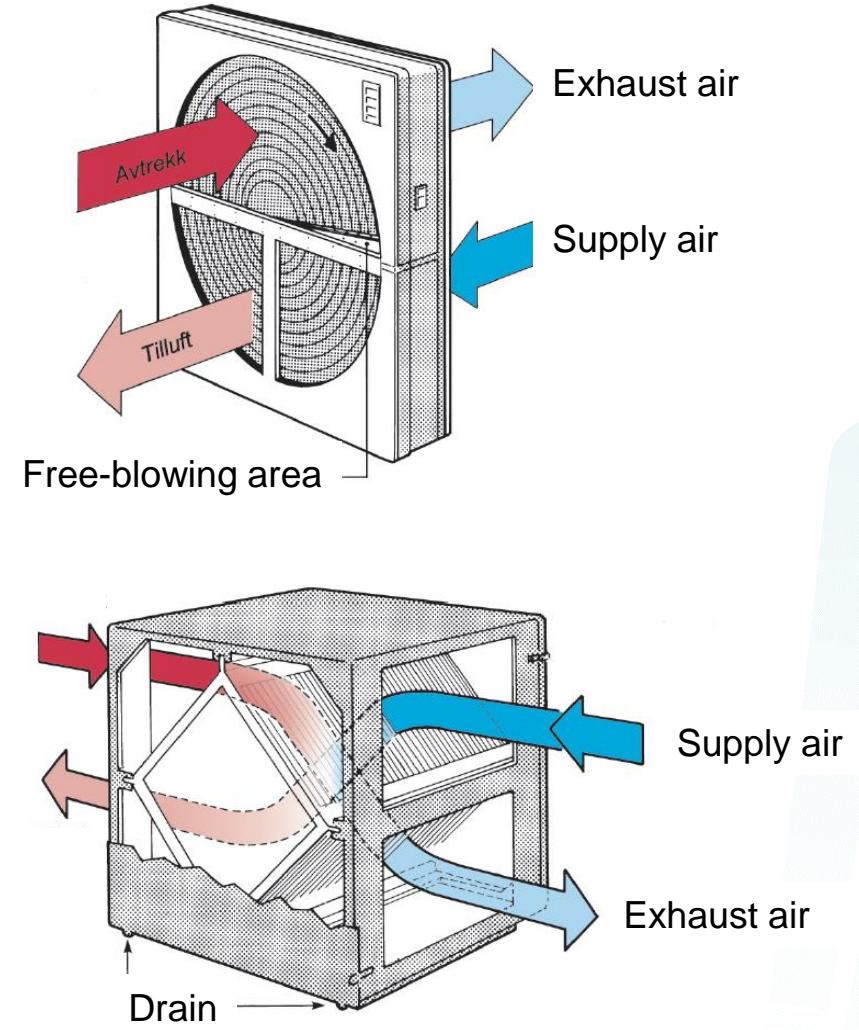


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Balanced ventilation in dwellings

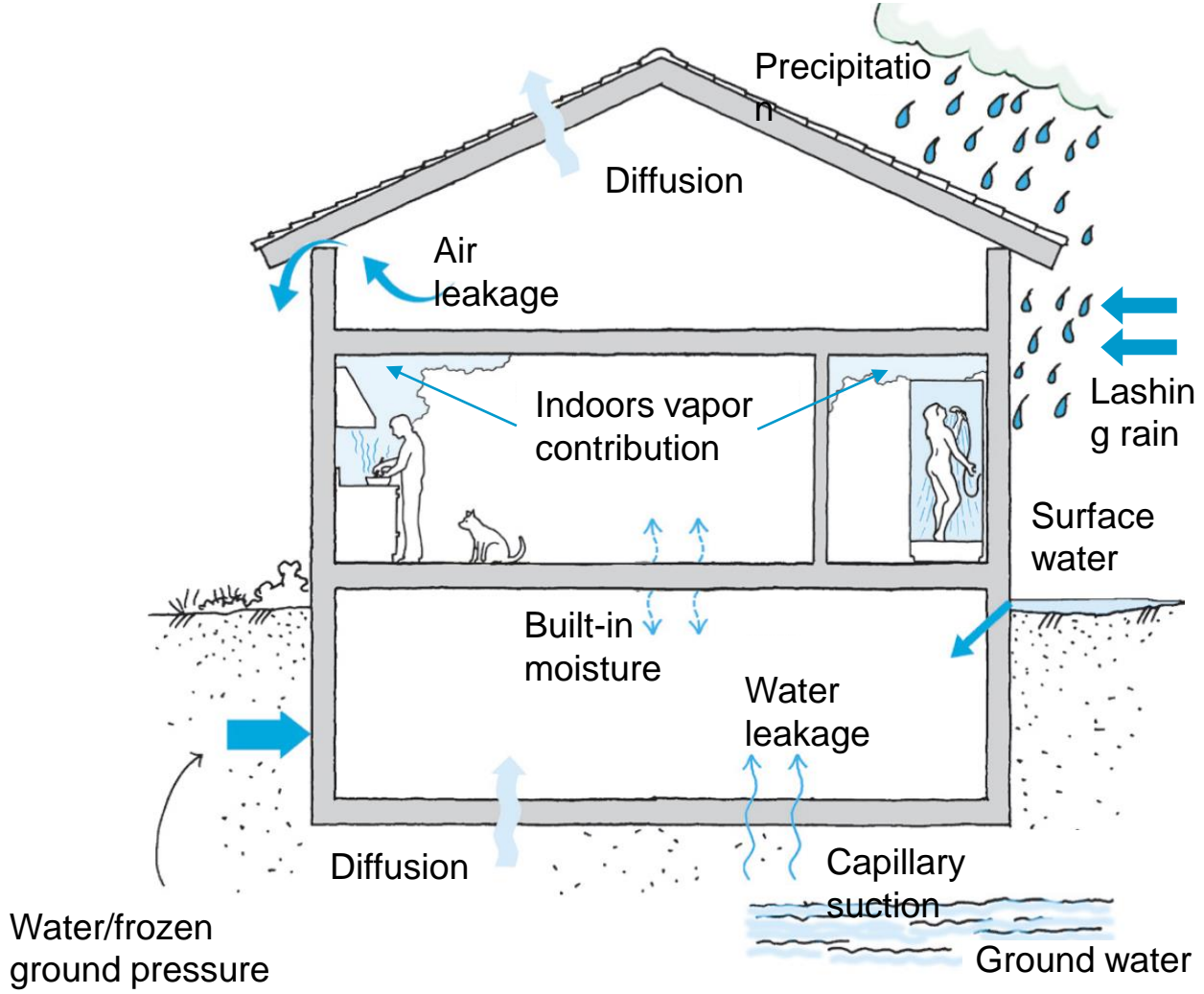


Heat recovery

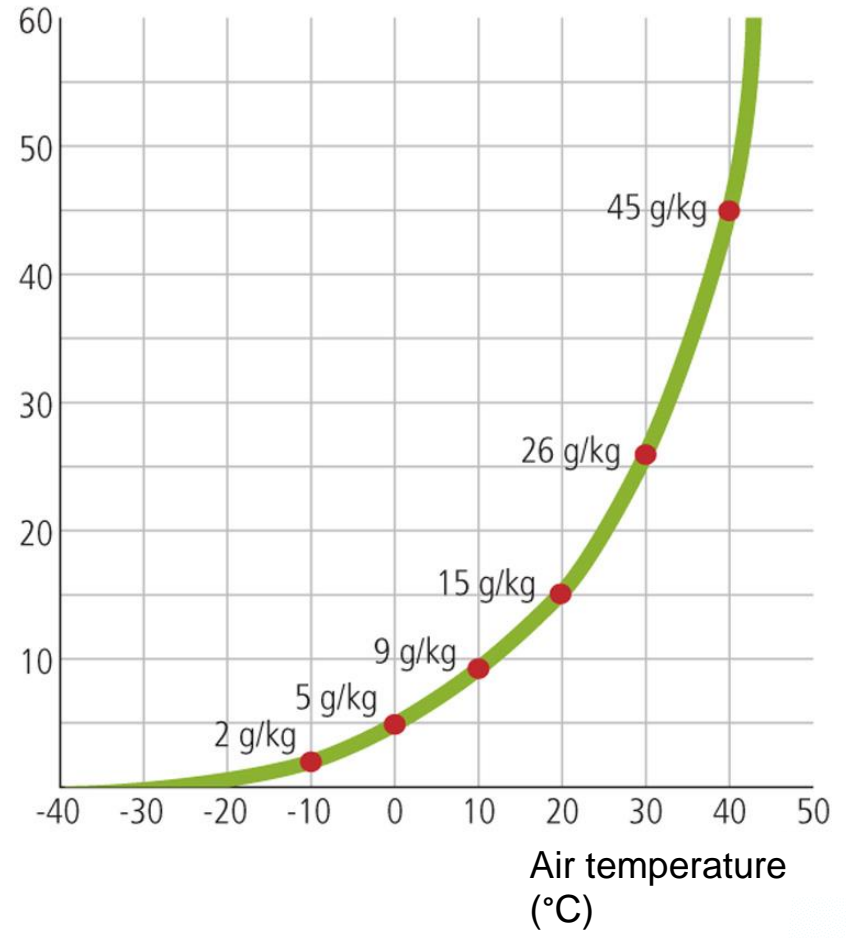


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Sources of water and vapour

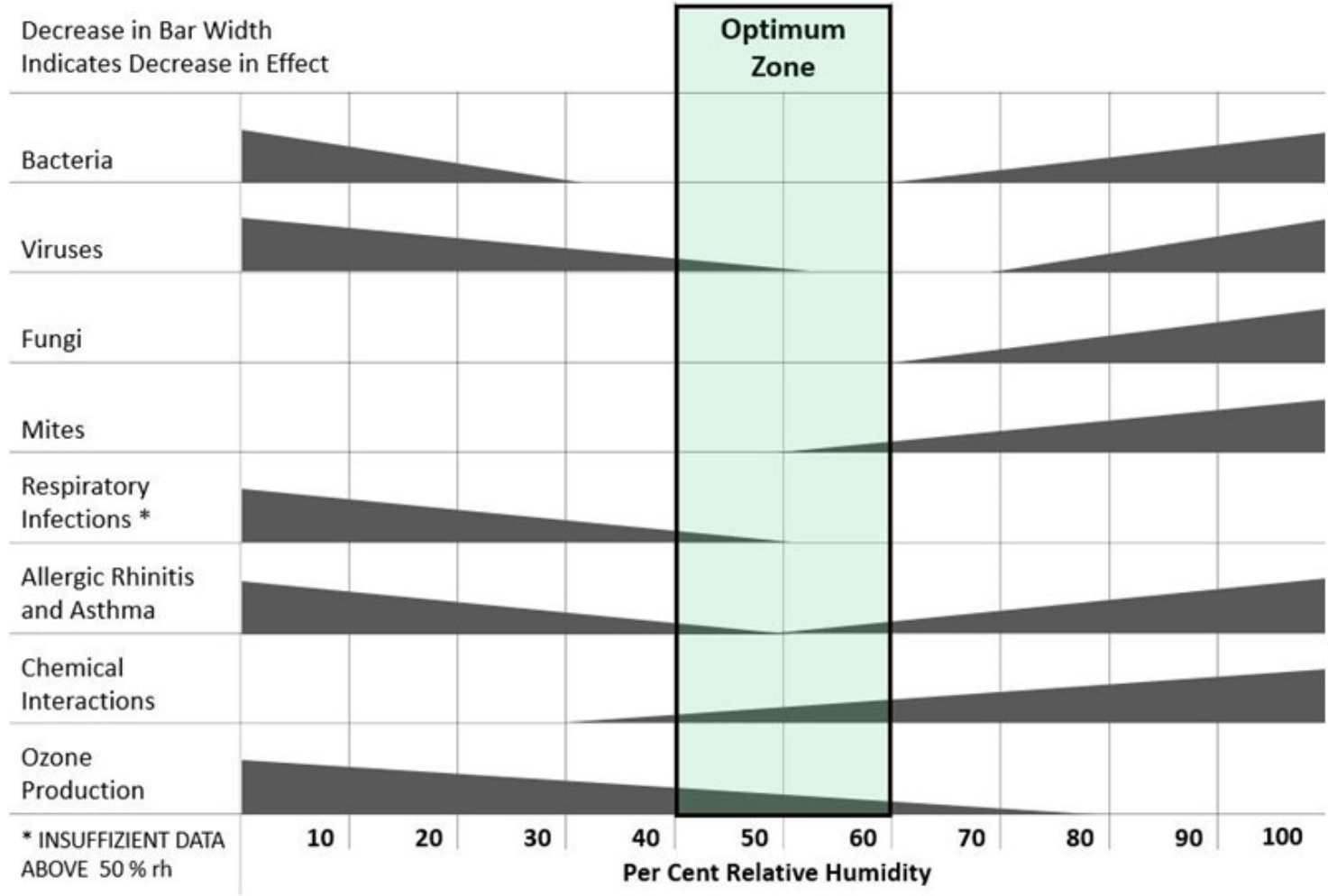


Maximum water content air can hold at various temperatures



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Relative humidity

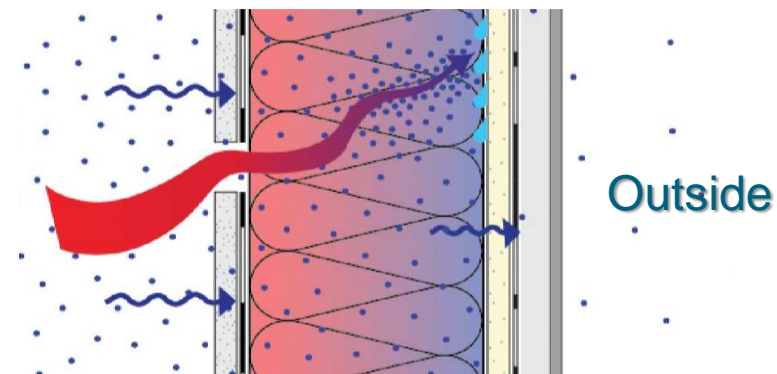
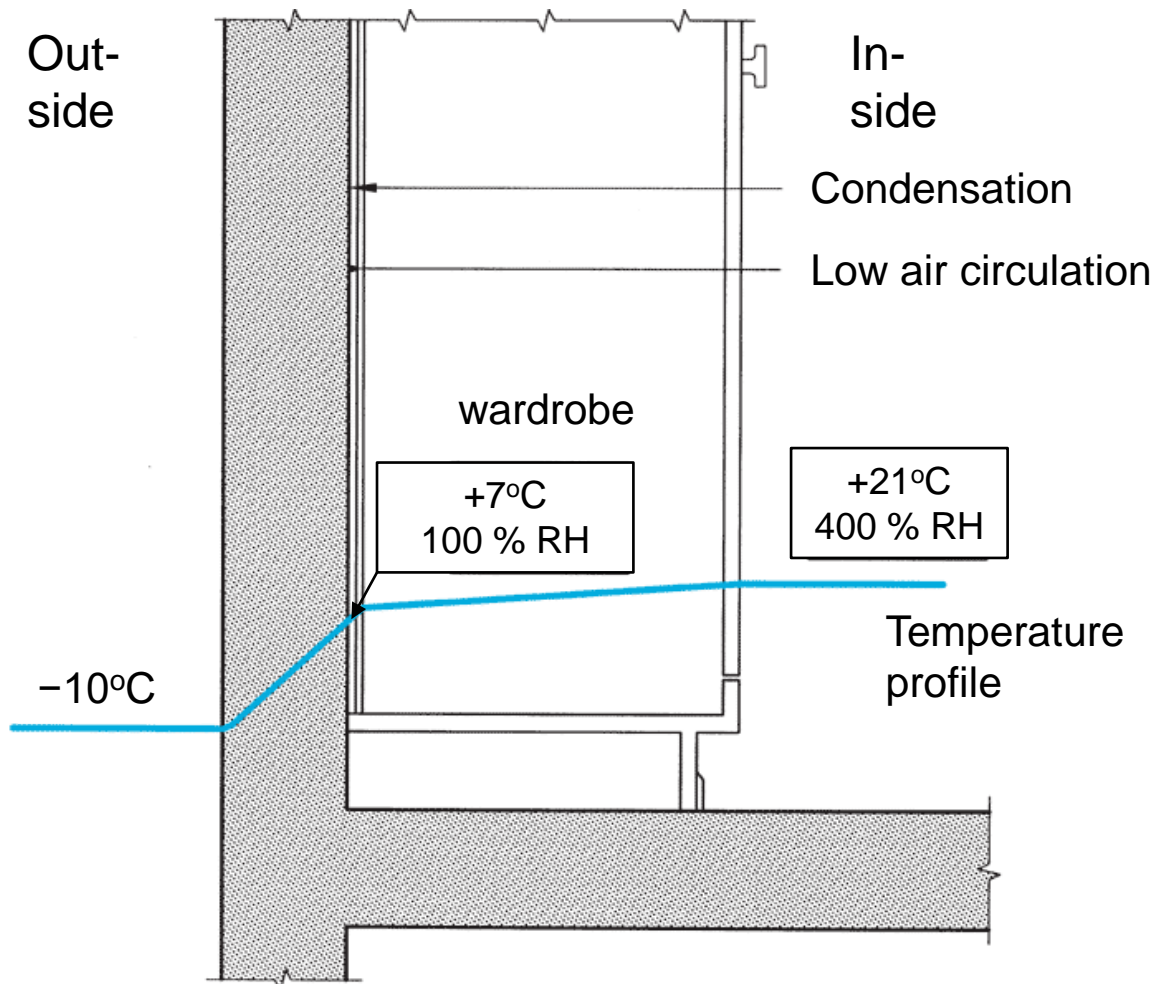


Optimal humidity range for minimizing adverse health effects

ASHRAE recommendation

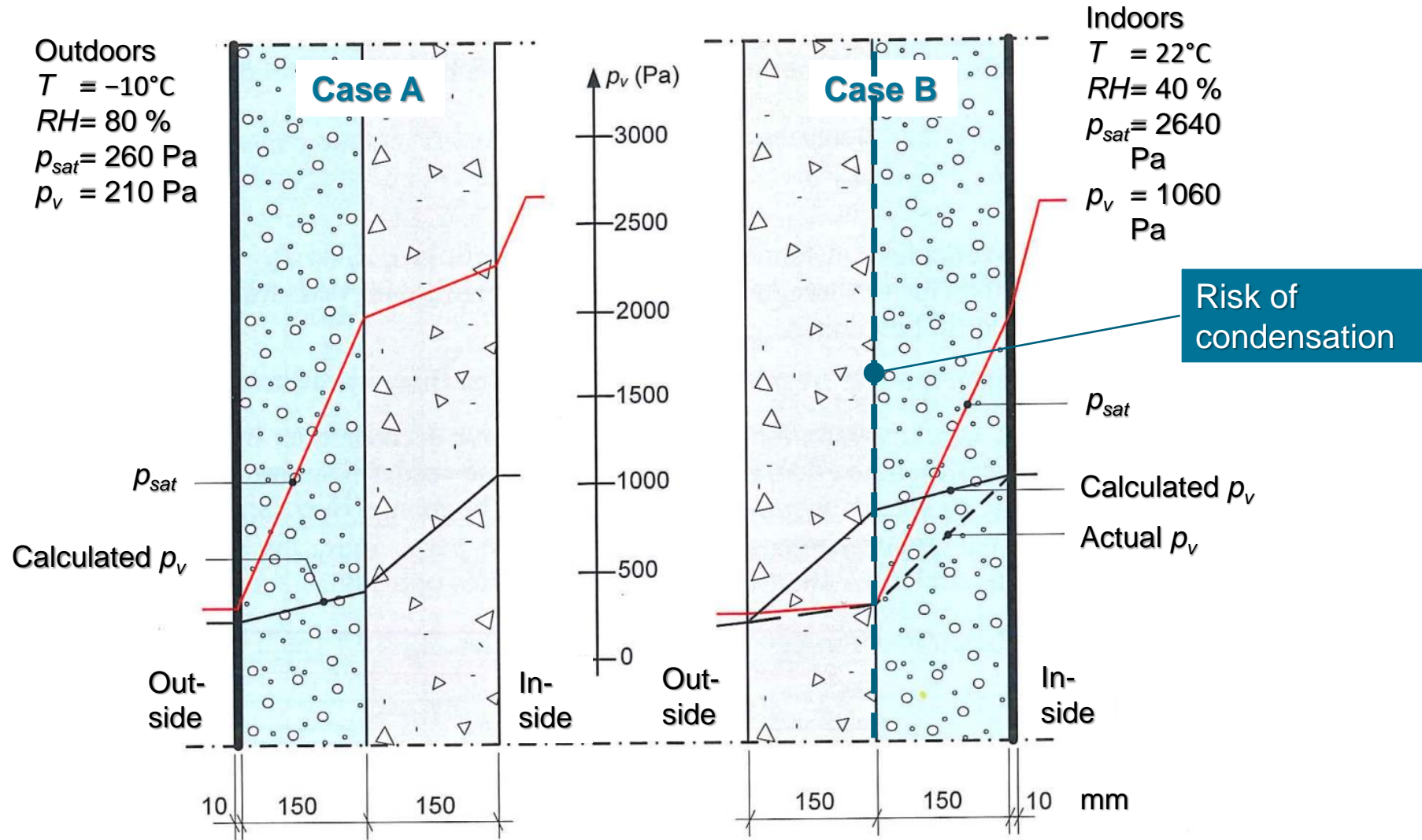
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Relative humidity – condensation



Diffusion through a wall assembly with a discontinuity in the vapor barrier

Relative humidity – condensation risk

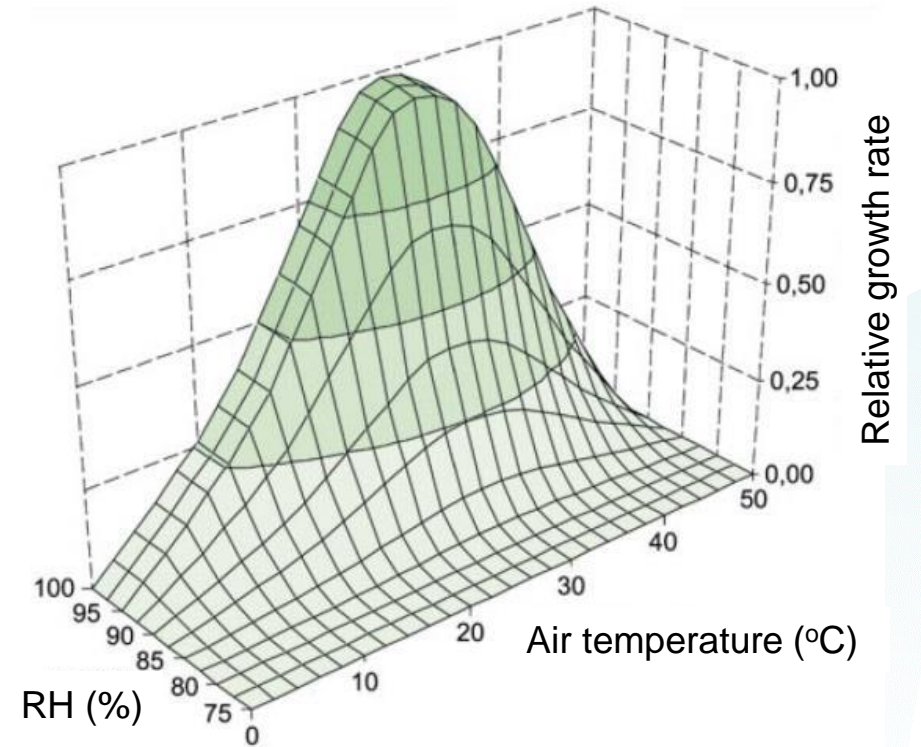


Atmospheric climate

Relative humidity – mould growth



Mould growth rate



Thank you for your attention

