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Disease Resilient and Energy-Efficient Centralized Air- Conditioning Systems: An Overview

*Webinar 2 - Disease
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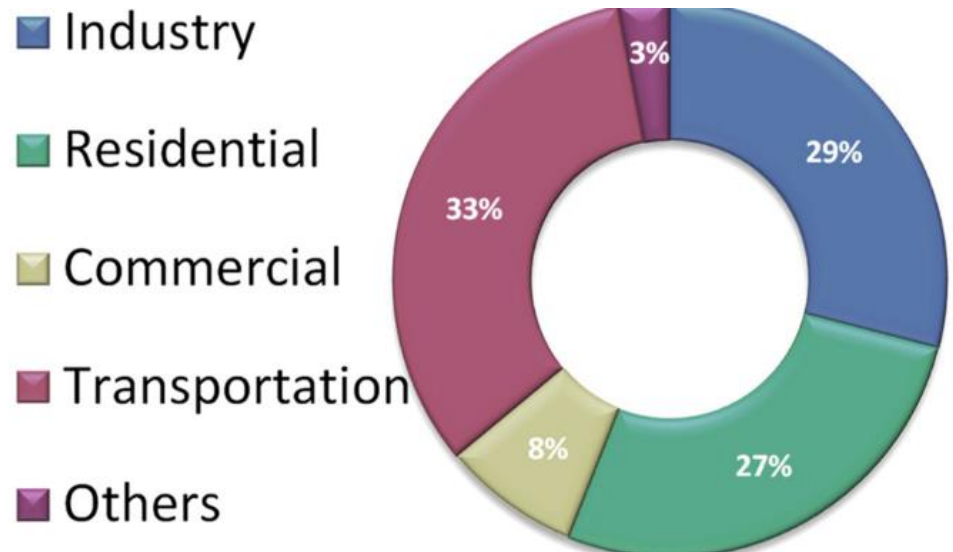


Disease Resilient and Energy-Efficient CAC Systems

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Introduction to Building Energy-efficiency

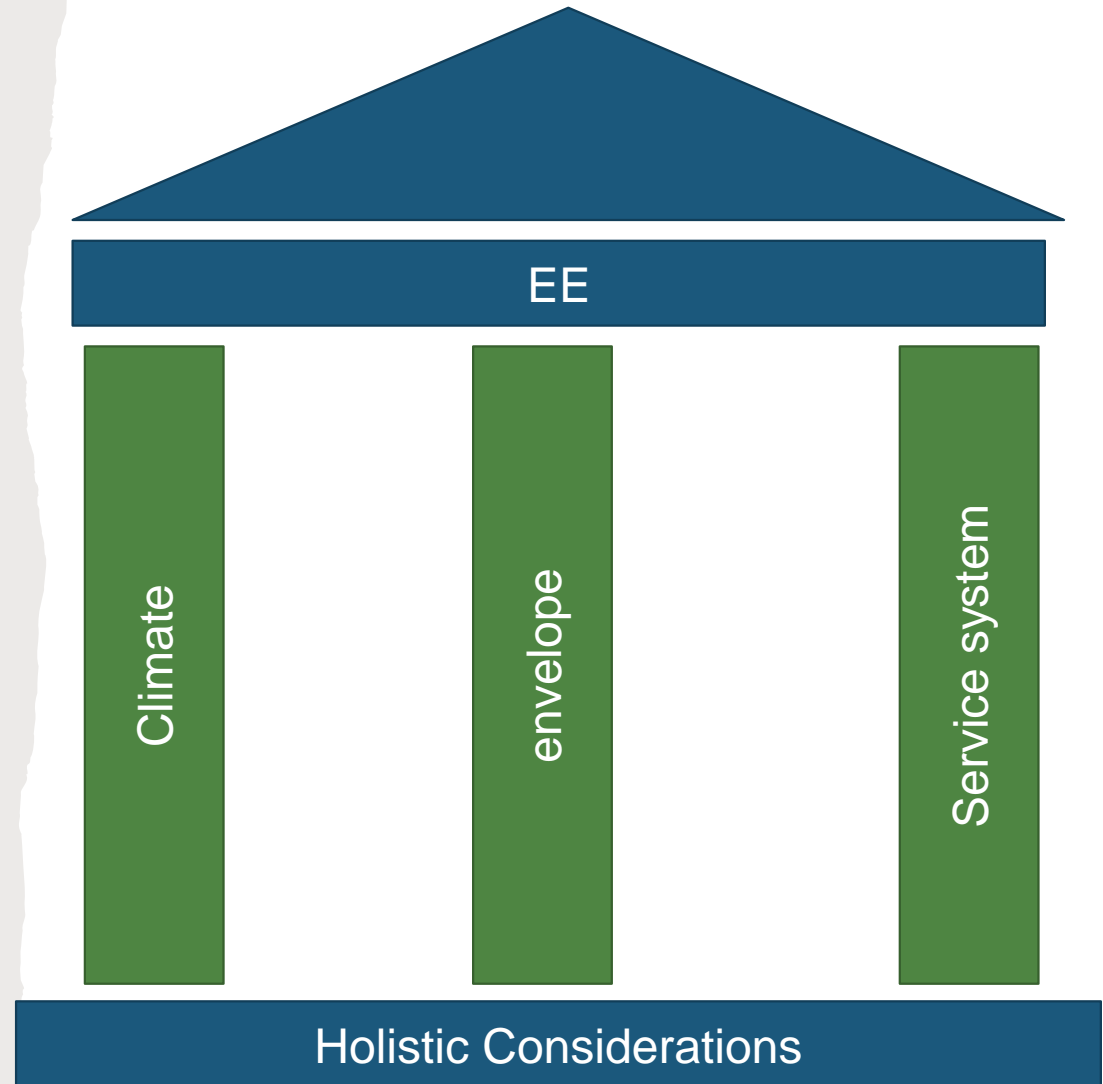
- The building section accounts for more than 30% of primary energy consumption around the world



Source: Laustsen, Jens. Energy Efficiency Requirements in Building Codes, Energy Efficiency

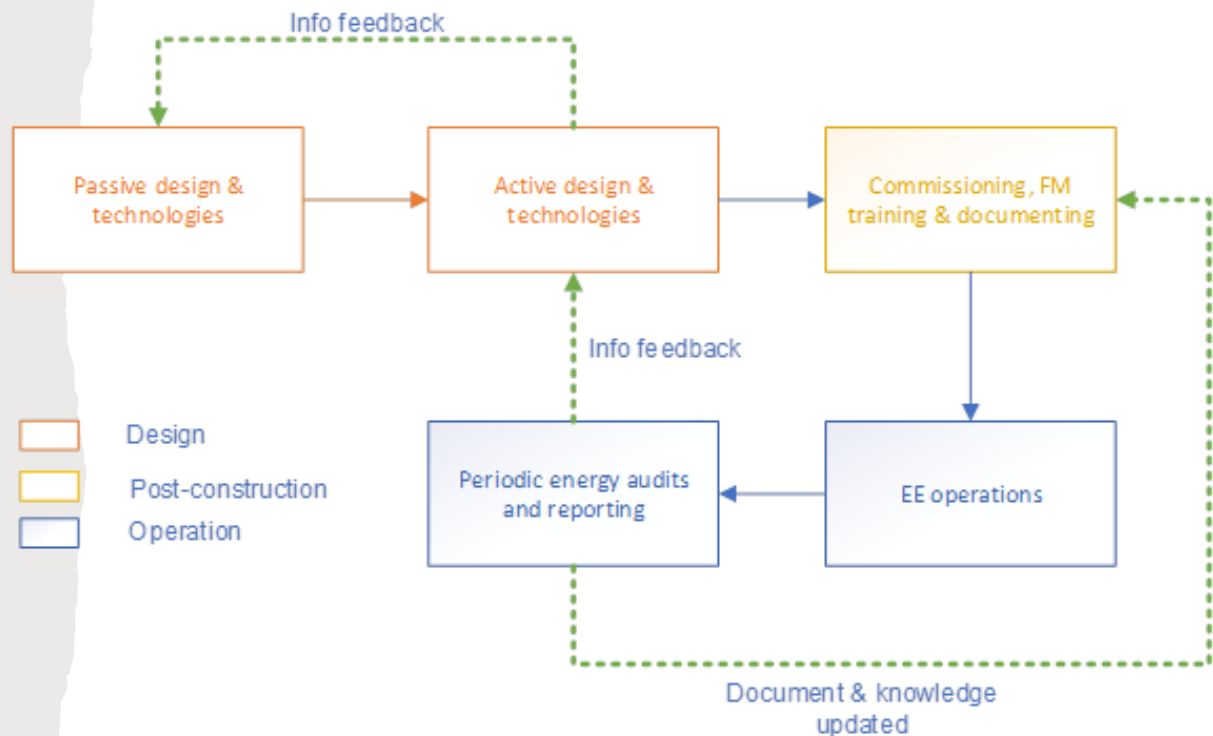
Introduction to Building Energy-efficiency

- Three Pillars of energy efficiency
- To improve building energy efficiency, all the three aspects should be integrally considered



Energy efficiency strategies

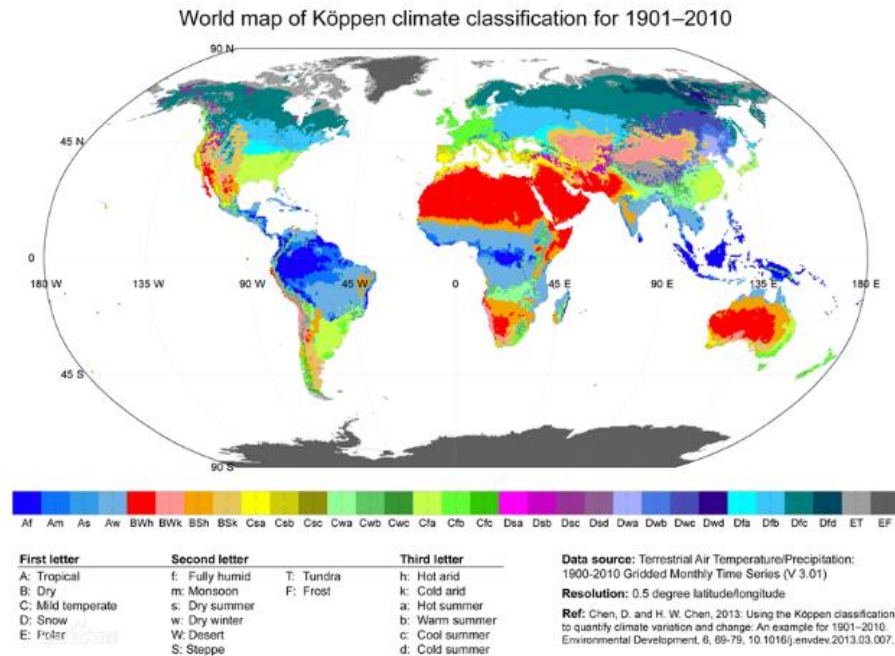
- **Methodology :**
- Energy efficiency in buildings is a life-cycle process from design, construction, and operation, of which the design phase is very important, and retrofitting of building structure and mechanical systems usually requires significant cost and effort.
- It is a topic that needs to be addressed throughout all phases of a building's life cycle



Source: Yanping Zhou, Assessment report on energy-efficiency, 2021

Energy efficiency strategies

- Climate :
- World climates according to Köppen's Classification



Source: Deliang Chen, Hans Weiteng Chen, Using the Köppen classification to quantify climate variation and change

Energy efficiency strategies

- **Climate :**
- A good technology roots in a local climate condition , that is however developed according to state of art norms acknowledged by the practitioners in building industry
- Map of Köppen's Classification

Major group	Criteria
A: Tropical	An average monthly temperature higher than 18°C (64.4°F). Annual precipitation exceeds 1,500 millimeters in this zone. High humidity levels and warm temperatures result in frequent, almost daily occurrences of cumulus or larger cumulonimbus cloud formations.
B: Dry	The complete absence or extremely low levels of annual precipitation. The very dry atmospheric conditions are the result of the combined evaporation and transpiration levels which in total exceed the total amount of precipitation. Vegetation is sparse or completely absent as a result of the dry climate with insufficient precipitation.
C: Temperate	Warm summers with high levels of humidity and mild winter seasons. The warmest month is at least 10°C (60°F) or higher, while the coldest month is lower than 18°C (64.4°F) but higher than -3°C (26.6°F).
D: Continental	The average temperature of the warmest month is above 10°C (50°F), while the coldest month is below -3°C (26.6°F).
E: Polar	The warmest month of the year is below 10°C (50°F). Extremely dry, with annual precipitation of less than 25 cm (10 inches).

Source: Yanping Zhou, Assessment report on energy-efficiency, 2021

Energy efficiency strategies

- **Climate :**
- Most of the DMC countries are located in tropical and temperate climates

Major group	DMC countries
A: Tropical	Afghanistan; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Cambodia; Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; India; Indonesia; Kiribati; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Myanmar; Nauru; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; Viet Nam.
B: Dry	India(middle); Kazakhstan; Mongolia; Pakistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.
C: Temperate	Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Georgia; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; Nepal; People's Republic of China(south); Republic of Korea; Taipei, China; Tajikistan.
D: Continental	Kyrgyz Republic; People's Republic of China(north).

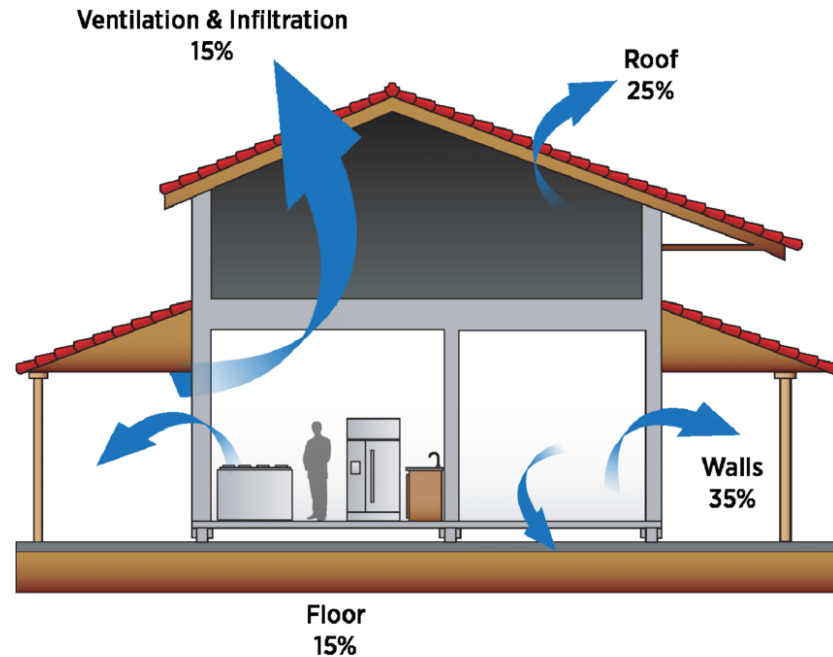
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Source: <https://thumbs.dreamstime.com/>

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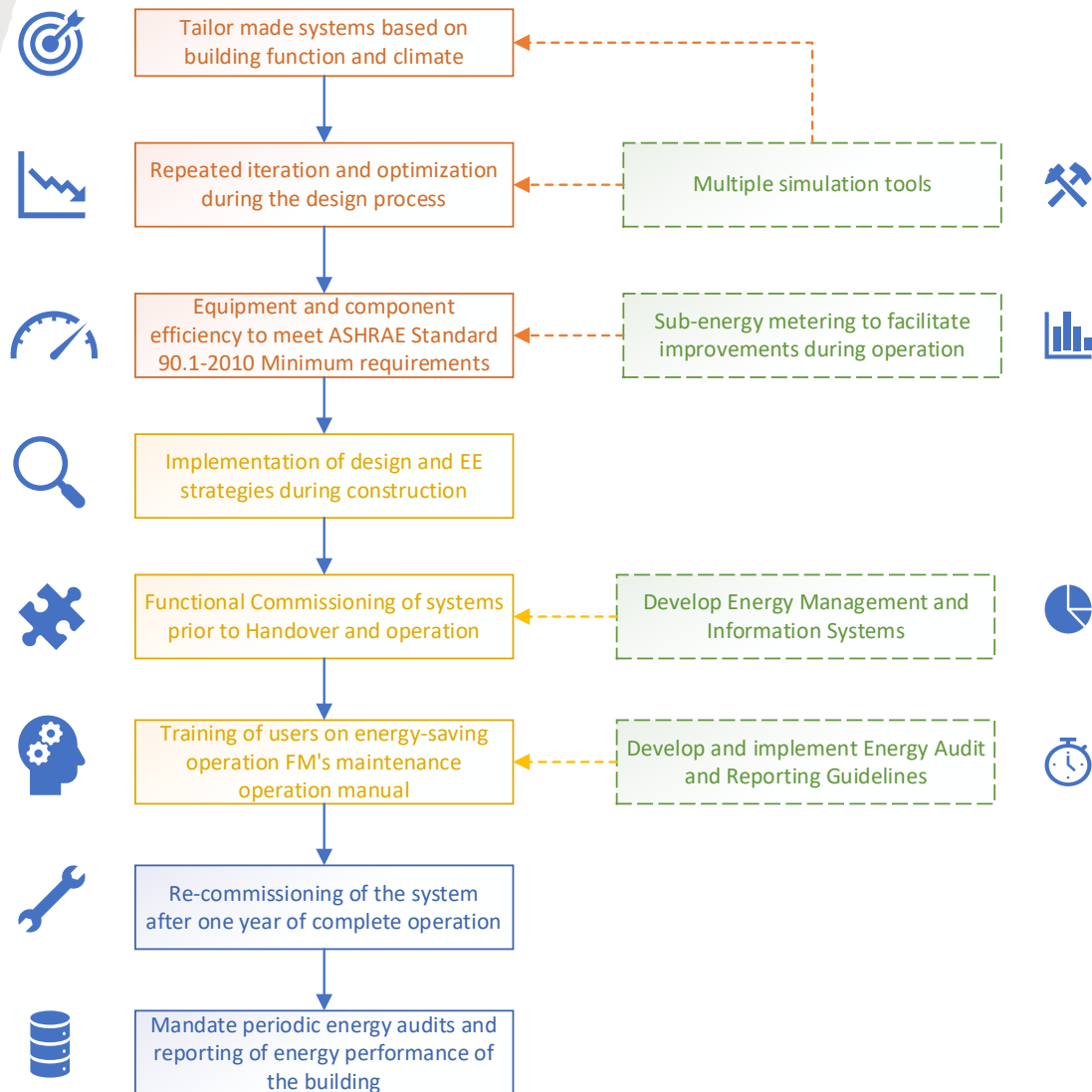
- Building envelope contributes to 60-75% of the heat gain/loss
- Thermal performance depends on shape factor, heat transfer, ventilation, air tightness



Source: Laustsen, Jens. Energy Efficiency Requirements in Building Codes

Energy efficiency strategies

- Actions in different phases to achieve an energy efficiency target
- ASHRAE 90.1-2010 gives the definition of building envelope parameters and equipment efficiency in several climatic environments



Energy efficiency strategies

- Cooling and Heating Systems
- Renewables: natural source, implementation and maintenance costs, incentives, local regulations, and characteristics of the energy profile.
 - Solar
 - Wind
 - Wave
 - Geothermal, etc
- Hybrid systems
 - Renewables integrated with envelope
 - Energy planning on a larger scale



Source: <https://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/>

Energy efficiency strategies

- Energy efficiency strategies
- Some can be used nearly always, but more require careful assessment

Energy demand control via passive design				Comments
A	B	C	D	
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Orientation and shape factor
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Microclimate environment
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Roofs, facades, glazing/Window-wall-ratio
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Shading
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Airtightness
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Thermal storage envelope
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Natural day-lighting
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Natural ventilation
				first steps to optimize the buildings
				use tress, terrain, surrounding structures to improve EE
				case-by-case study required
				exterior shading design is the priority
				critical for fresh air conditioning load
				dry and large diurnal range area
				recommended whenever possible
				not recommended for hot and humid areas

Use energy-efficient mechanical system

Internal gains				
A	B	C	D	
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Energy saving appliances
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	LED lighting
				recommended whenever possible
				recommended whenever possible
Energy, heating & cooling source system				
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	BCHP
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Fuel Cell
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Ice storage
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Waste-Heat Absorption Heat Pumps
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Ground (water) source heat pump
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Water loop heat pump
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Condensing heat recovery of chiller/HP
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Evaporative cooling system
				natural gas, combined heat+cool+power demand
				small facility possible
				when electricity rate favorable overnight
				helpful when there is waste heat available nearby
				heat should be balanced for the earth
				simultaneous heat and cool, large span, like malls
				recovered heat for domestic hot water
				dry and large diurnal range area
Distribution sub-system				
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Fresh air heat recovery
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Desiccant dehumidification system
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	VFD of fans and pumps
				particularly effective in humid areas
				effective when low-grade heat available
				recommended whenever possible
HVAC system terminals				
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	CO2 controlled ventilation
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Radiant systems, e.g. capillary ceiling, radiant floor
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	DOAS stand-alone fresh air systems
Red	Blue	Green	Yellow	Displacement ventilation
				offices /other spaces where occupancy varies widely
				condensation control is vital
				particularly effective in humid areas
				large and tall spaces

- A: Tropical
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- D: Continental

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Disease resilience of CAC system

- Design of air conditioning systems should adapt to pneumonia and other respiratory infections
- Large open offices should be renovated quickly to flexible partitions during a pandemic



Source: <https://www.appliedworkplace.co.uk/blog/office-partitions-flexible-office-solutions/>

Summary

- Reducing carbon emissions has important implications for the current rapidly deteriorating global climate
- In DMC countries, a 20% improvement in energy efficiency over local standards is often easy to achieve
- The design should also integrate a special chapter to cover its disease resilient capabilities, which only makes sense when the flexibility can be included in the very beginning of new buildings.



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