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ANNEX 69

Strategy and Practice of Adaptive Thermal Comfort in Low Energy Buildings

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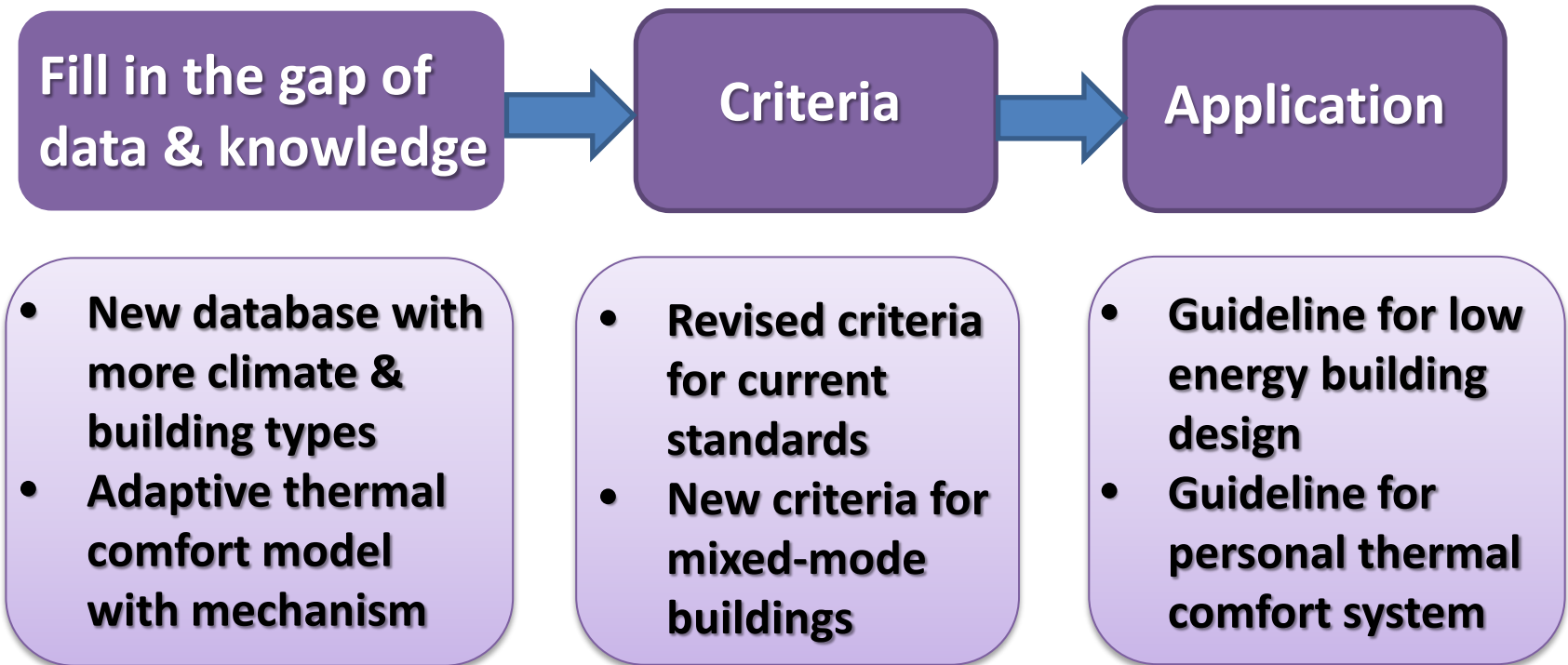
Annex 69 Organization

- **Operating Agents:**
 - Yingxin Zhu, Tsinghua University, China
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- **Secretary:**
 - Bin Cao, Tsinghua University, China
- **Subtask Leaders:**
 - ST-A: Edward Arens, UC Berkeley, USA
 - ST-B: Bjarne Olesen, DTU, Denmark
 - ST-C: Richard de Dear, The University of Sydney, Australia

Expected outcomes

	Outcomes	Target Audience
1	Database with user interface including information of human thermal reaction together with their behavior and energy consumption	Researchers, government agencies
2	Develop a model and criteria for the application of adaptive thermal comfort in built environment	Researchers, code and standard developers, policy makers, designers
3	Guidelines for low energy building design based on adaptive thermal comfort concept	Building designers
4	Guidelines for personal thermal comfort systems in low energy buildings	HVAC engineers, facility managers, HVAC equipment manufacturers

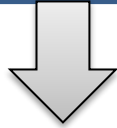
Objectives



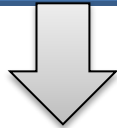
Case Study

Technical Approach

Subtask A
Model study



Subtask B
Criteria & guidelines



Subtask C
Case studies

- **Data collection and research into models of adaptation**
- **Criteria and guidelines for adaptive comfort and Personal Thermal Comfort Systems in standards**
- **Practical learnings from exemplary adaptive buildings, supporting Subtasks A & B**

Subtask A: Data collection & model

Leader: Prof. Edward Arens, UC Berkeley, USA



Sub A1: Standardize the description of field study data from various resources and make a uniform data format.

Sub A2: Collect existing field data and establish a worldwide database.

Sub A3: Quantification of uncertainty in thermal comfort instruments (objective and subjective)

Sub A4: Integrating the mechanisms of thermal adaptation and the database to develop the revised gray box adaptive thermal comfort model.

Subtask B: Criteria and guidelines for adaptive comfort and Personal Thermal Comfort Systems in standards

Leader: Prof. Bjarne Olesen, DTU, Denmark



Sub B1: Analyze and improve the adaptive model and criteria for use in existing standards criteria for indoor thermal environment.

Sub B2: Provide design guidelines on how to use adaptive comfort for lowering energy in buildings.

Sub B3: Provide design criteria and guidelines for Personal Thermal Comfort Systems.

Sub B4: Development of an open access code repository for thermal comfort indices.

Subtask C: Case studies - Practical learnings from exemplary adaptive buildings, supporting Subtasks A & B

Leader: Prof. Richard de Dear, The University of Sydney, Australia
Founder of ASHRAE's adaptive thermal comfort model/standard



Sub C1: Conduct instrumental indoor environment measurements to analyze the performance of target buildings from the view of indoor comfort, occupant behavior, and energy use.

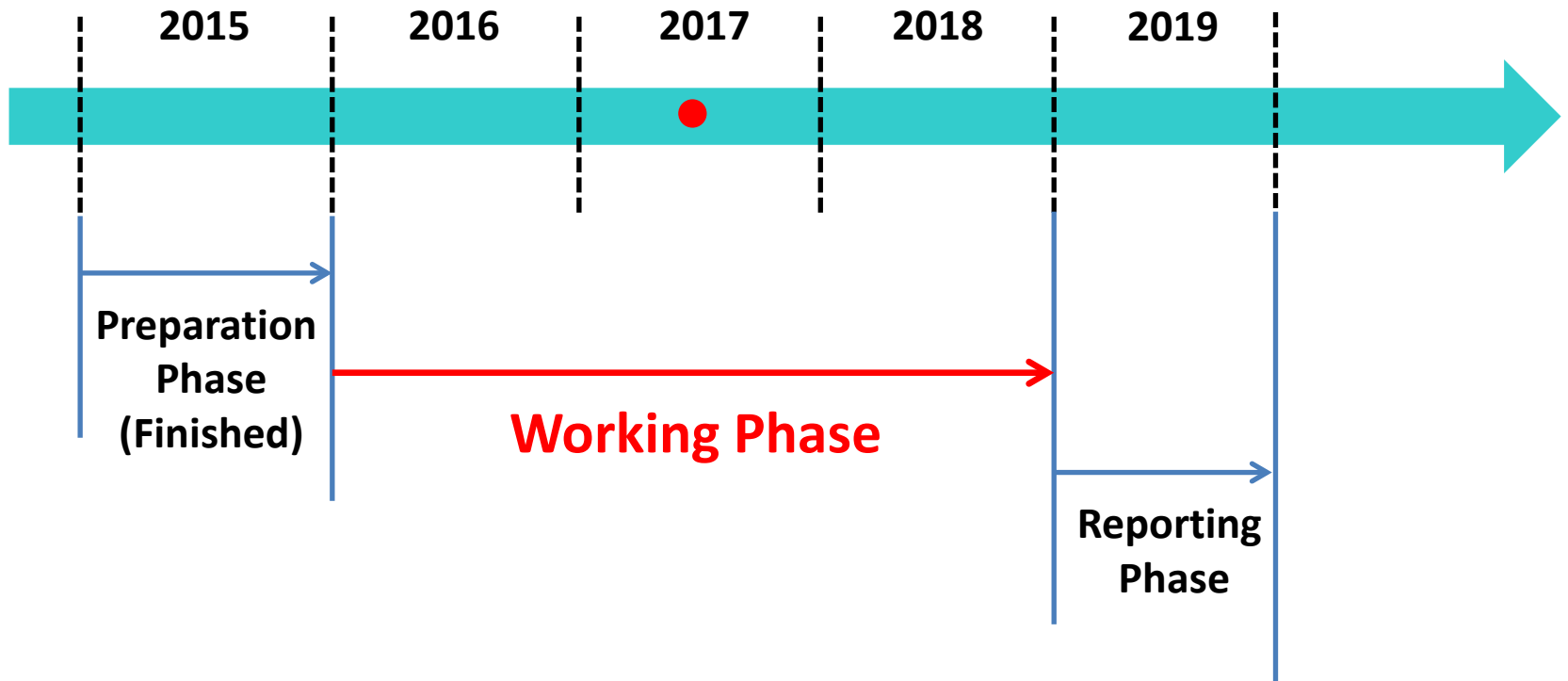
Sub C2: Lessons learned and develop recommendations for “adaptive” building design, operation and refurbishment.

Sub C3: Collect successful cases to compile a compendium, as an appendix of the guidelines from Subtask B, to help readers to relate the outcomes of this project to their work.

	Country	Researcher	Institute	A1	A2	A3	A4	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3
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43	UK	Dennis Loveday	Loughborough University											
44	UK	Mahroo Eftekhari	Loughborough University											
45	UK	Shen Wei	Northumbria University											
46	USA	Edward Arens	UC Berkeley											
47	USA	Hui Zhang	UC Berkeley											
48	USA	Gail Brager	UC Berkeley											
49	USA	Stefano Schiavon	UC Berkeley											
50	USA	Hyojin Kim	The Catholic University of America											
51	USA	Joon-Ho Choi	University of Southern California											



Timeline



The working phase was proposed to extend for 1 year.

Participants at the Open Forum for Annex 69 in Hong Kong, China, July 11th, 2014



Open Forum for IEA-EBC-ANNEX 69
Strategy and Practice of Adaptive Thermal Comfort in Low Energy Buildings



Participants at the Open Forum for Annex 69 in May 20th, 2015 in Eindhoven, Netherland



Every half-year experts meetings within our Annex

- **May, 2015.** 1st experts meeting in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

- 14 participants from 8 countries (China, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, Sweden, UK)

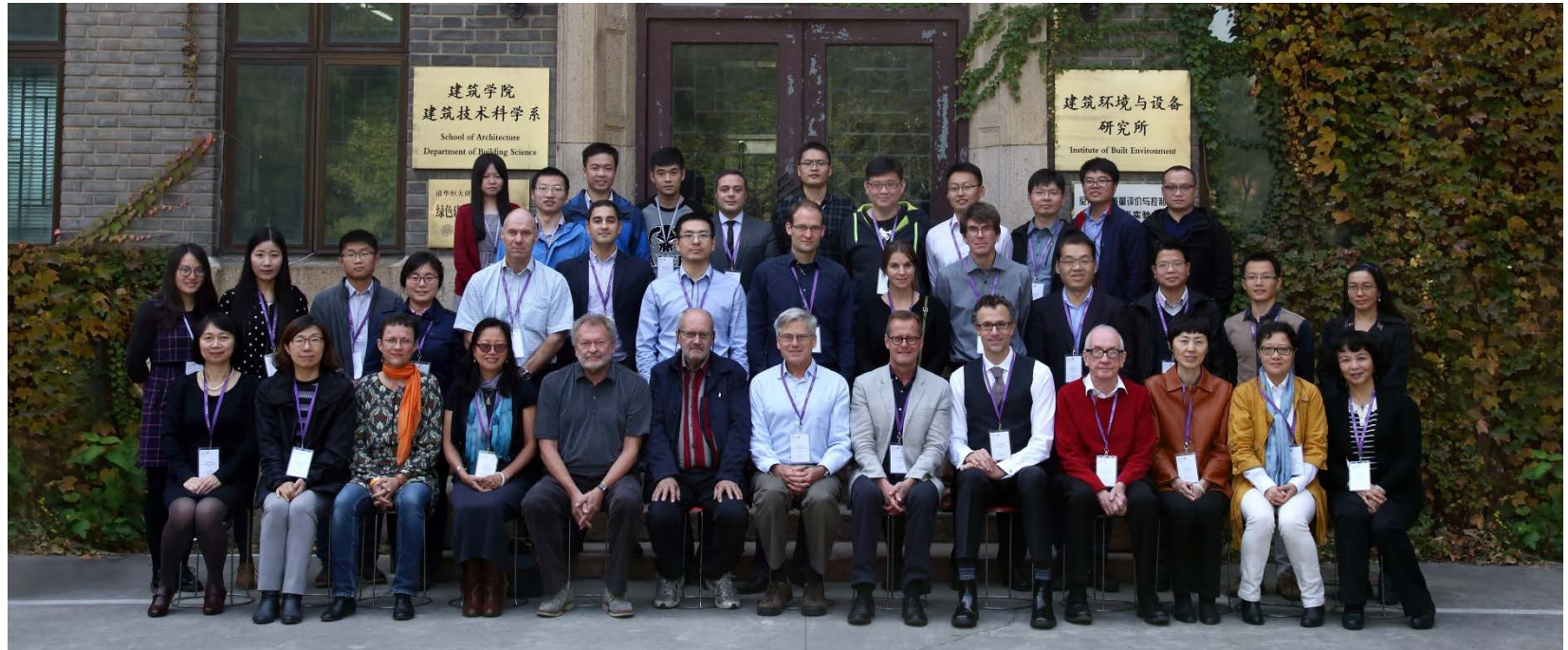


Our participation in the IEA-EBC ExCo meetings

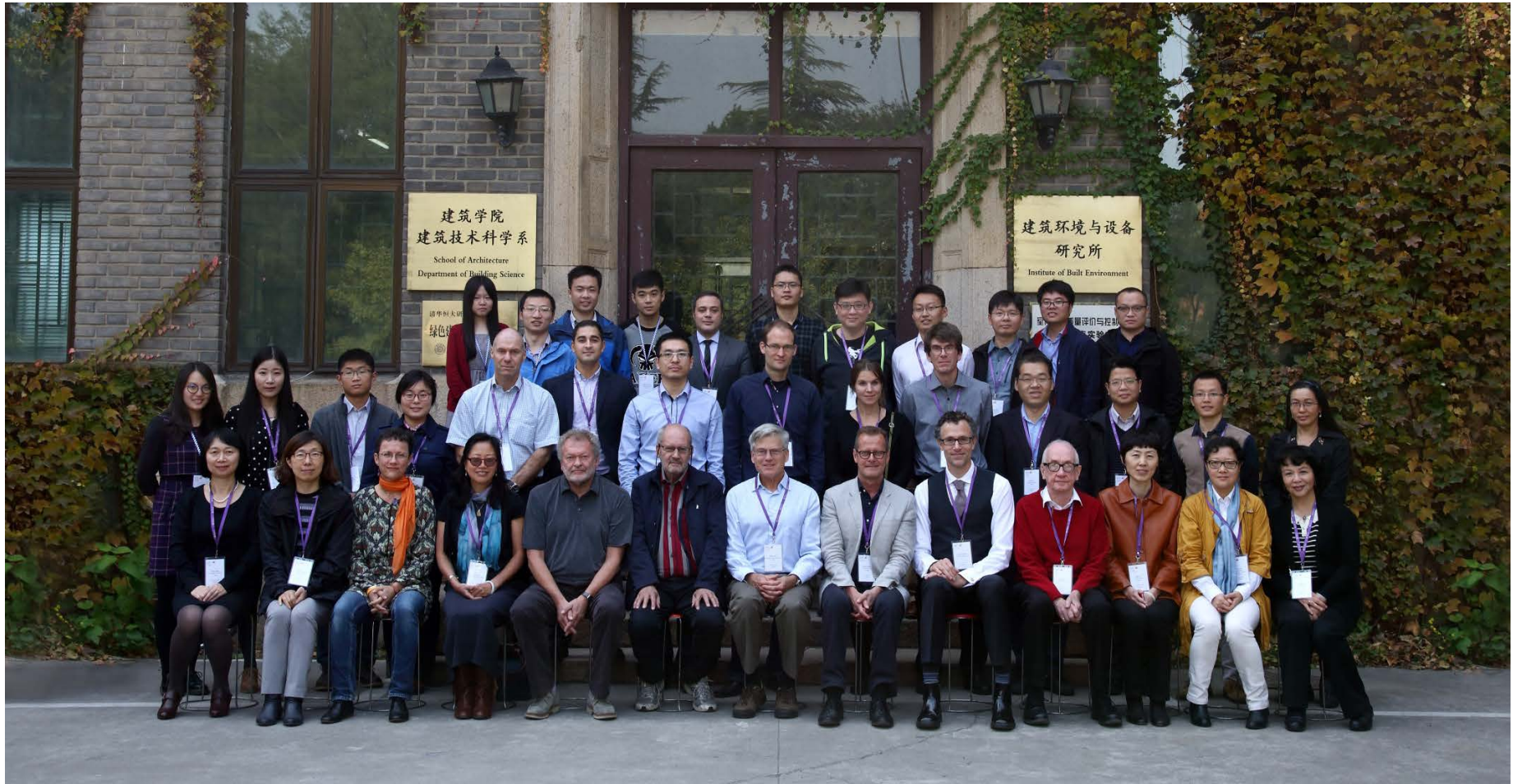
- **June, 2014.** 75th meeting in Germany
 - Yingxin introduced the concept proposal.
- **November, 2014.** 76th meeting in Finland
 - Yingxin introduced the full proposal and was approved.
- **June, 2015.** 77th meeting in Portugal
 - Richard & Bin reported the first half-year progress.
- **November, 2015.** 78th meeting in Korea
 - Yingxin reported progress of the whole preparation phase and was approved to start working phase.
- **June, 2016.** 79th meeting in Norway
 - Yingxin reported the latest progress in working phase.
- **November, 2016.** 80th meeting in Australia
 - Bin went and reported the latest progress in working phase.

Progress in the preparation year

- **2nd preparation phase meeting** at Beijing (China), October 19-20, 2015
- **38 participants from 10 countries** (Australia, China, Denmark, Germany, Korea, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, UK, USA)



October, 2015. 2nd experts meeting in Beijing, China.



- **38 participants from 10 countries (Australia, China, Denmark, Germany, Korea, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, UK, USA)**

April, 2016. 3rd experts meeting in London, UK.



- 39 participants from 13 countries

October, 2016. 4th experts meeting in Seoul, Korea.



Factsheet

Participating Countries

Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK, USA

Related Events

Experts Meetings:

Eindhoven, the Netherlands, May 20th, 2015
Beijing, China, October 19th-20th, 2015
London, UK, April 6th -7th, 2016th-28th, 2016

Workshops / Open Forums:

Hong Kong, China, July 11th, 2014
Tianjin, China, July 13th, 2015
Beijing, China, October 20th, 2015
Windsor, UK, April 8th, 2016
Incheon, Korea, October 24th-25th, 2016
Nagoya, Japan, October, 2016

More information

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The 1st Annex 69 Experts Meeting was held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands


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The 3rd Annex 69 Experts Meeting was held in London, UK

The 3rd Experts Meeting of Annex 69 was held on April 6-7, 2016 in London, UK. Forty-three participants from 13 countries attended the meeting.

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The 2nd Annex 69 Experts Meeting and Open Forum were held in Beijing, China

The 2nd Experts Meeting was held in Beijing, China on October 19-20, 2015. Descriptions of the subtasks and roles of participants in each subtask were confirmed on this meeting.

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Publications

Dynamic thermal environment and thermal comfort

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Indoor Air
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The dynamics of thermal comfort expectations: The problem, challenge and implication

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Building and Environment
2016, 95: 322-329

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Indoor climate and thermal physiological adaptation: Evidences from migrants with different cold indoor exposures

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