



# Energy Efficient Building Envelope - From the ECBC Perspective

ECBC Awareness Workshop  
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# ECBC - Building Envelope

- Opaque Wall & Spandrels: Insulation materials and their R-values / U Value;
- Vision Glass or fenestration / glazing:
  - U-factors,
  - Solar heat gain coefficients (SHGC) or SF
  - Visible light transmittance
- Shading: overhangs and side fins,
- Air leakage through facade
- Building envelope sealing details

# Glass gives beauty & modernity to architecture:

- Architectural master pieces
- Modernity - Transparency



## Advantages of using Glass & glazing systems:

1. Faster is construction
2. Thinner structure - increase floor area
3. Advance systems
  - Predictable behavior in case of earth quake and building settlement
  - Water tight
4. Glass is lighter by 12 times than brick wall
  - i.e. 1000sqm of glass of reduces load of building by 500 tons



**Glass is transparent thus:**

- Daylight for interiors**
- Blends Interiors with Exteriors**



**Nokia, Gurgaon**



**Infosys, Mysore**



**Hyatt Regency, Mumbai**



**Town Hall London**

# Key Performance Factors

## ■ Total Heat Gain / Heat Transmission

- SHGC or SF : Solar Heat Gain Coefficient or Solar Factor
- U Value

## ■ Light Transmission: percentage of incident light transmitted

- VLT or Visual Light Transmission

**Day Lighting:**  
**Control Light –**  
**Based on direction of façade –**  
**Minimize Glare**



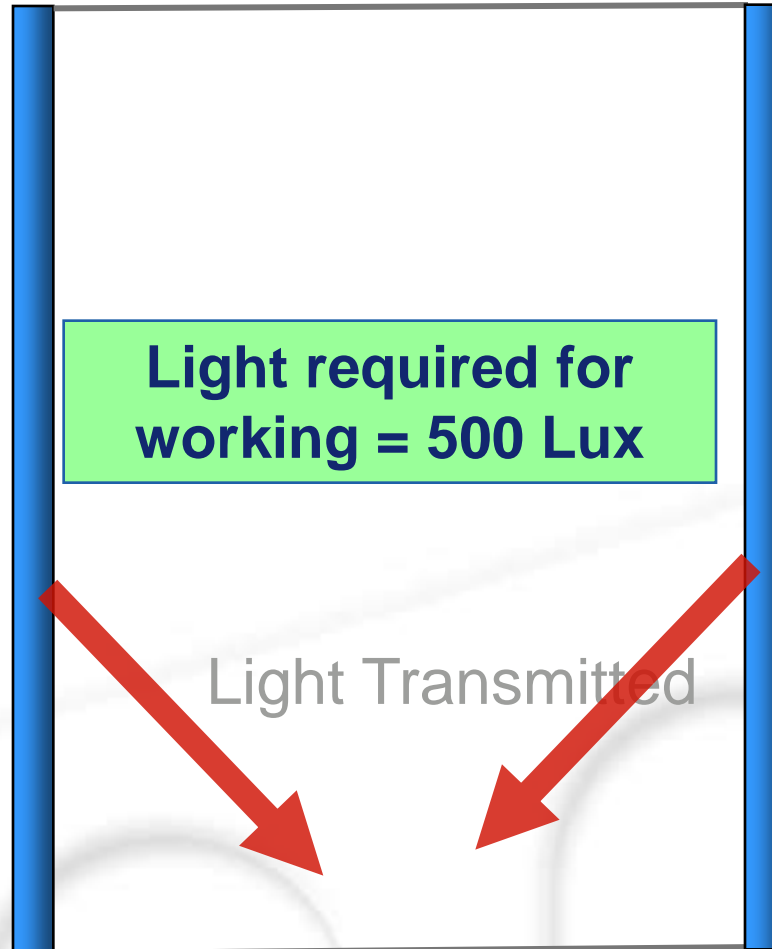
  
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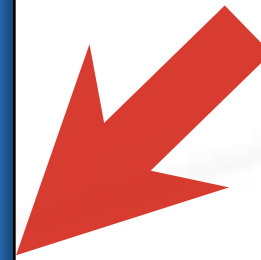
## Light Transmission (LT):

How low can the LT of the glass be ?



Light required for working = 500 Lux

Light Transmitted



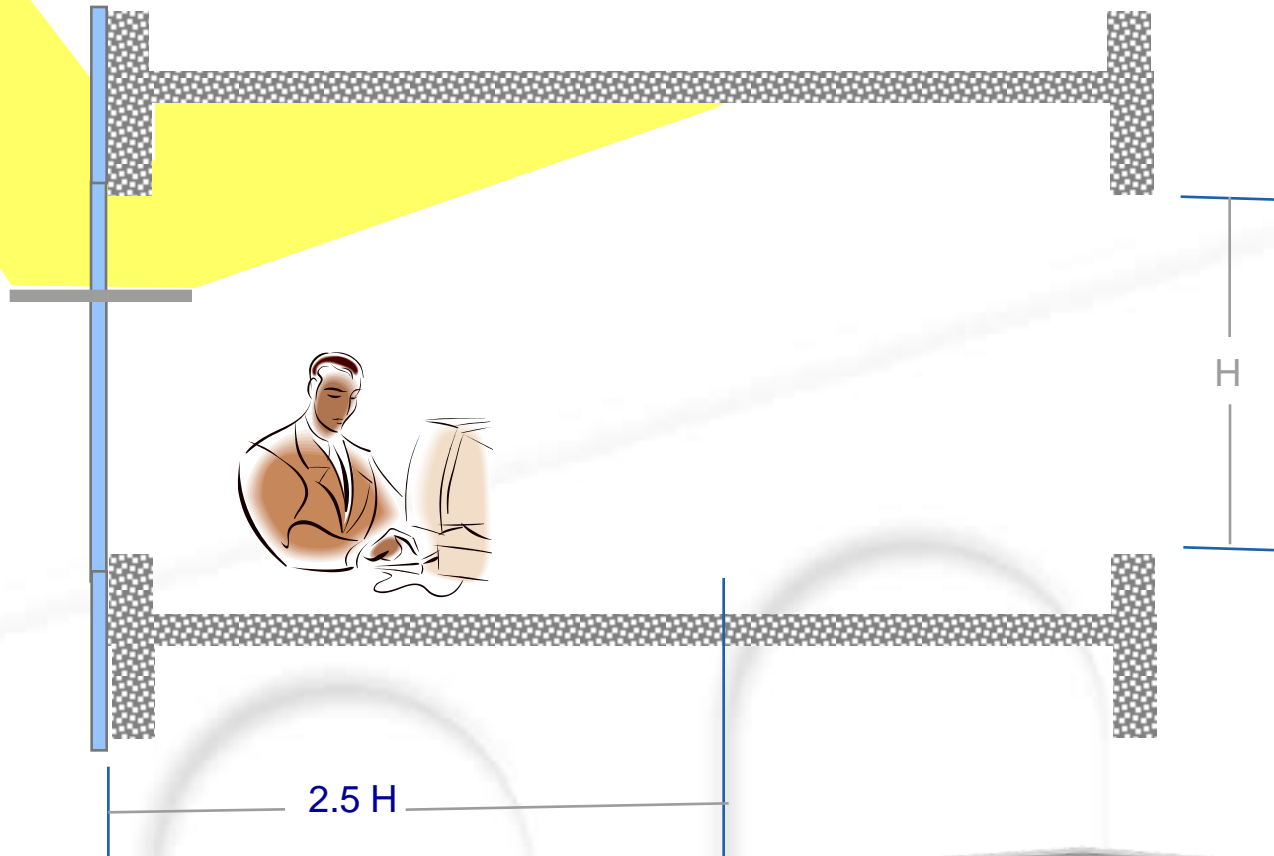
Shade : 9,000Lux

Sun light: 90,000 to 113000 Lux

Thus.....  
Light transmission needs to be optimised to reduce GLARE and enhance occupant COMFORT

# Simple Modification - Reflectors

Avoids excessive glare, increased depth of natural day lighting and acting as shade to vision area



# Modern Mechanism: Effective Day Light



Automated Louvers



Light Selves



Ceramic Fritting



Shading Device: Horizontal or vertical

# Total Heat Gain / Heat Transferred

# Total Heat Gain

## Electromagnetic Spectrum at Terrestrial Level

**TOTAL HEAT GAIN**



**Heat Gain due to direct solar radiation**

**Amount of heat Transferred due to temperature difference**



UV

Visible

Near Infra Red

Far Infra Red

.25 .38

.78

2.50

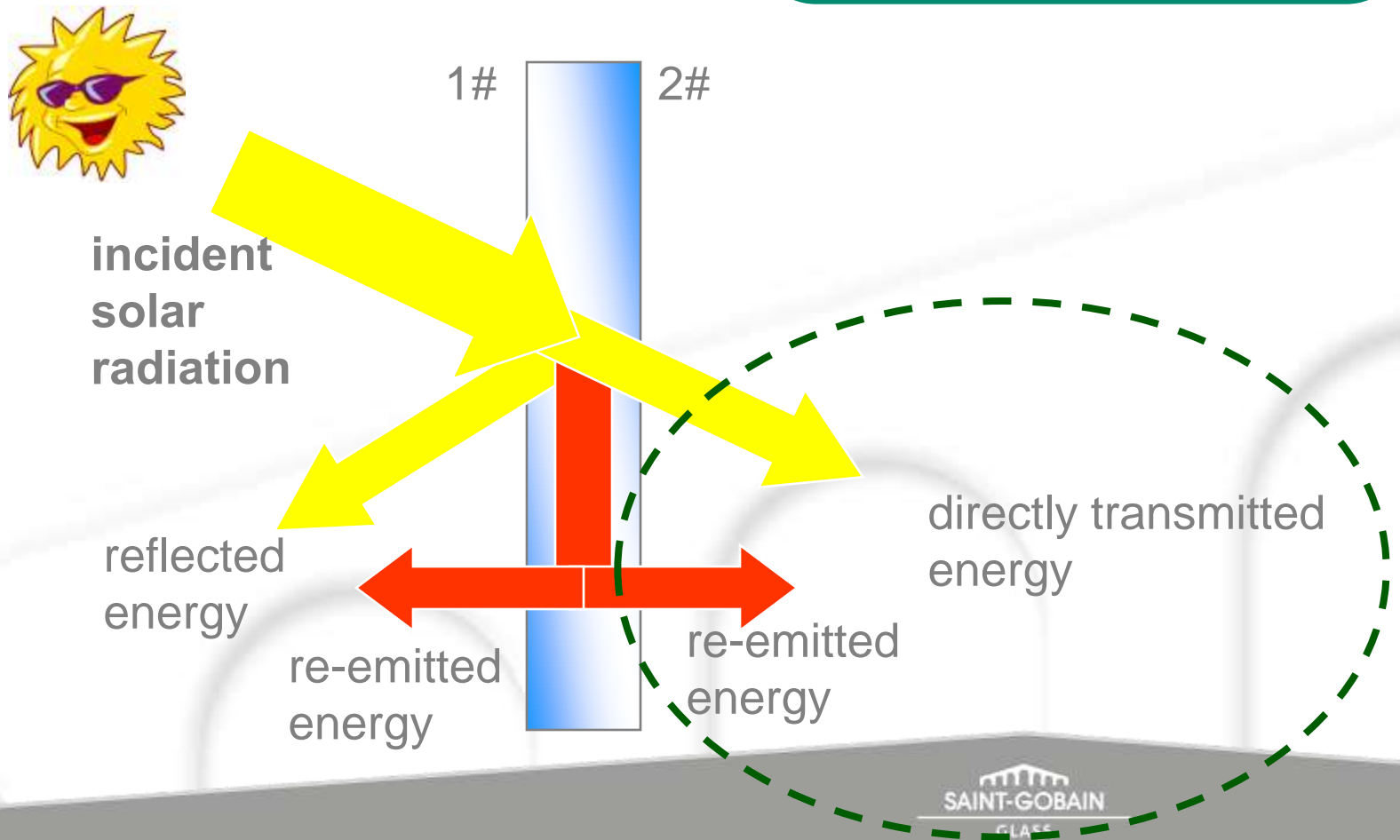
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Wave Length

**Heat gain  
due to Direct  
solar radiation**



**directly +  
re-emitted energy  
=  $S F / SHGC$**

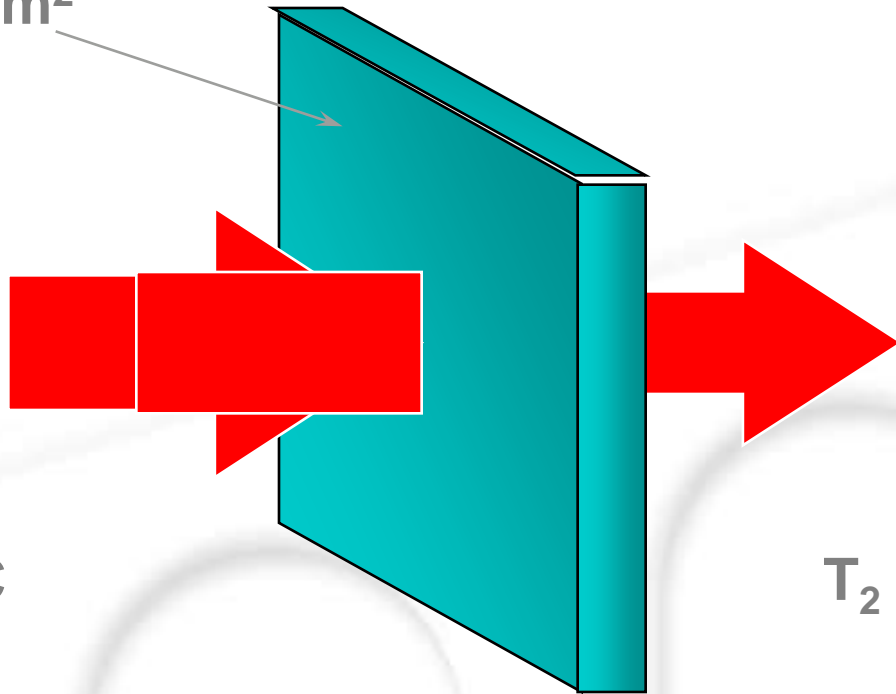


Amount of heat  
Transferred due to  
temperature difference



U Value

Area = 1 m<sup>2</sup>



$T_1 = 1^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_2 = 0^{\circ}\text{C}$

$U = 5.7 \text{ W/sqm K}$

# Energy Performance: Tropical Climate

Solar incident energy = 500 W/sqm

Temperature differential = 15° C

Clear Glass In DGU	Solar Factor: 0.73	365	}	407 W/sqm
	U Value: 2.8 W/sqm K	42		
Low e In DGU	Solar Factor: 0.57	285	}	312 W/sqm
	U Value: 1.8 W/sqm K	27		
Hard Coat Solar Control In DGU	Solar Factor: 0.34	170	}	212 W/sqm
	U Value: 2.8 W/sqm K	42		
High Performance Coated Glass In DGU	Solar Factor: 0.18	90	}	129 W/sqm
	U Value: 2.6 W/sqm K	39		
ECBC	Solar Factor: 0.25	125	}	173 W/sqm
	U Value: 3.2 W/sqm K	48		

# In tropical countries – In General Sense

**1:** Select a glass with lowest SOLAR FACTOR

**2:** High Performance glass solutions is a direction in future

**Remember :** Only low U Value glass will lead to heat build up inside the building

# Example – Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)

<b>Basic Solar Control Glass / Tinted DGU</b>	<b>SHGC: 0.6</b>	<b>U Value: 3 W/sqm K</b>
<b>ECBC Complaint Glass</b>	<b>SHGC: 0.25</b>	<b>U Value: 3 W/sqm K</b>

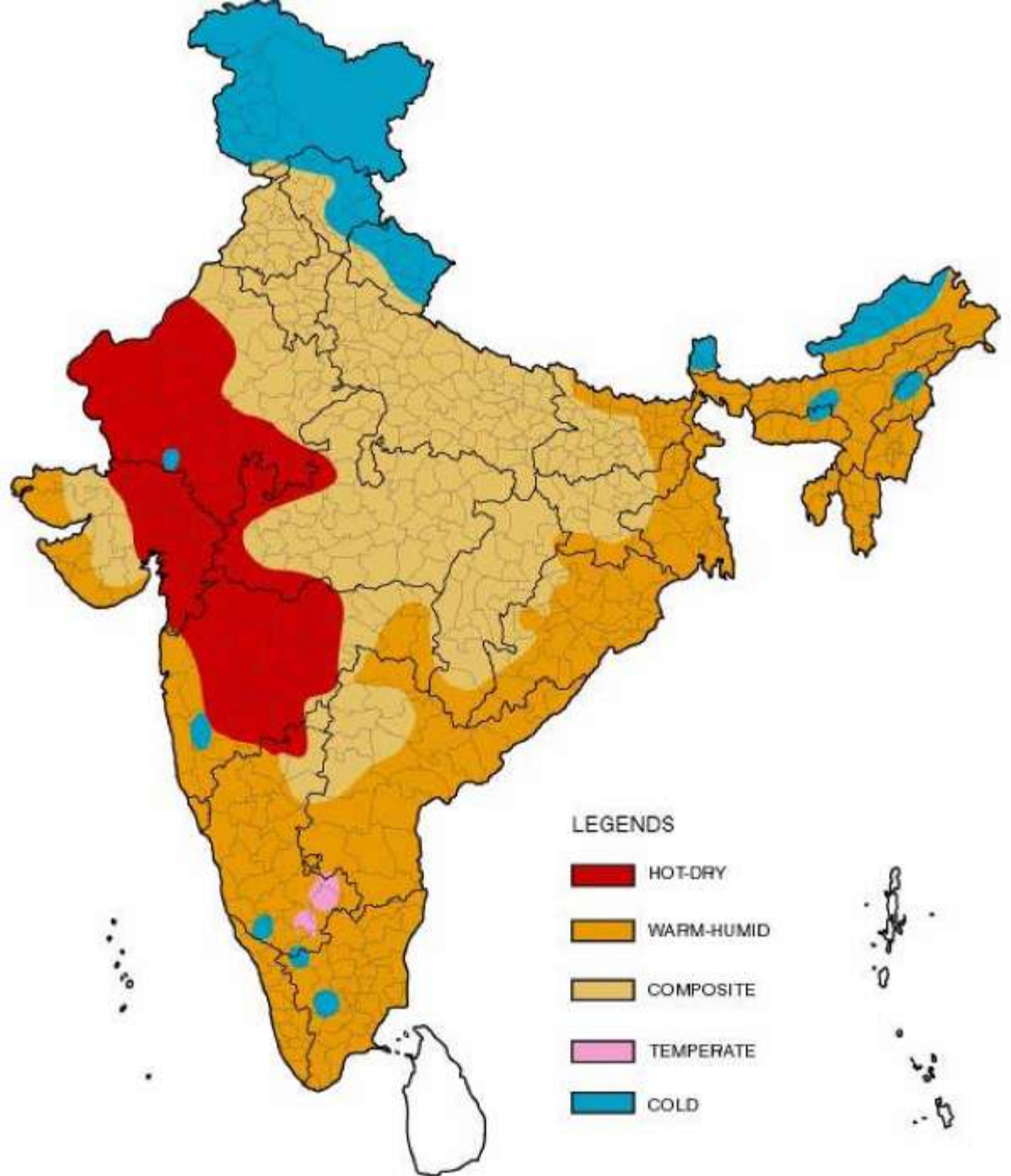
<b>Assuming a glass area in Sqm</b>	<b>1000 sqm</b>
<b>Cost difference between glass is</b>	<b>11 lakhs</b>
<b>A/C tonnage saved - capital</b>	<b>50tons</b>
<b>Capital investment saved</b>	<b>20 Lkajs</b>
<b>Running Cost per year saved per annum</b>	<b>12 lakhs</b>

**Prescriptive**

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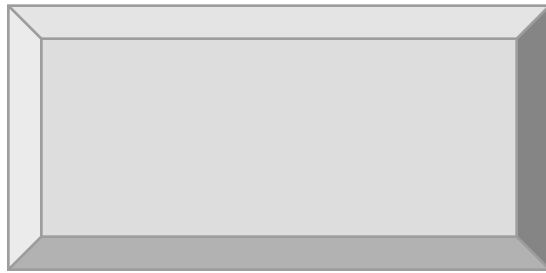
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# Climatic zone map of India



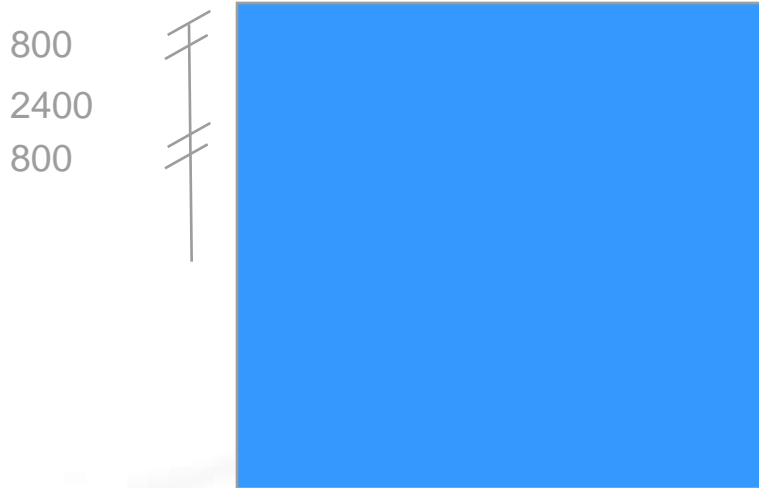
# WWR: Window to wall ratio

Case 1



15M

30M

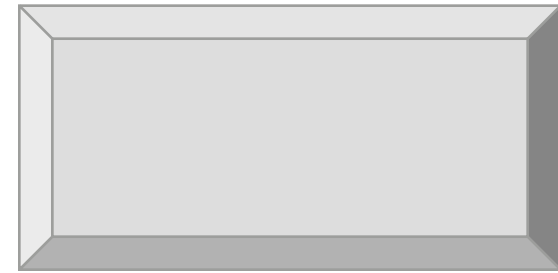


800  
2400  
800

16M

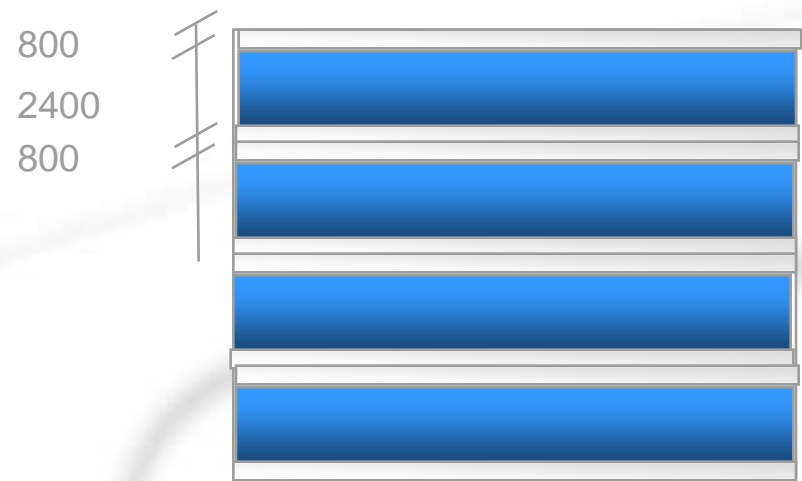
$$\text{WWR} = \frac{2.4 \cdot (30+15) \cdot 2 \cdot 4}{16 \cdot (30+15) \cdot 2}$$

Case 2



15M

30M



800  
2400  
800

16M

$$\text{WWR} = \frac{2.4 \cdot (30+15) \cdot 2 \cdot 4}{16 \cdot (30+15) \cdot 2}$$

# Compliance Requirement: Heat Gain through glazing

Climate Factor	WWR Ratio			
	$\leq 40\%$		41% to 60%	
	SF or SHGC	U Value	SF or SHGC	U Value
Hot & Dry	0.25	3.3	0.2	3.3
Composite	0.25	3.3	0.2	3.3
Warm & Humid	0.25	3.3	0.2	3.3
Moderate	0.4	6.9	0.3	6.9
Cold	0.51	3.3	0.51	3.3

# Compliance Requirement: Glass Light Transmission

<b>WWR</b>	<b>Minimum Light Transmission</b>
<b><math>\leq 30\%</math></b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>31% to 40%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>41% to 50%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>51% to 60%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>61% to 70%</b>	<b>11%</b>

# Trade off

# Trade Off: Glass - SF/SHGC

## Horizontal Shading: 0.5m to 0.75m

		North	South	East/West
North India	M Factor	0.8	0.64	0.65
	SF / SHGC	0.31	0.39	0.38
Rest of India	M Factor	0.74	0.69	0.66
	SF / SHGC	0.34	0.36	0.38

# Trade Off: Glass

## ■ Shading

- Horizontal: for different horizontal projection you can calculate the shading Factor
- Vertical shading would also give benefit

## ■ Heat Gain Through Envelope

- Covers: heat gain through: Wall, Fenestration, Roof
- Calculate heat gain as per prescribed value
- Calculate heat gain of actual use. This should be less than equal to above heat gain

# Case Study



# Case Study :Single Room Office-Glazing & Energy Efficiency

■ Location	: Chennai
■ Floor to Floor height	: 3.7 m
■ Length	: 4m
■ Width	: 4m
■ Windows	: 1 on each wall
■ Window – Wall Ratio	: 10 %
■ Activity	: Office
■ Work Timings	: 8 am to 5 pm

The effect of different glazing on the Energy Consumption was studied.

*Energy Simulation Tool Used : eQUEST*

**Color Legend**

Exterior Walls	Light Gray
Interior Walls	White
Floors	Dark Gray
Underground Walls	Light Gray
Exterior Floors	Dark Gray
Interior Floors	Dark Gray
Ceilings	White
Underground Floors	Dark Gray
Windows	Blue
Window Overhangs	Dark Gray
Window Fins	Dark Gray

# 6 Types of Glazing were studied

**Case 1: Single Glazed Clear Glass**

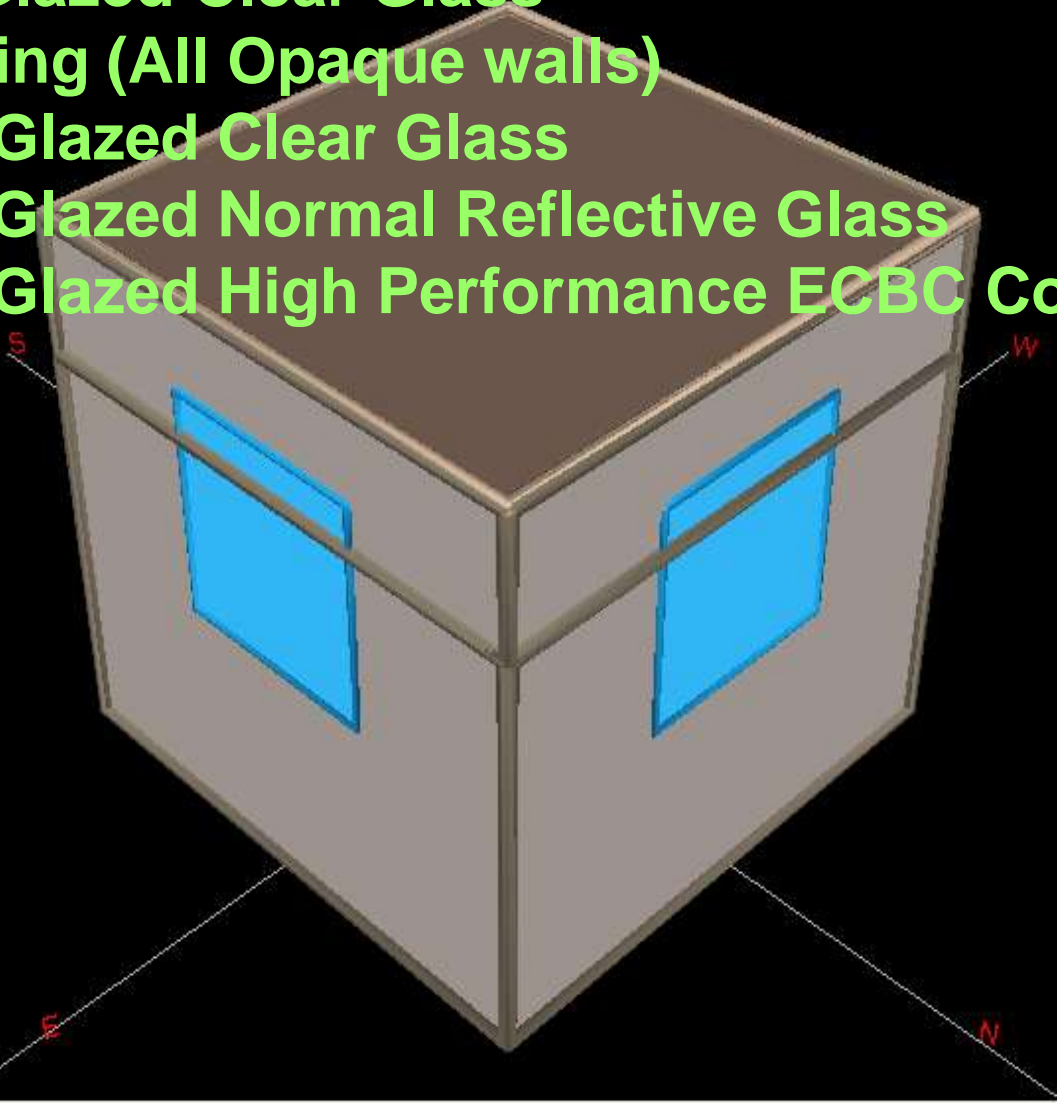
**Case 2: No Glazing (All Opaque walls)**

**Case 3: Double Glazed Clear Glass**

**Case 4: Double Glazed Normal Reflective Glass**

**Case 5: Double Glazed High Performance ECBC Compliant Reflective Glass**

**Reflective Glass**

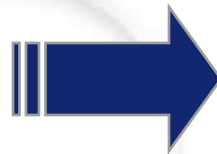


Simulation visual from eQUEST

# The Results

CASE	Solar Factor	U Value W/m2K	Light Transmission %	HVAC Consumption kWh	Lighting Consumption kWh	Total kWh	Savings / Year kWh
1. Single Clear	0.83	5.7	87	3033	160	4052	Base
2. No Glazing	NA	NA	NA	2397	504	3760	292
3. Clear Glass + Clear Glass-Double Glazed	0.71	2.0	81	2965	161	3984	68
4. Normal Reflective + Clear Glass Double Glazed	0.3	2	50	2436	292	3586	466
5. High Performance ECBC Compliant Glass	0.2	2	50	2331	292	3481	571

**16 % Savings on Total Consumption with ECBC Compliant Glass**



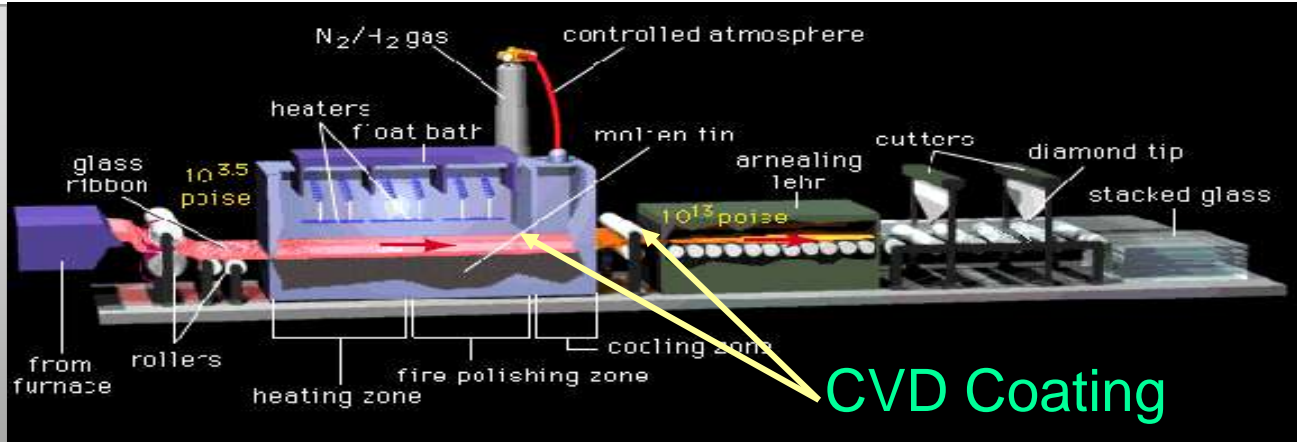
**35 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> of built space**

**How do we get this  
performance from Glass ?**

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## Online Coating



Manufactured during manufacturing of glass it self.  
Process of manufacturing known as pyrolysis

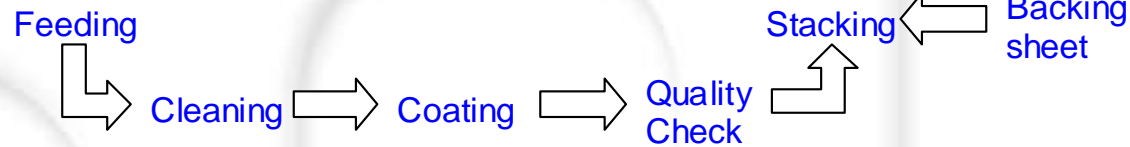
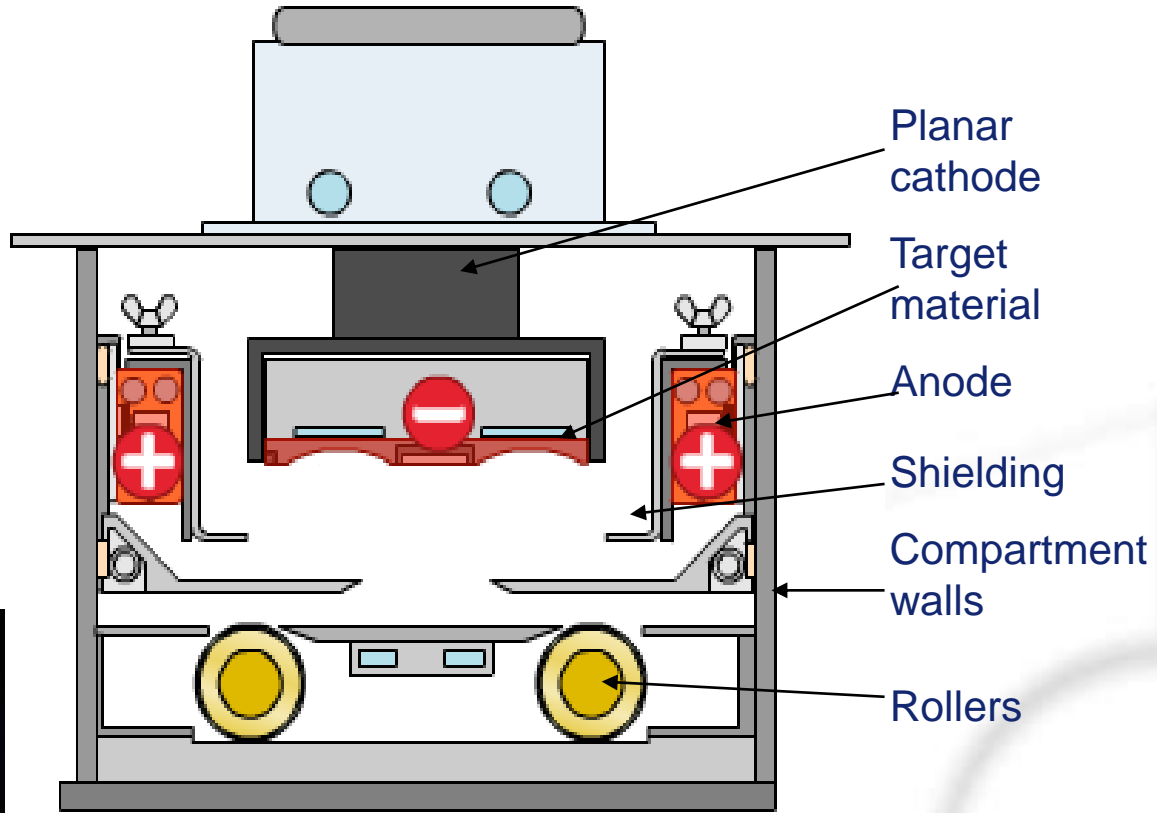
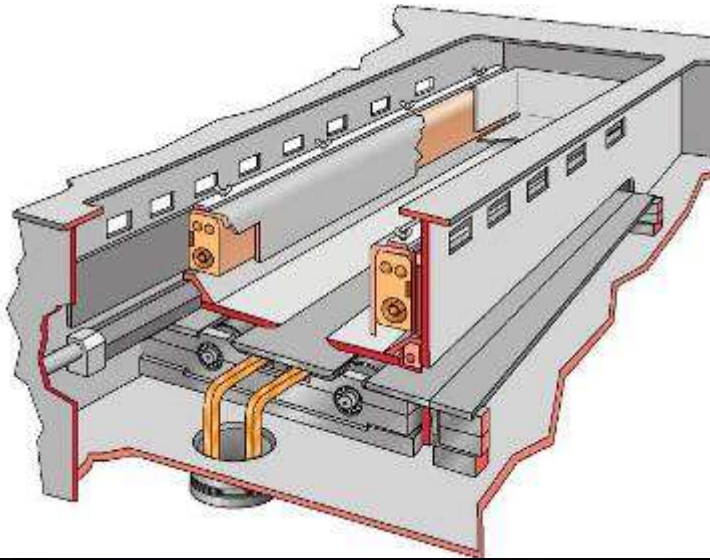
## Advantages

- Large production run
- Economical
- Easy to manufacture, install and maintain

## Disadvantages

- Limitation in performance
- Non selective coatings

# Off Line Coating (Soft Coating)



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## Coating Process:

- Argon gas is pumped into the chamber.
- The cathode, supplies the chamber with electrons, which bombard the argon gas, ionising it.
- The magnets, and cathode situated above or within the target material, focus the movement of the ionised argon atoms towards the target
- The argon ions bombard the target, forcing atoms of the target to be released into the chamber.
- The positive target ions are sputtered onto the glass

# A modern glazing is a sophisticated filter

nitride - 40 nm

oxide - 54 nm

Ag - 10 nm

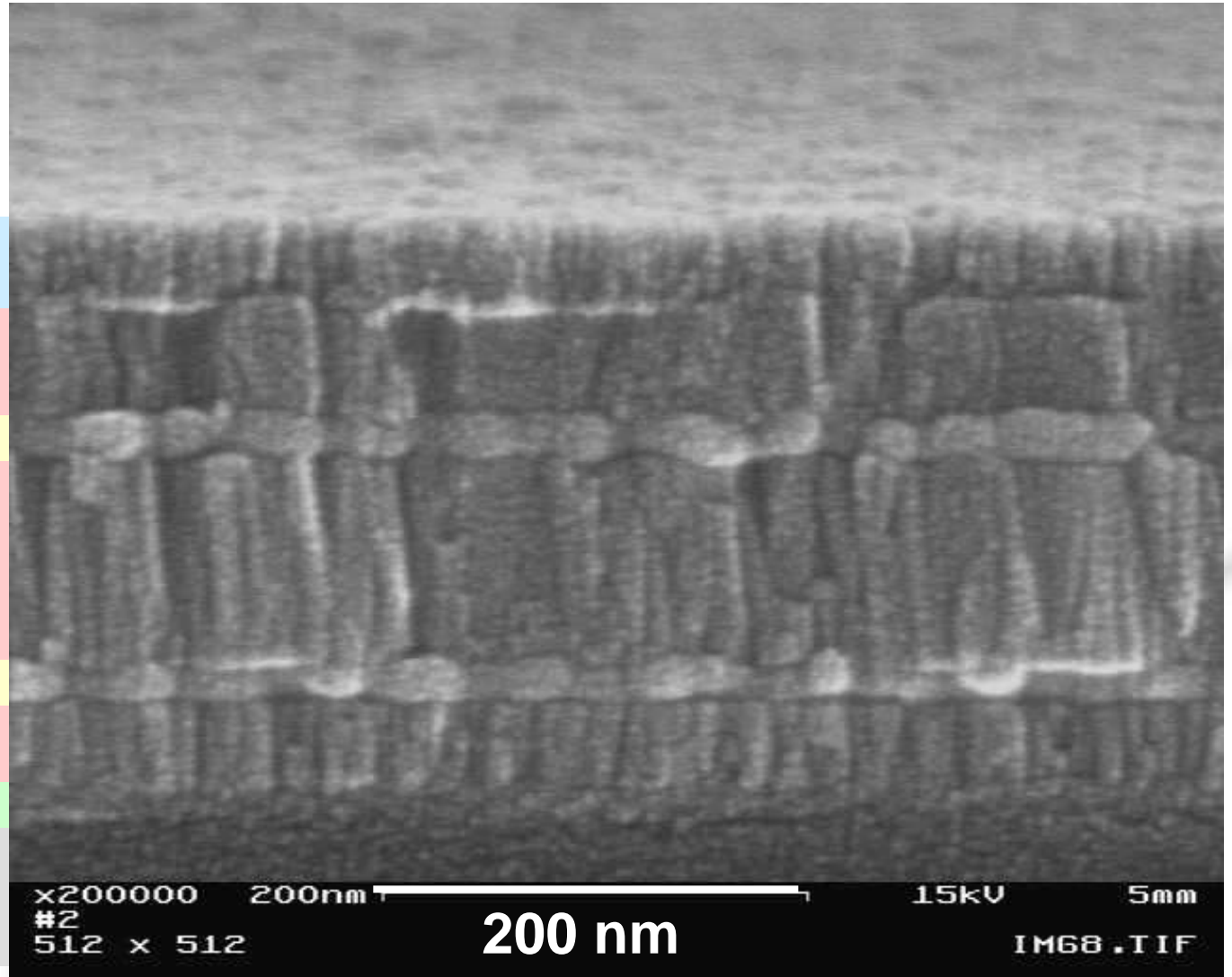
oxide - 100 nm

Ag - 11 nm

oxide - 54 nm

oxide - 16 nm

glass



# Coating- offline

## Advantages

- Better energy performance
- Selective coatings
- Large range
- Today, coating are flexible, can be
  - Bent / curved glazing
  - Tempered
  - laminated

# Conclusion

**India : a tropical country**

**Excessive  
Light**

**But 15% of energy  
spent on artificial  
lighting**

**Excessive  
Heat**

**But 55% of energy  
Spent on cooling**

**Energy crisis  
made worse by inefficient buildings**

# World Glass Complex, Sriperumbudur, Chennai, India

- Campus spread over 177 acres
- Total investment of Rs 1500 crores
- Employs 800 people

## Thank you

