# FLAGSHIP COOL AND CLEAN BUILDINGS

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# Buildings





















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## People in buildings



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#### How much of their time do people stay indoors in urban areas?

70%?

80%?

90%?

## Research field of indoor environmental quality

Focus on interactions of visual, acoustic, indoor air, and thermal parameters that affect health and comfort of occupants







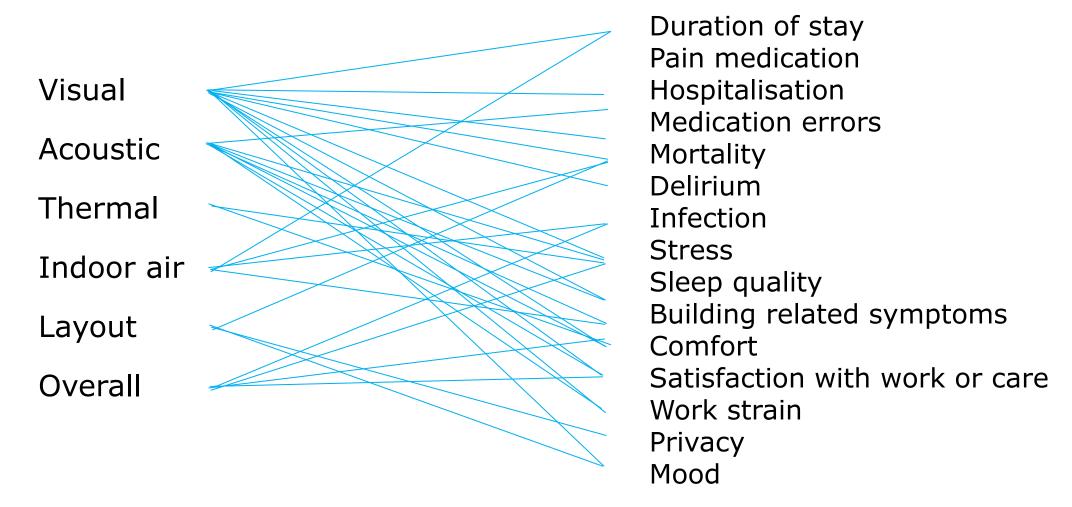






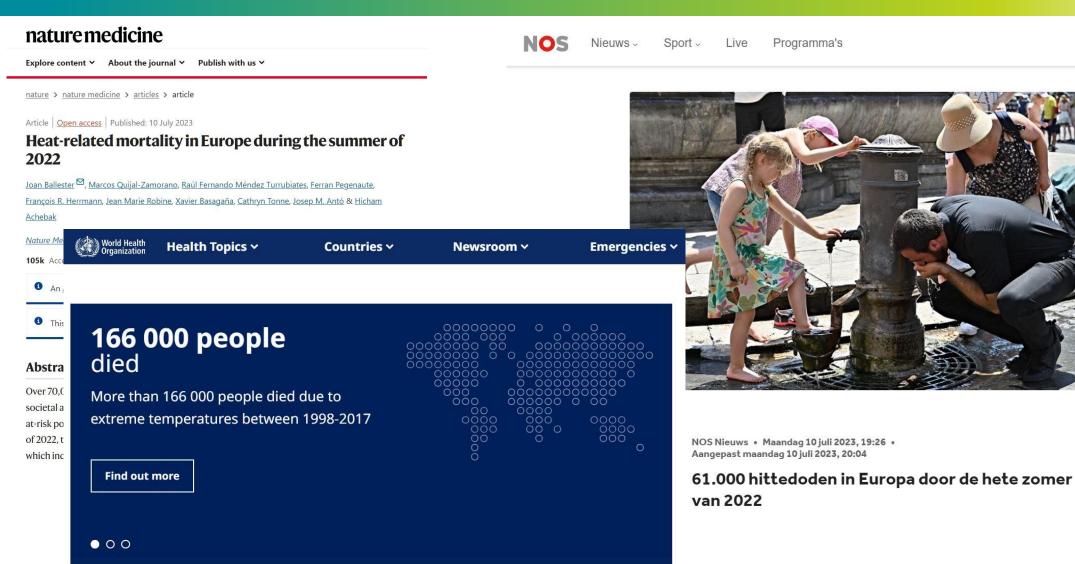


## **Empirical research (only in hospitals)**

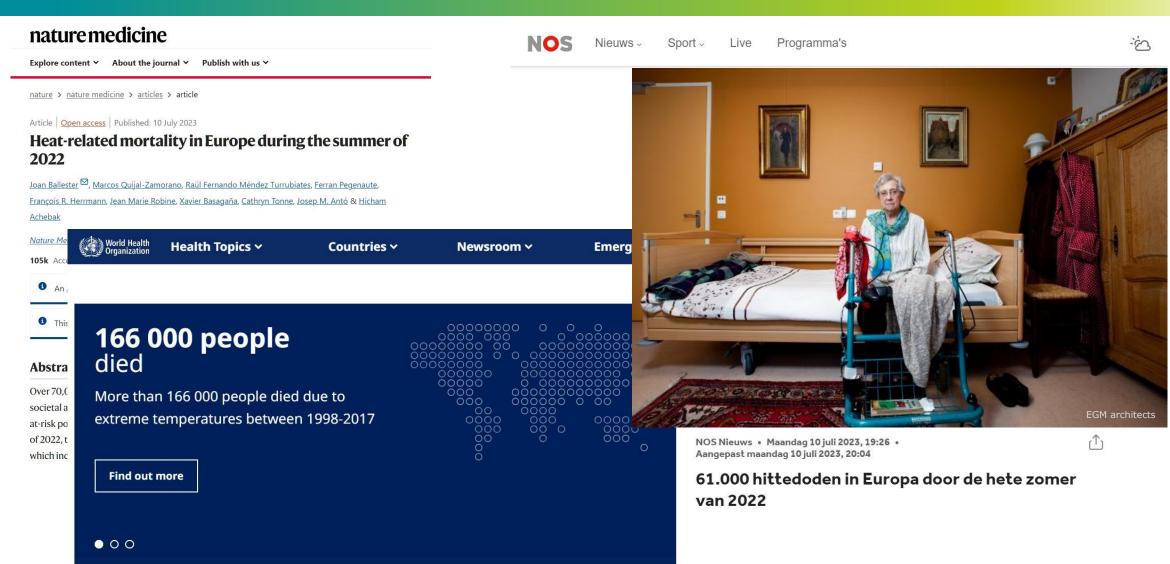


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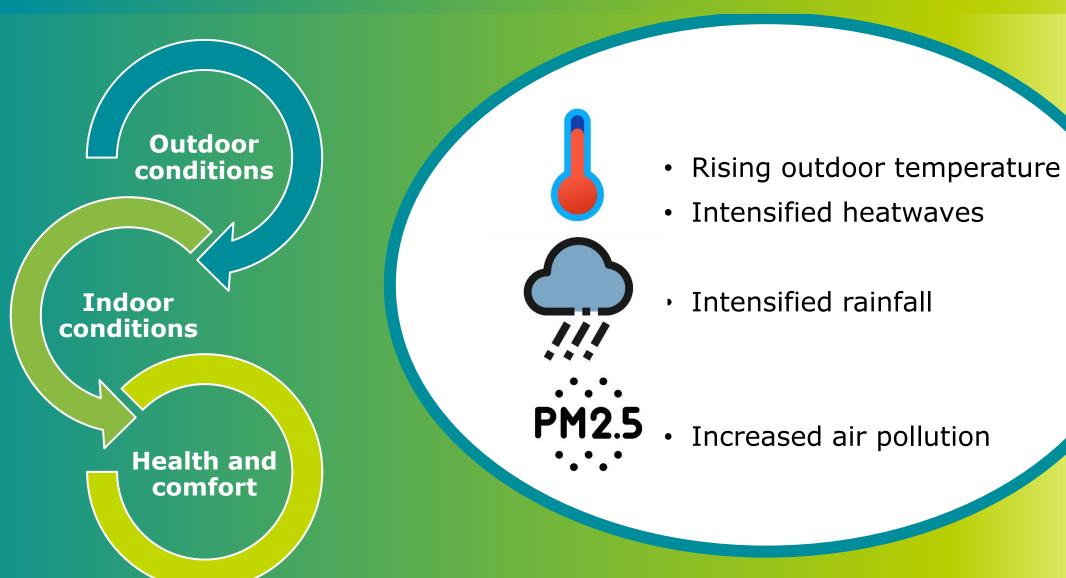
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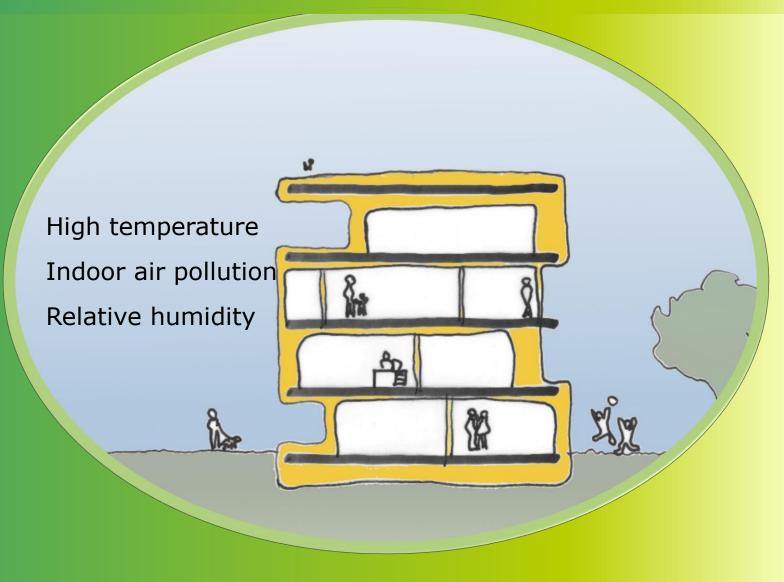


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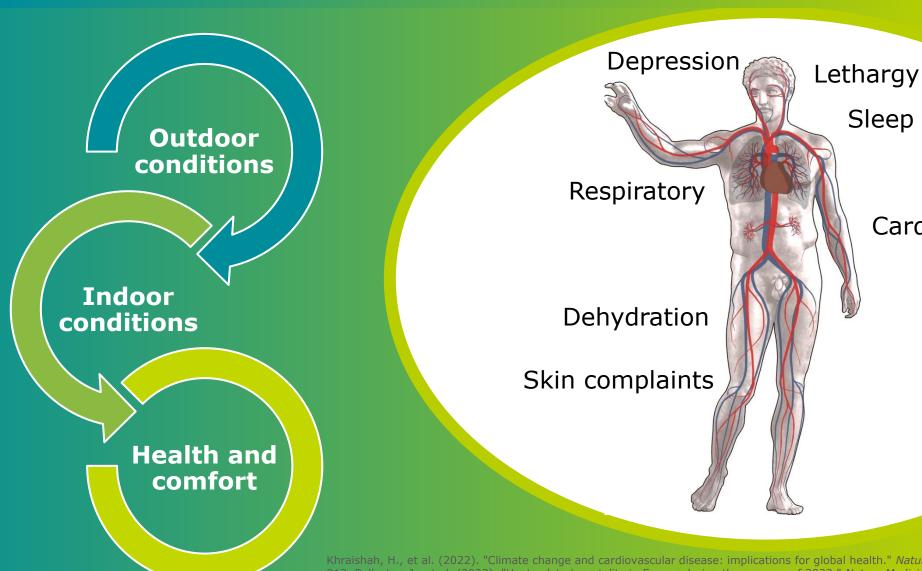
### **Changing indoor conditions**





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#### **Health risks**

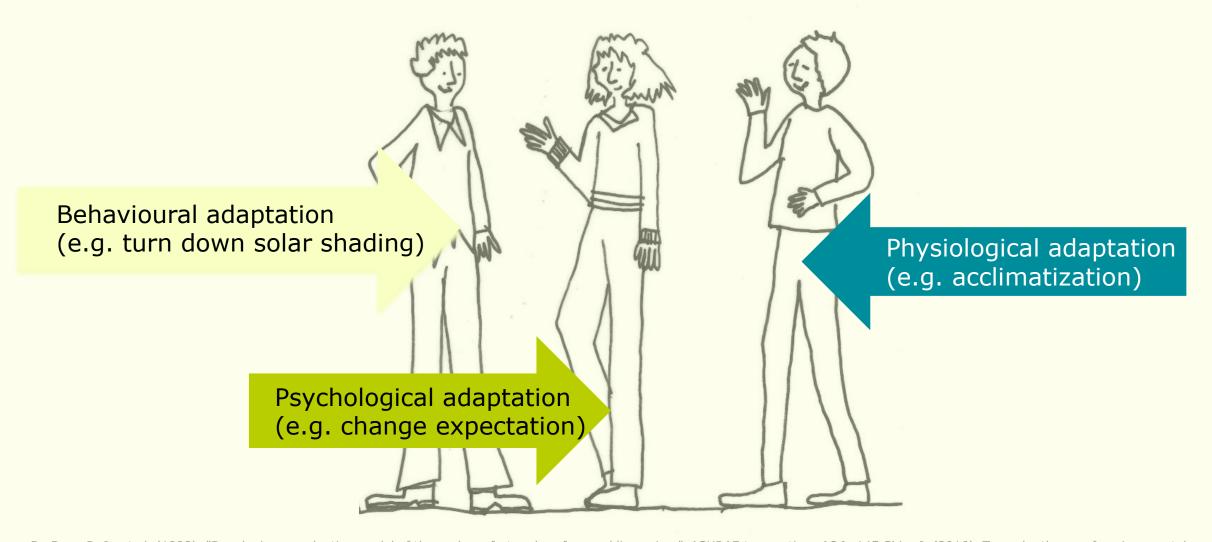


Sleep quality

Cardiovascular

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## Types of adaptive behaviour of occupants



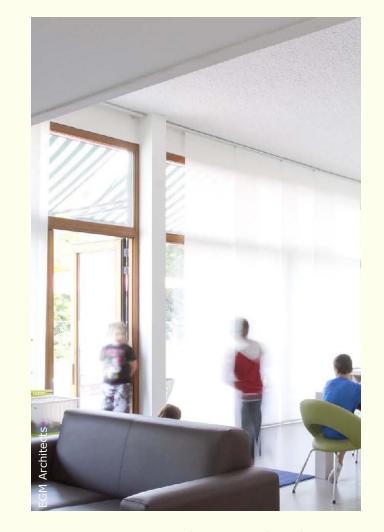
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## **Adaptive behaviour**

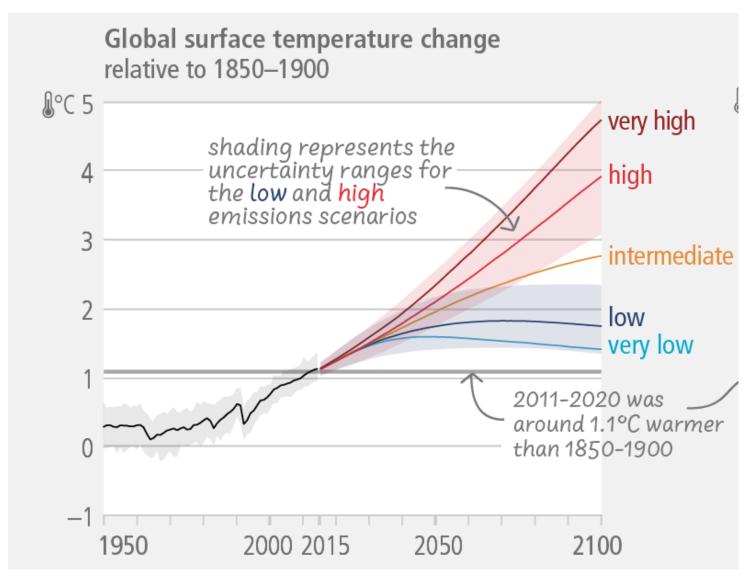
Overheating in homes varies due to occupant behaviour.

Adaptive behaviour changes because of climate change.

Adaptive behaviour does not necessarily affect health positively.



## Uncertainties in climate change



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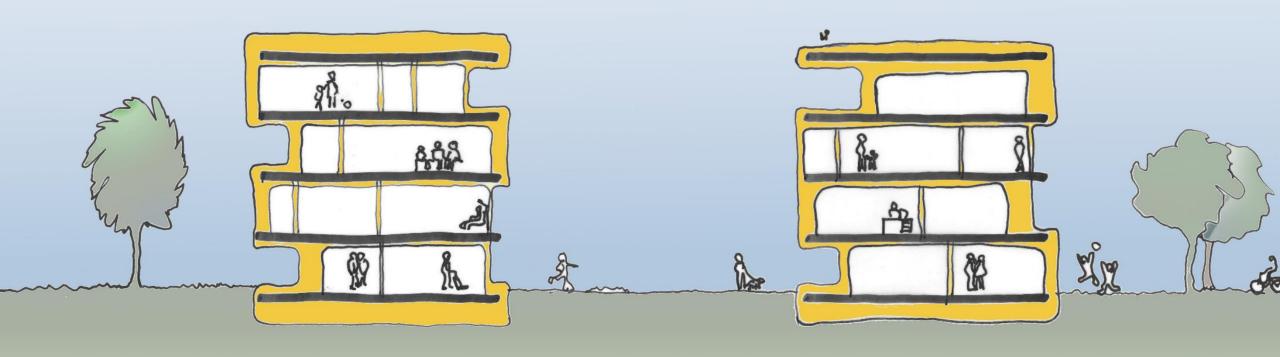
## Adaptable buildings

#### Long term

- Changing outdoor conditions
- Changing occupants' needs
- New technology

#### **Temporary**

- Heatwaves
- Heavy rainfall



## Example of adaptable buildings - Wallisblok, Rotterdam



Long term - construction (1930s)



New technology-CO2 and humidity sensor for control of ventilation (2021)



Long term – new façade (2005)



Temporary adaptability-seasonal placing of table (yearly)



Outdoors, communal garden (2005)



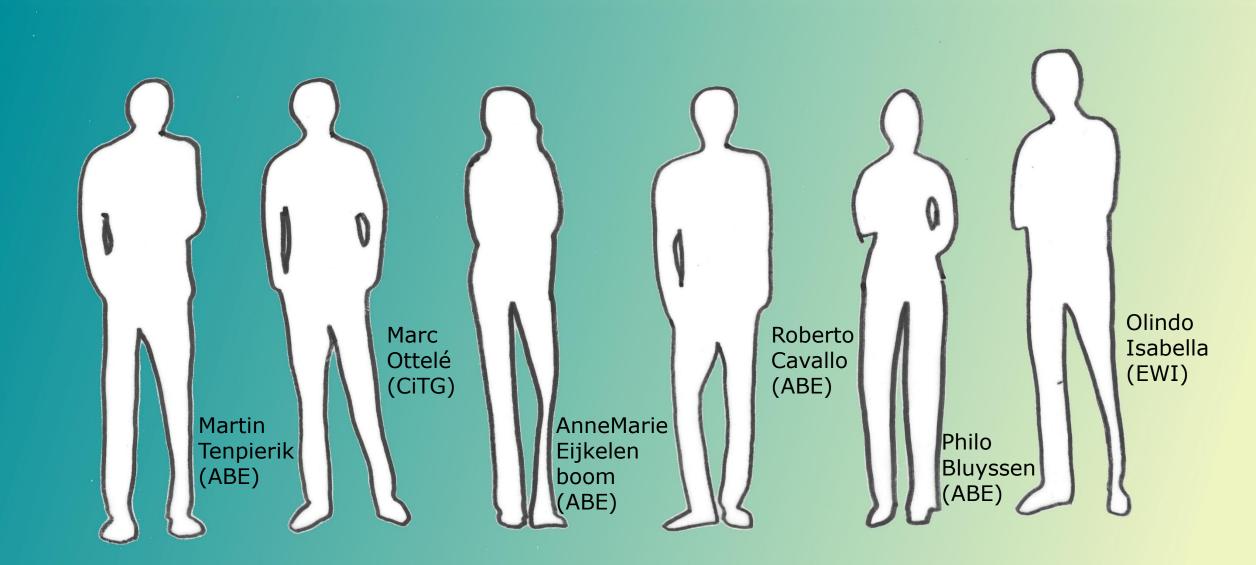
## Research questions

1. Which combinations of building characteristics enable long term and temporary adaptation to support comfort and health in relation to outdoor heat and outdoor/indoor air pollution?

2. How is health associated with occupants' adaptation strategies to cope with indoor heat and air pollution?

3. Which new technologies contribute to energy neutral/positive buildings and protect occupants against indoor air pollution and heat?

#### **Team Flagship**



#### In short

Changing outdoor conditions (e.g., heatwaves) affect health and comfort of occupants while they are indoors.

Occupant behaviour, that differs among individuals and changes, affects health, comfort, and indoor conditions.

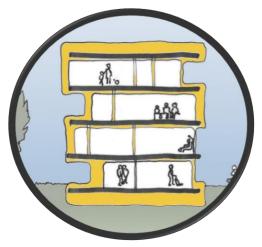
Long term adaptability of buildings is required due to uncertainties of predictions of climate change, changing behaviour, new building technology.



Different occupants



Building technology



Building adaptability

# A healthy! comfortable spring!

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