

# Efforts on adaptation measures for urban heat island in Japan

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Heat countermeasure guideline in the city  
by Japanese Ministry of Environment

# Heat countermeasure guideline in the city by Japanese Ministry of Environment (2016)

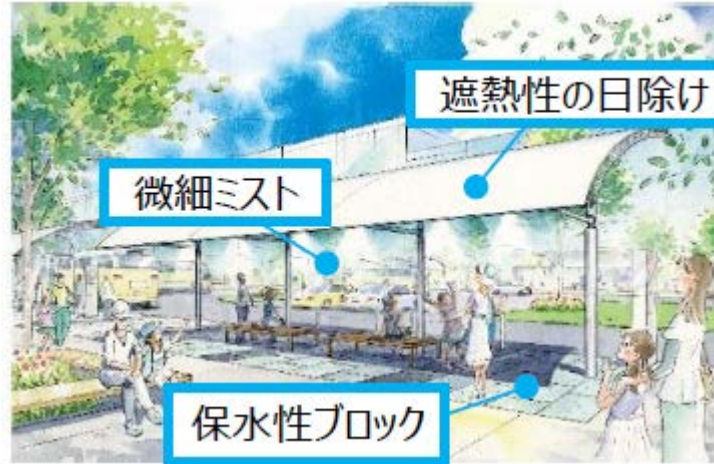
- The guideline states that ‘by understanding the factors that make it hot and implementing appropriate adaptation measures for places we have to wait for or places we want to spend comfortably such as bus stops and plazas, we can promote a healthy and comfortable environment in the urban area’.



Examples of adaptation measures by Ministry of Environment

adaptation measures for places  
we have to **wait for** such as bus stops

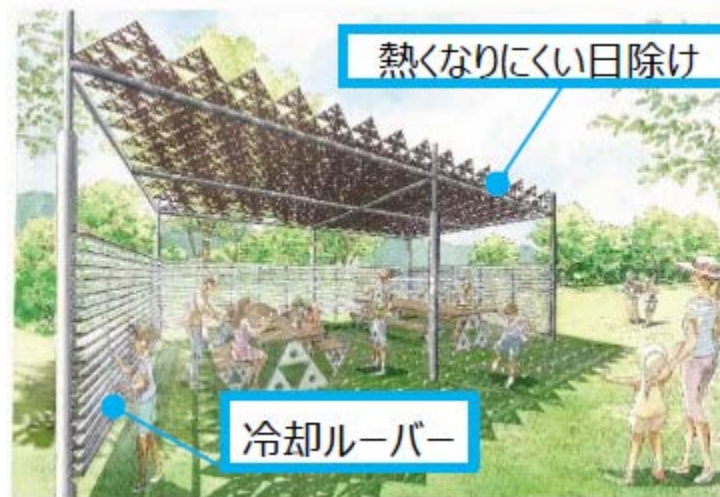
Fine **mist** spray



Solar radiation **shade**

**Water** retentive pavement

adaptation measures for places  
we want to **spend comfortably** such as plazas



Fractal-shaped **sunshade**

Evaporative cooling **louver**

Examples of adaptation measures by Ministry of Environment

Automatically opening and closing **awning** at a **bus stop**

(a) whole view, (b) internal view, (c) closed state



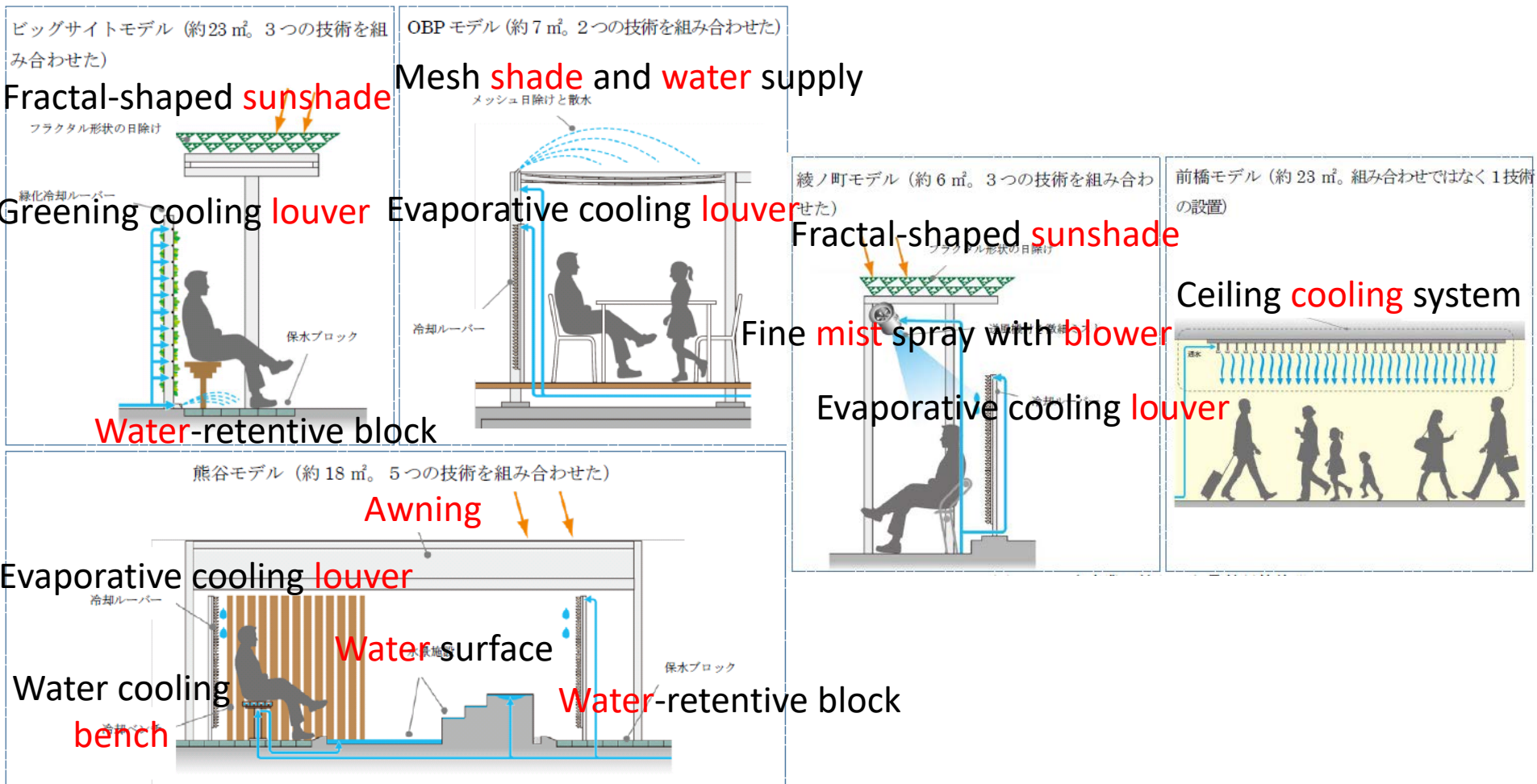
Fractal-shaped **sunshade**

Evaporative cooling **louver**

(a) in a park, (b) at a **tram stop** (a) in a park, (b) at a **tram stop**



# Examples of adaptation measures by Ministry of Environment



List of adaptation measures for urban  
heat islands and their effects  
and associated evaluation indices



# Adaptation measures for urban heat islands and their effects and associated evaluation indices

Menu	Evaluation Index	Main Effect Mechanism
from the heat countermeasure guidelines by the Japanese Ministry of Environment		
Green shade	Solar transmittance, Evaporative efficiency	Sun shade, Evaporative cooling
Solar radiation shade	Solar transmittance, Convection heat transfer coefficient	Sun shade, Convection heat transfer
Retroreflective surface	Downward solar reflectance	Solar reflection
Water retentive pavement	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Cool pavement	Solar reflectance	Solar reflection
Green pavement	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Green wall	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Water-retentive wall	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
from the report by the Japanese Ministry of Environment		
Awning	Solar transmittance	Sun shade
Fractal-shaped sunshade	Solar transmittance, Convection heat transfer coefficient	Sun shade, Convection heat transfer
Mesh shade and water supply	Solar transmittance, Evaporative efficiency	Sun shade, Evaporative cooling
Evaporative cooling louver	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Greening cooling louver	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Tree pot	Solar transmittance, Evaporative efficiency	Sun shade, Evaporative cooling

# Adaptation measures for urban heat islands and their effects and associated evaluation indices

Menu	Evaluation Index	Main Effect Mechanism
Water-retentive block	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Water surface	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Fine mist spray with blower	Evaporation rate	Evaporative cooling
Ceiling cooling system	Surface temperature	Artificial cooling
Water cooling bench	Surface temperature	Artificial cooling
from town planning idea competition by Osaka Heat Island Countermeasure Technology Consortium		
Water surface	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Watering	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Fine mist spray	Evaporation rate	Evaporative cooling
Shading	Solar transmittance	Sun shade
Tree planting	Solar transmittance, Evaporative efficiency	Sun shade, Evaporative cooling
Roof and ground greening	Evaporative efficiency	Evaporative cooling
Wind use	Convection heat transfer coefficient	Convection heat transfer
Traffic mode control	Anthropogenic heat release	Reduction of anthropogenic heat release
Unused energy use, natural energy use	Anthropogenic heat release	Reduction of anthropogenic heat release
ICT use	Human body physiological amount	Reduction of human thermal load

A simple method to evaluate adaptation  
measures for urban heat island

# Evaluation Method of Adaptation Measures

- The effect of adaptation measures is evaluated by outdoor human thermal comfort, which is strongly correlated to the outdoor thermal environment.
- As Nouri et al. pointed out, the selection of the index for the assessment of outdoor thermal comfort conditions is still a debated matter.
  - (i) Standard Effective Temperature (SET\*)
  - (ii) Outdoor Standard Effective Temperature (OUT\_SET\*)
  - (iii) Perceived Temperature (PT)
  - (iv) Predicted Mean Vote (PMV)
  - (v) Index of Thermal Stress (ITS)
  - (vi) Predicted Percentage of Dissatisfied (PPD)
  - (vii) COMFA outdoor thermal comfort model
  - (viii) Universal Thermal Climate Index (UTCI)
  - (ix) Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)
  - (x) Predicted Heat Strain (PHS)

# Evaluation Method of Adaptation Measures

- Physiologically Equivalent Temperature (PET) is widely used in Europe; it is defined as the air temperature at which, in a typical indoor setting (without wind and solar radiation), the heat budget of the human body is balanced with the same core and skin temperature as under the complex outdoor conditions to be assessed.
- In Japan, SET\* and WBGT are mainly used. WBGT, which is a stress index worldwide accepted as a preliminary tool for the assessment of hot thermal environments, is often used under more severe conditions to warn of the risk of heat stroke.
- SET\* is defined as the equivalent dry bulb temperature of an isothermal environment at 50% RH in which a subject, while wearing clothing standardized for the activity concerned, would have the same heat stress and thermo-regulatory strain as in the actual test environment, is used to evaluate the thermal environment.

# Sensitivity analysis of SET\*

Condition in typical summer

Air temperature: 34°C (20-40°C),

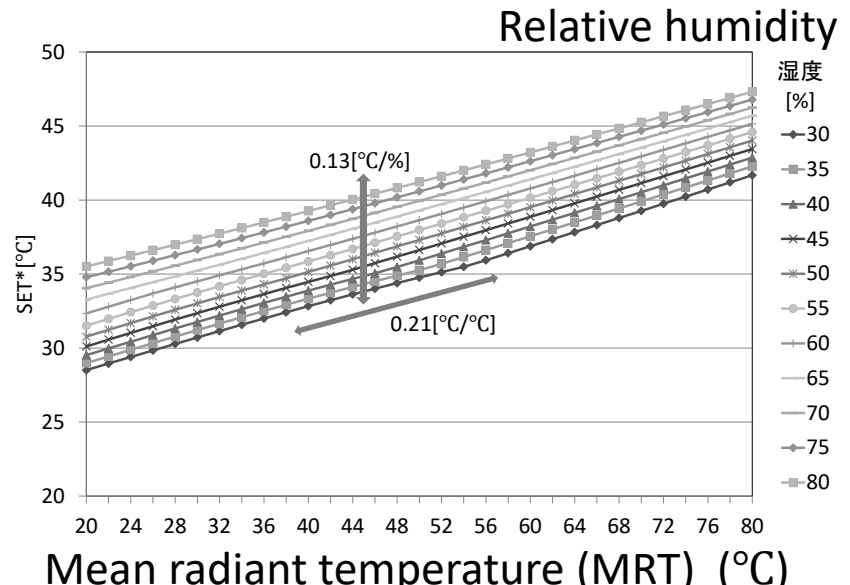
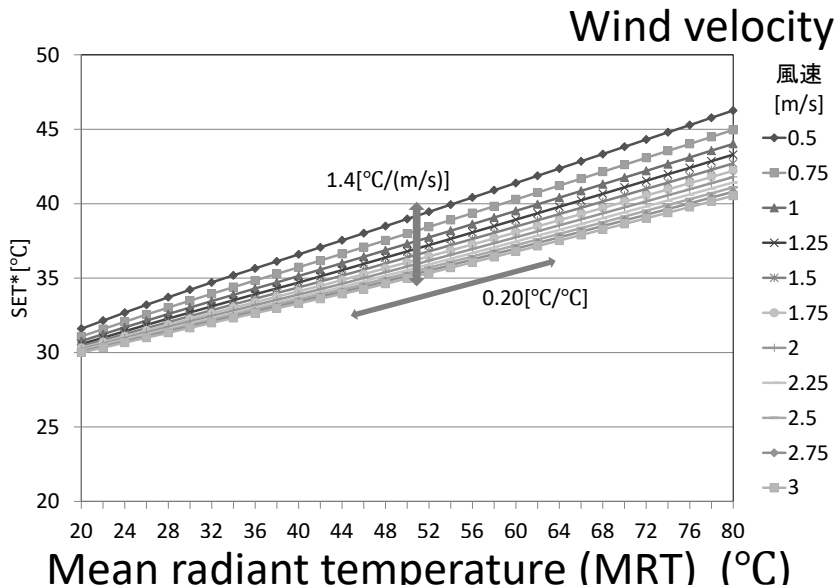
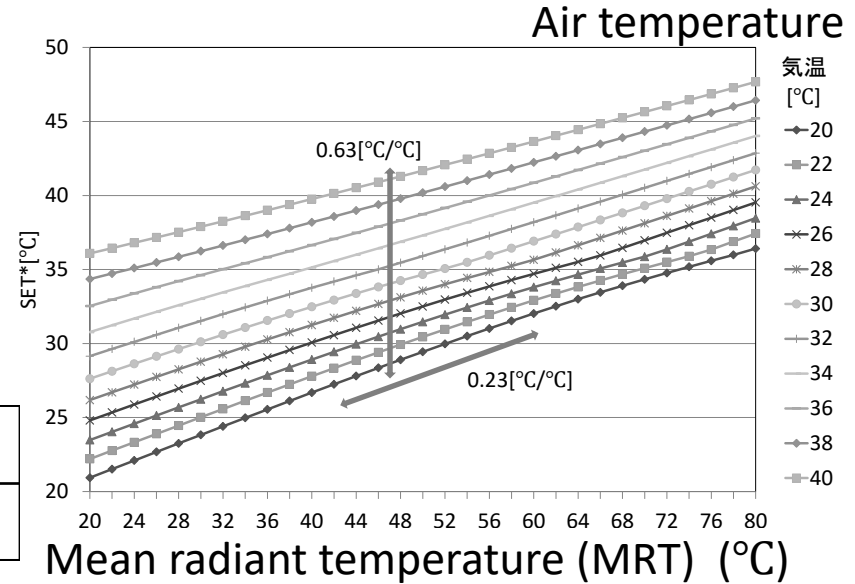
Relative humidity: 50% (30-80%)

Wind velocity: 1m/s (0.5-3.0m/s),

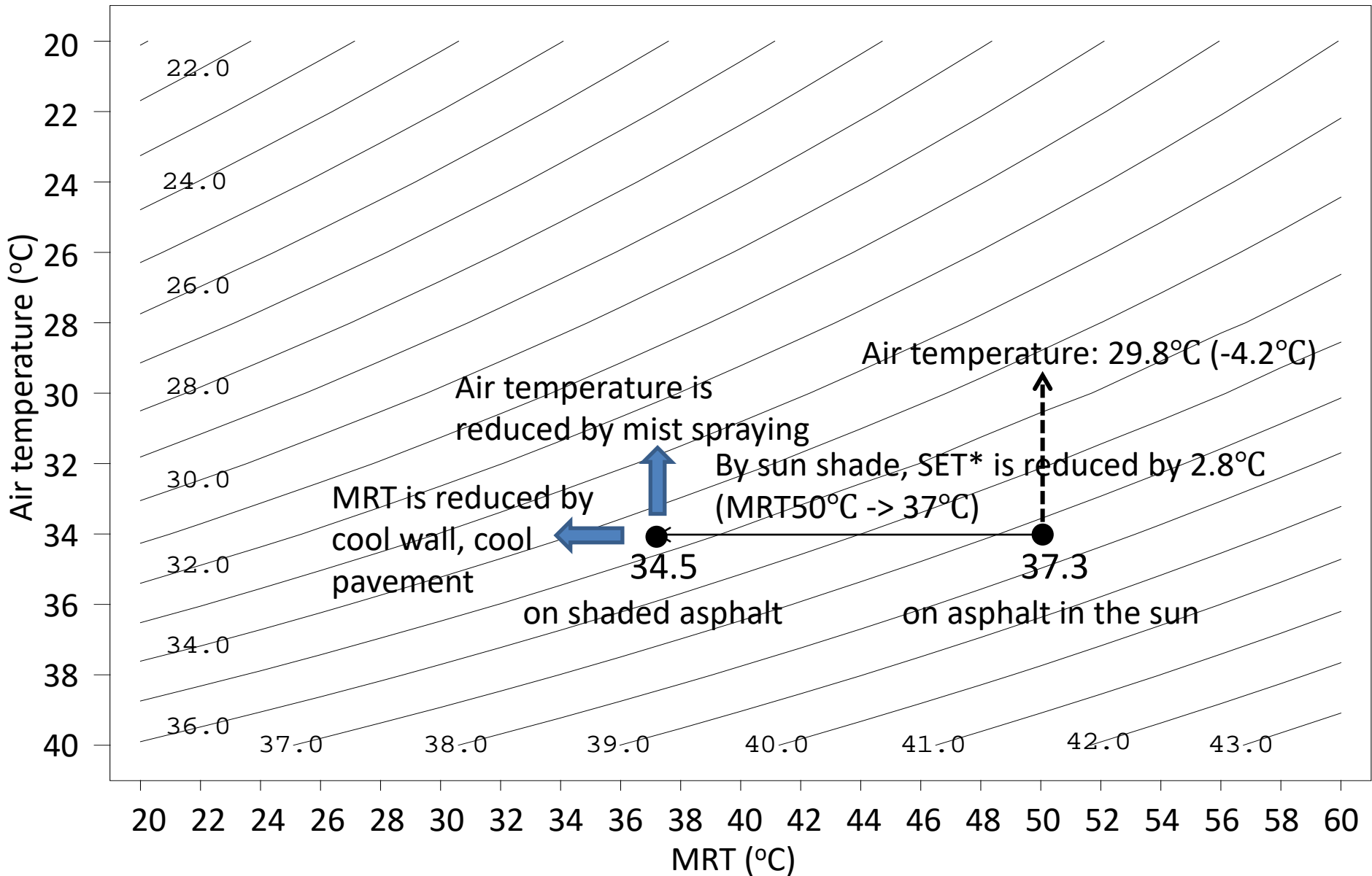
**MRT**: 50°C (sunny), 37°C (shade) (20-60°C)

Clothing: 0.6clo, metabolism: 2Met

MRT	<u>0.21[°C/°C]</u>	Wind vel.	1.4[°C/(m/s)]
Air temp.	0.63[°C/°C]	Humid.	0.13[°C/%]

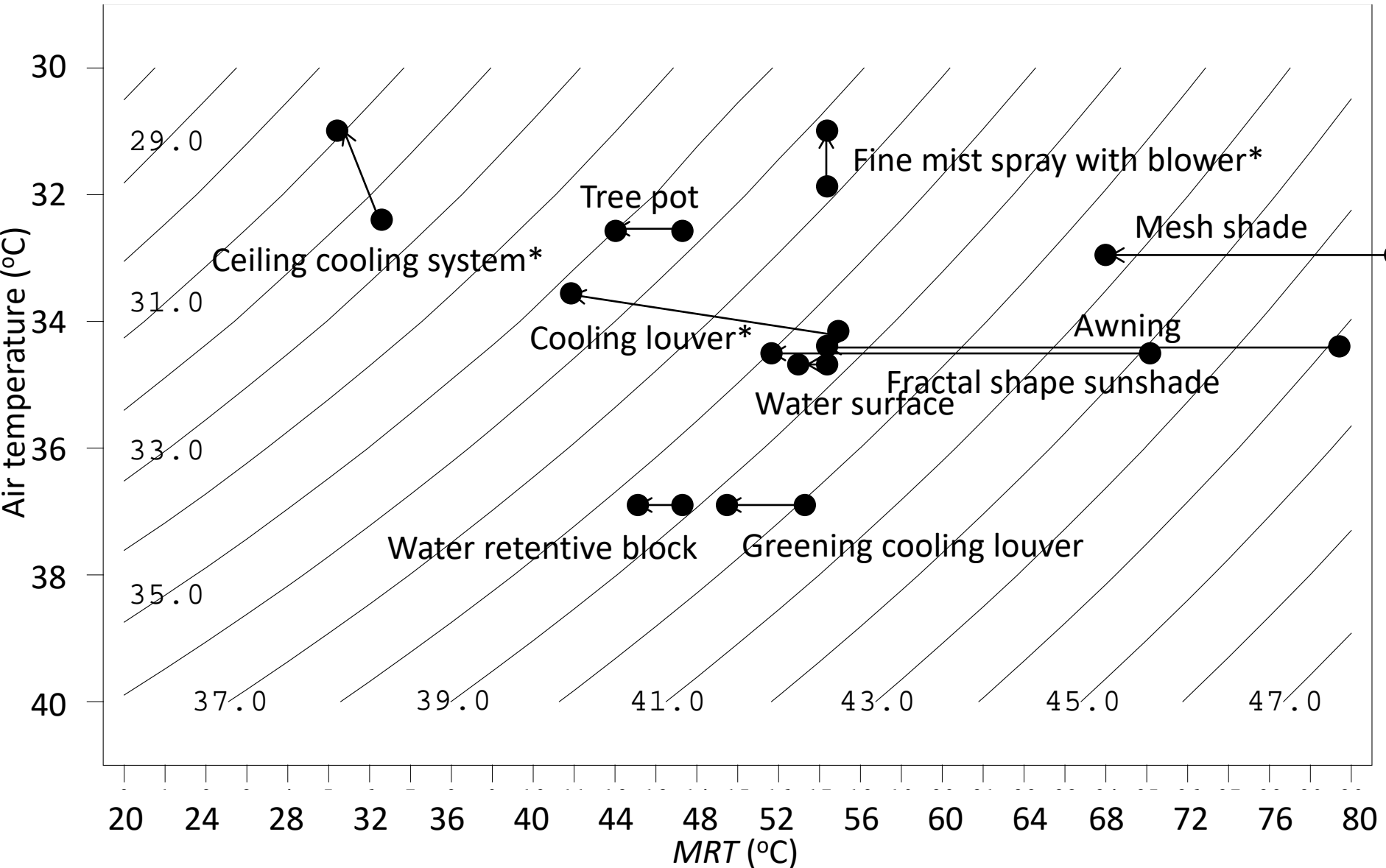


# Air temperature, MRT and SET\*



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By the report Entrusted by the Ministry of the Environment in 2016 Fiscal Year



\*: change in wind velocity and relative humidity have been reported



# Calculation results of reduction of MRT

- Assuming that human body is a sphere, MRT can be calculated from

$$MRT = \left( a_h Q / \sigma + \sum_{i=1} \Phi_i T_i^4 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$a_h$  is solar absorptance of human body (assumed 0.5).

$Q$  is incident **solar radiation** on human body ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ).

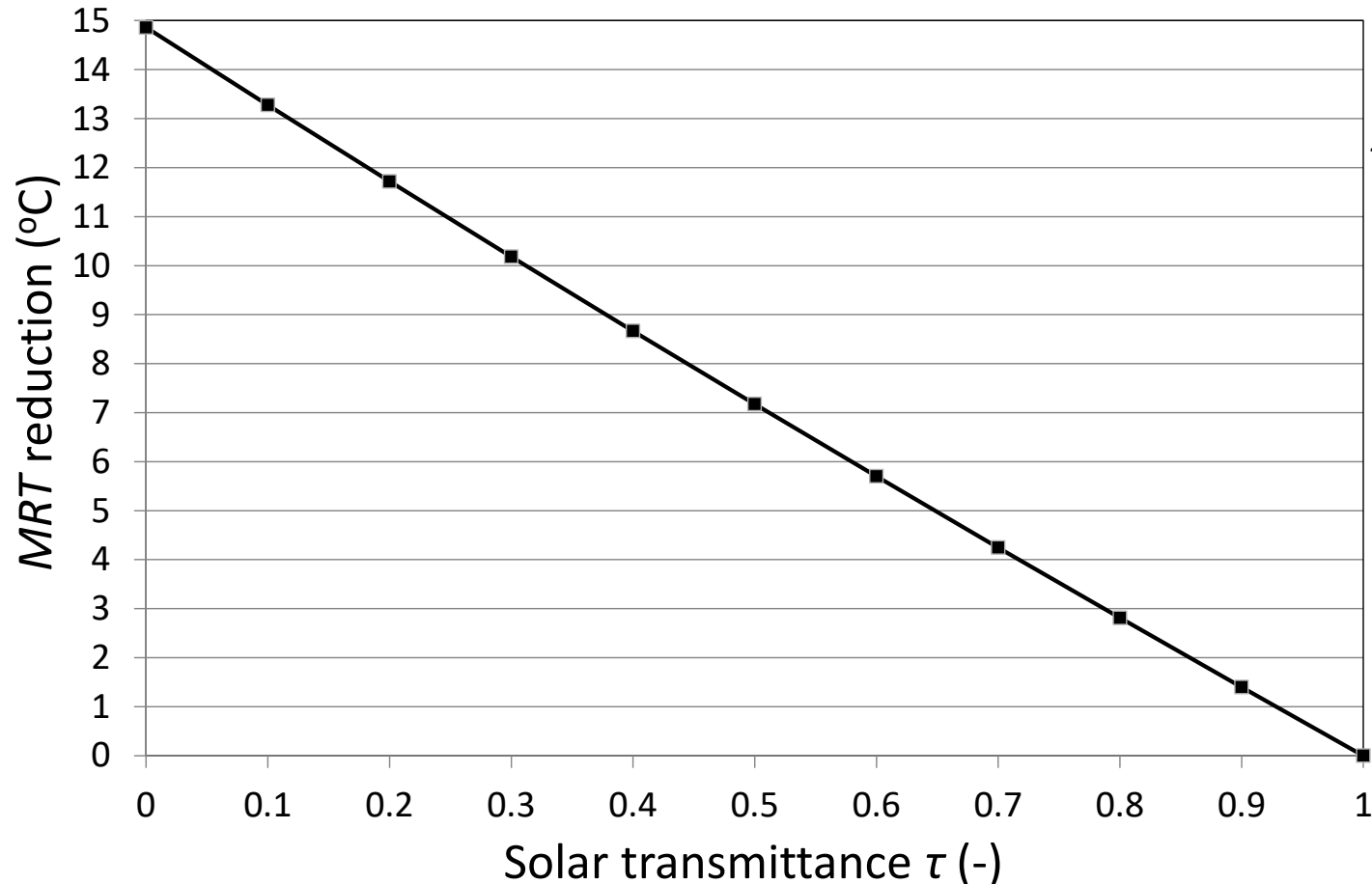
$\sigma$  is Stefan–Boltzmann constant ( $=5.67 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\text{K}^4)$ ).

$\Phi_i$  is shape factor of human body and each surface.

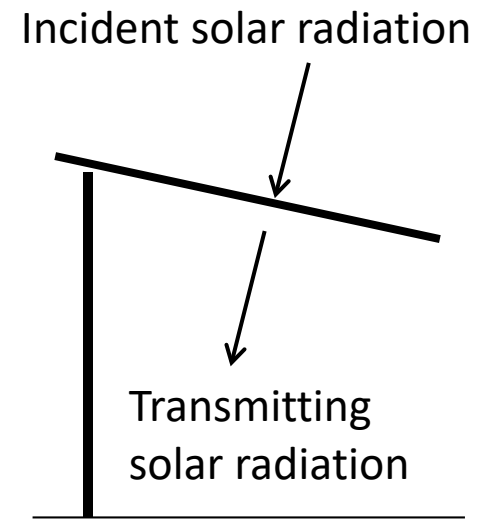
$T_i$  is **surface temperature** of each surface (K).

# Solar transmittance $\tau$ and MRT reduction by adaptation measures

when  $Q = 900/4 + 100 \text{ W/m}^2$ , each surface temperature  $T_i = T_a = 34 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$   
(Direct solar radiation:  $900 \text{ W/m}^2$ , diffuse solar radiation:  $100 \text{ W/m}^2$ )



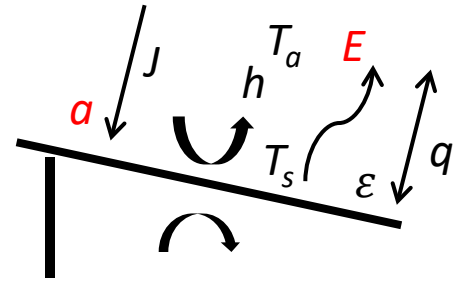
$\tau = \text{Transmitting} / \text{Incident}$



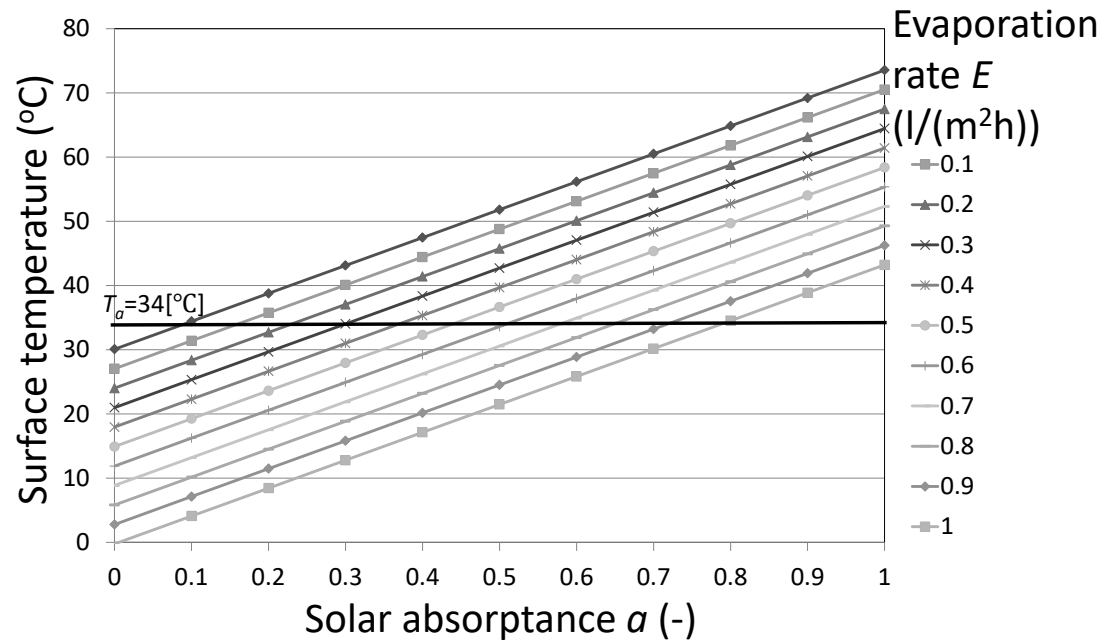
# Surface temperature $T_s$ of adaptation measures and solar absorptance $a$

- Surface temperature  $T_s$  of adaptation measures is calculated from

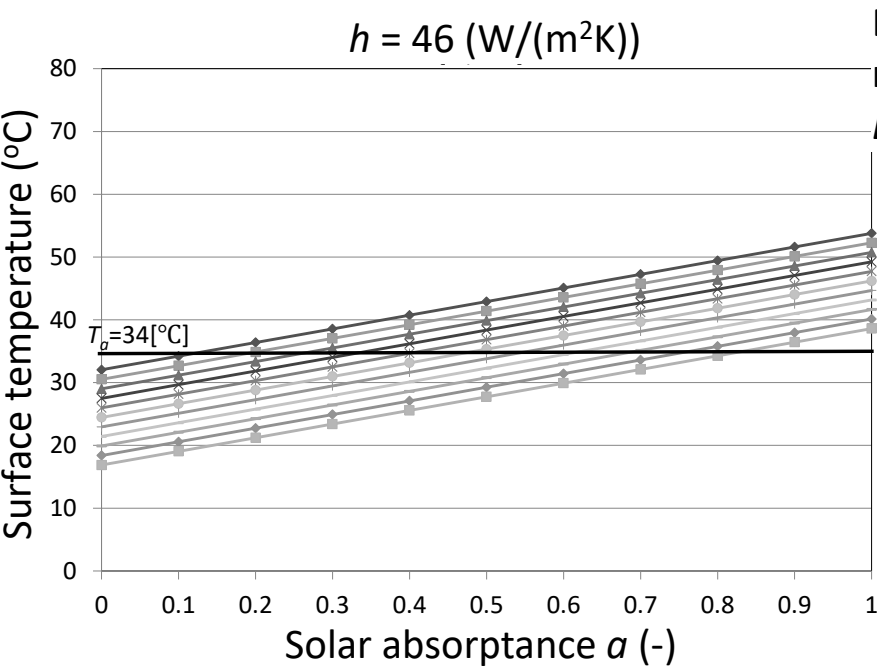
$$T_s = \frac{1}{h} (aJ + \varepsilon q - lE) + T_a$$



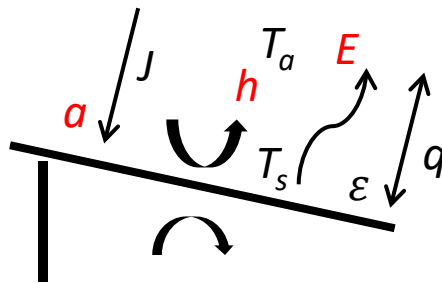
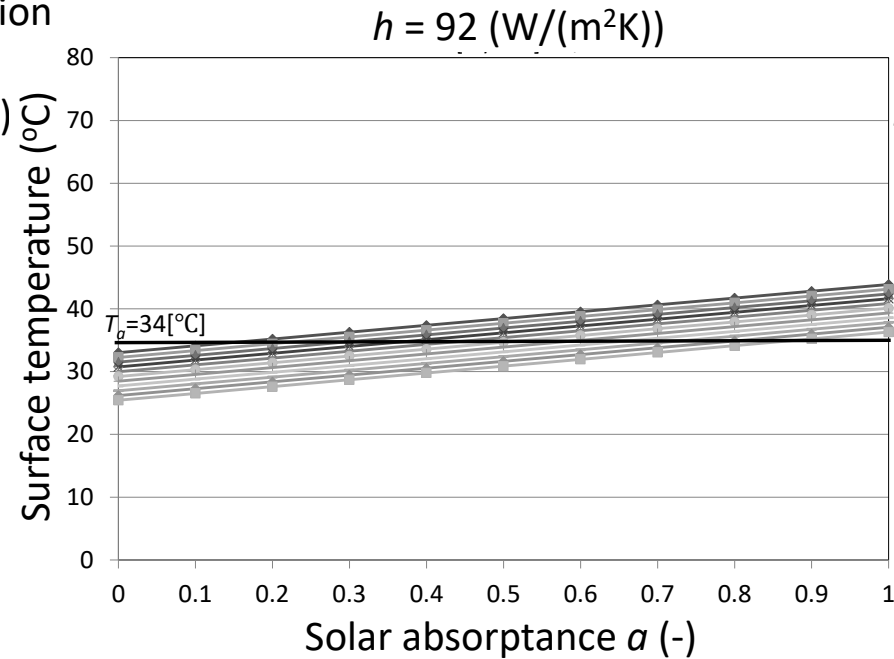
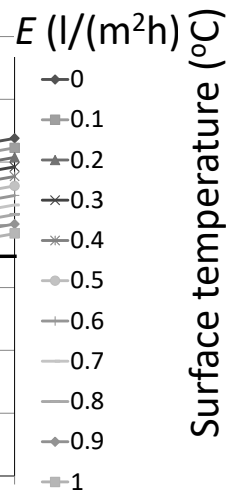
Heat transfer coefficient  $h$  is  $23 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\text{K})$ , emissivity  $\varepsilon$  is  $0.97$ , net infrared radiation  $q$  is  $-93 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$  for different values of **evaporation rate  $E$**  ( $\text{l}/\text{m}^2\text{h}$ )



# Surface temperature $T_s$ when **heat transfer coefficient $h$** is 46, 92 W/(m<sup>2</sup>K)



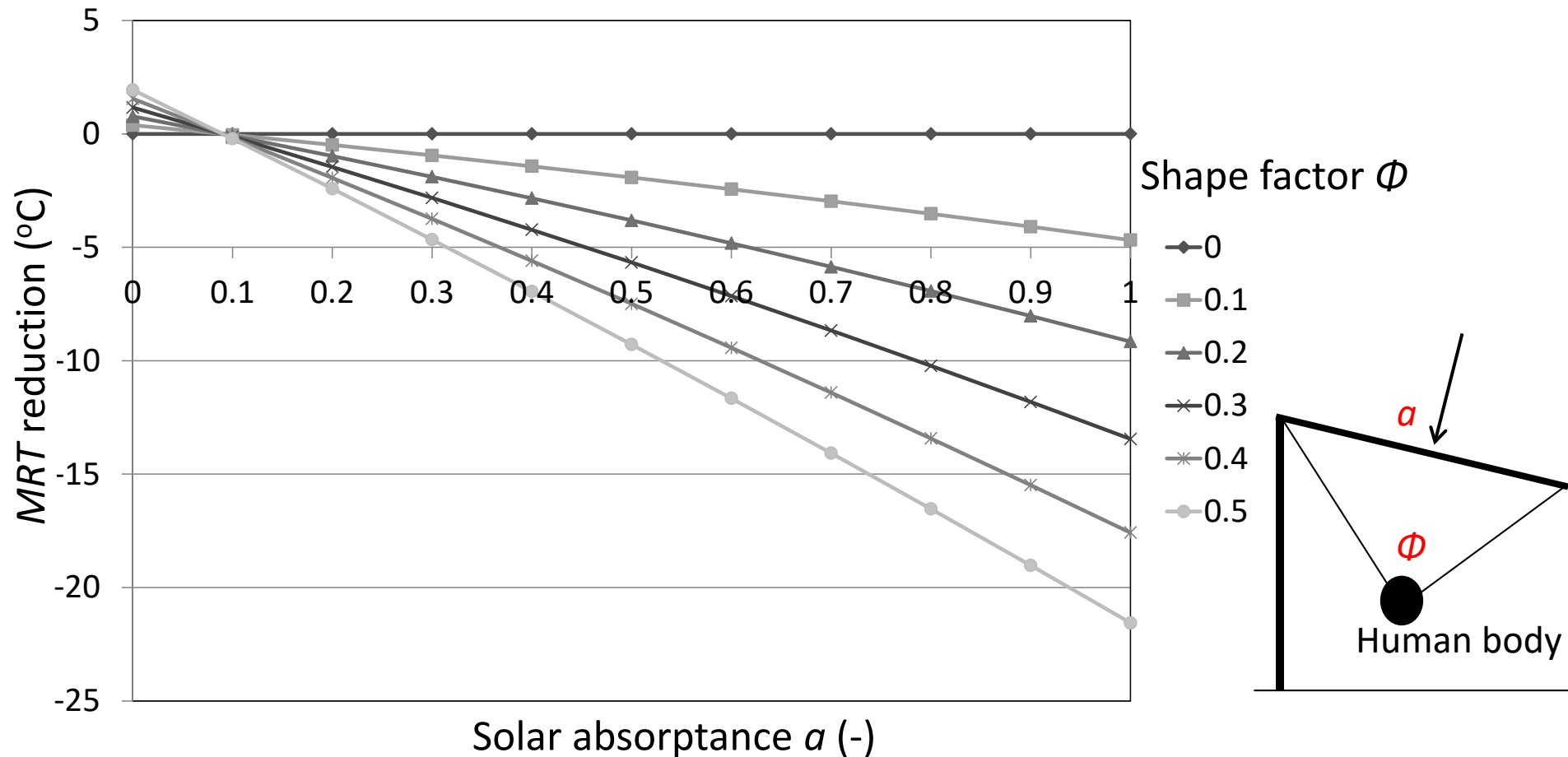
Evaporation  
rate  
 $E$  (l/(m<sup>2</sup>h))



# MRT reduction and solar absorptance $a$

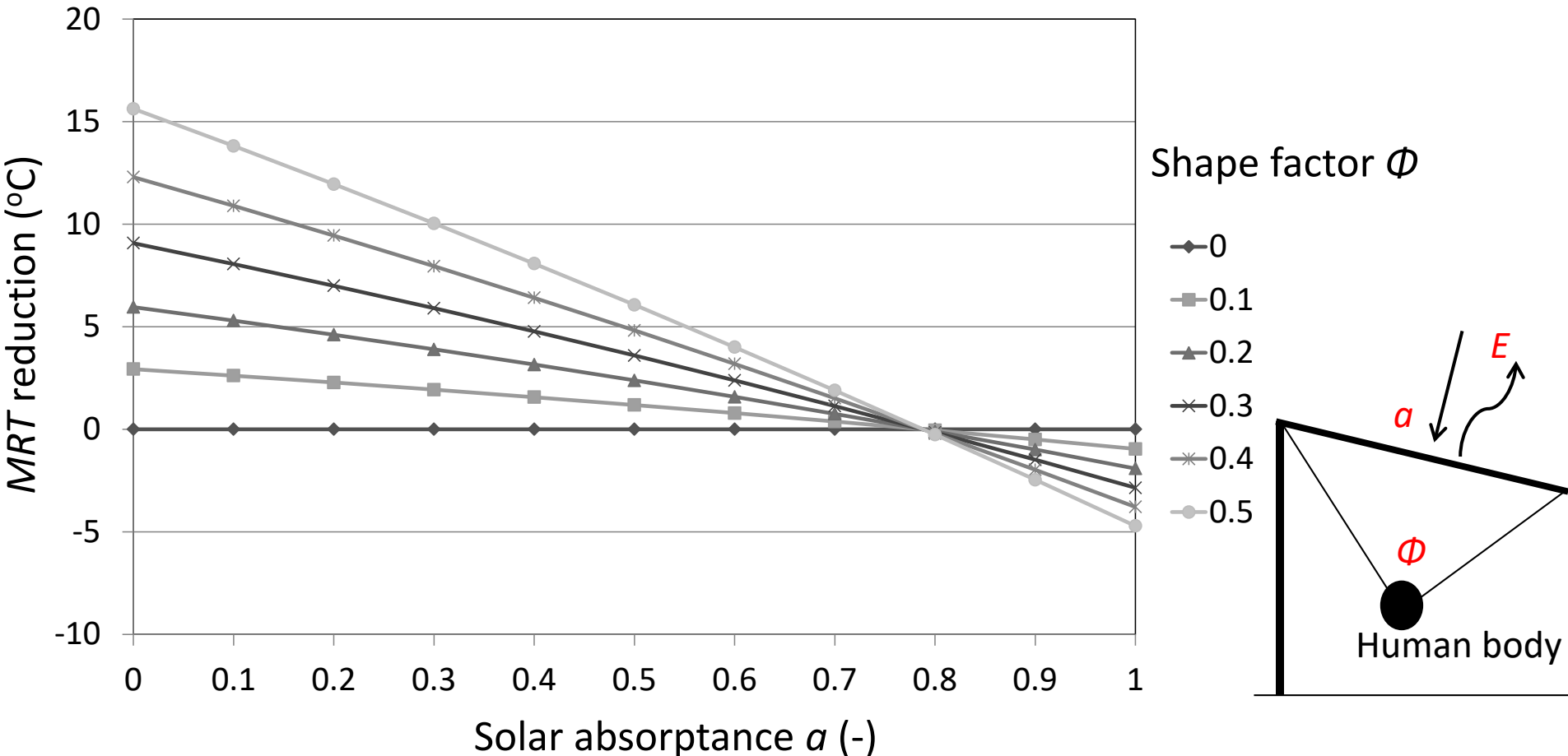
when evaporation rate  $E$  is  $0 \text{ l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h})$   
for different values of **shape factor  $\Phi$**  of human body

$E = 0 \text{ (l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h}))$



# MRT reduction and solar absorptance $a$

when the evaporation rate  $E$  is  $1 \text{ l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h})$   
for different values of **shape factor**  $\Phi$  of human body  
 $E = 1 \text{ (l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h}))$

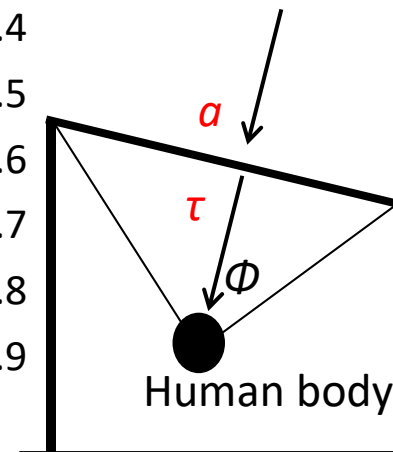
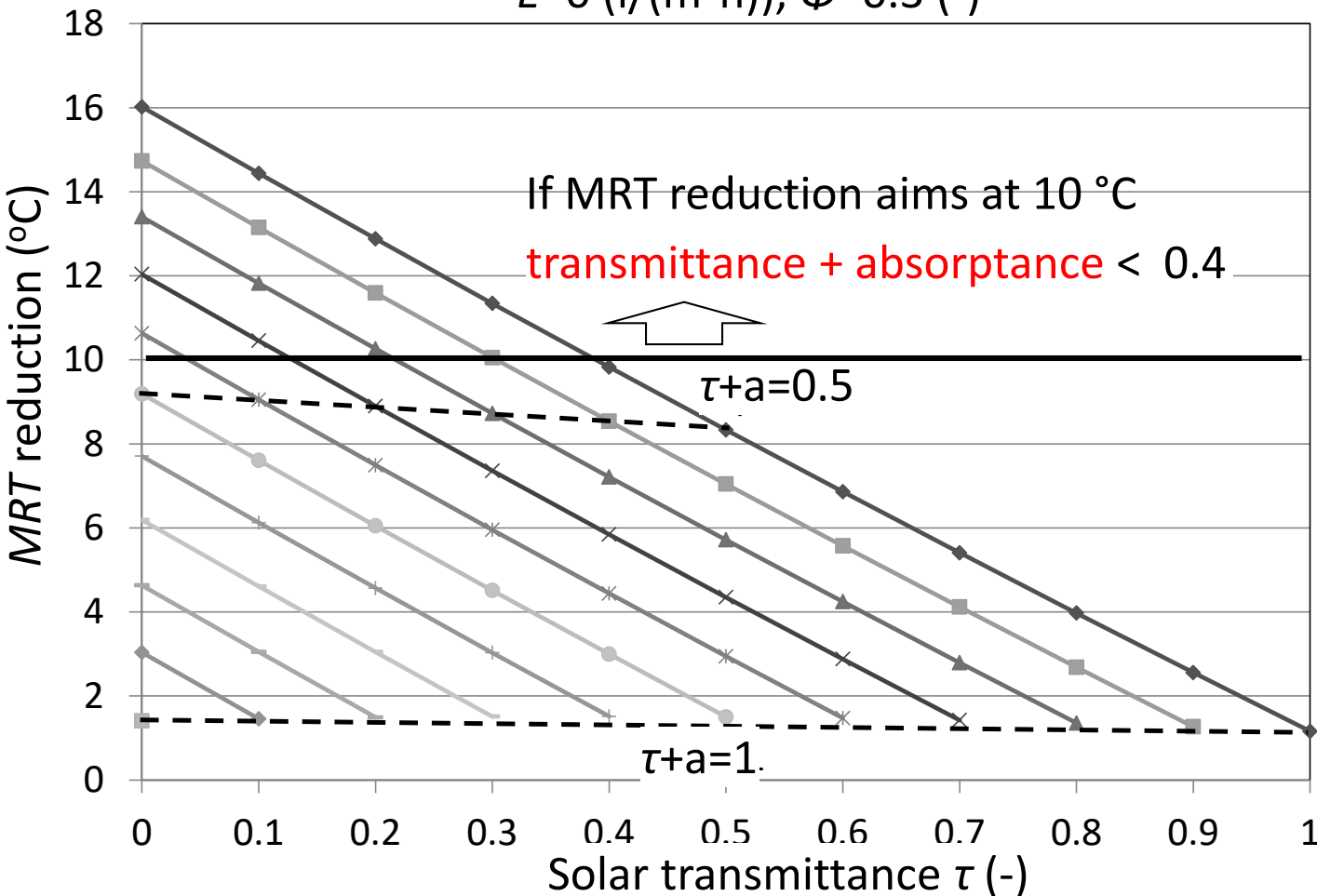


# MRT reduction and solar transmittance $\tau$

when the evaporation rate  $E$  is  $0 \text{ l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h})$

shape factor  $\Phi$  of human body is  $0.3$

$E=0 \text{ l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h}), \Phi=0.3 \text{ (-)}$

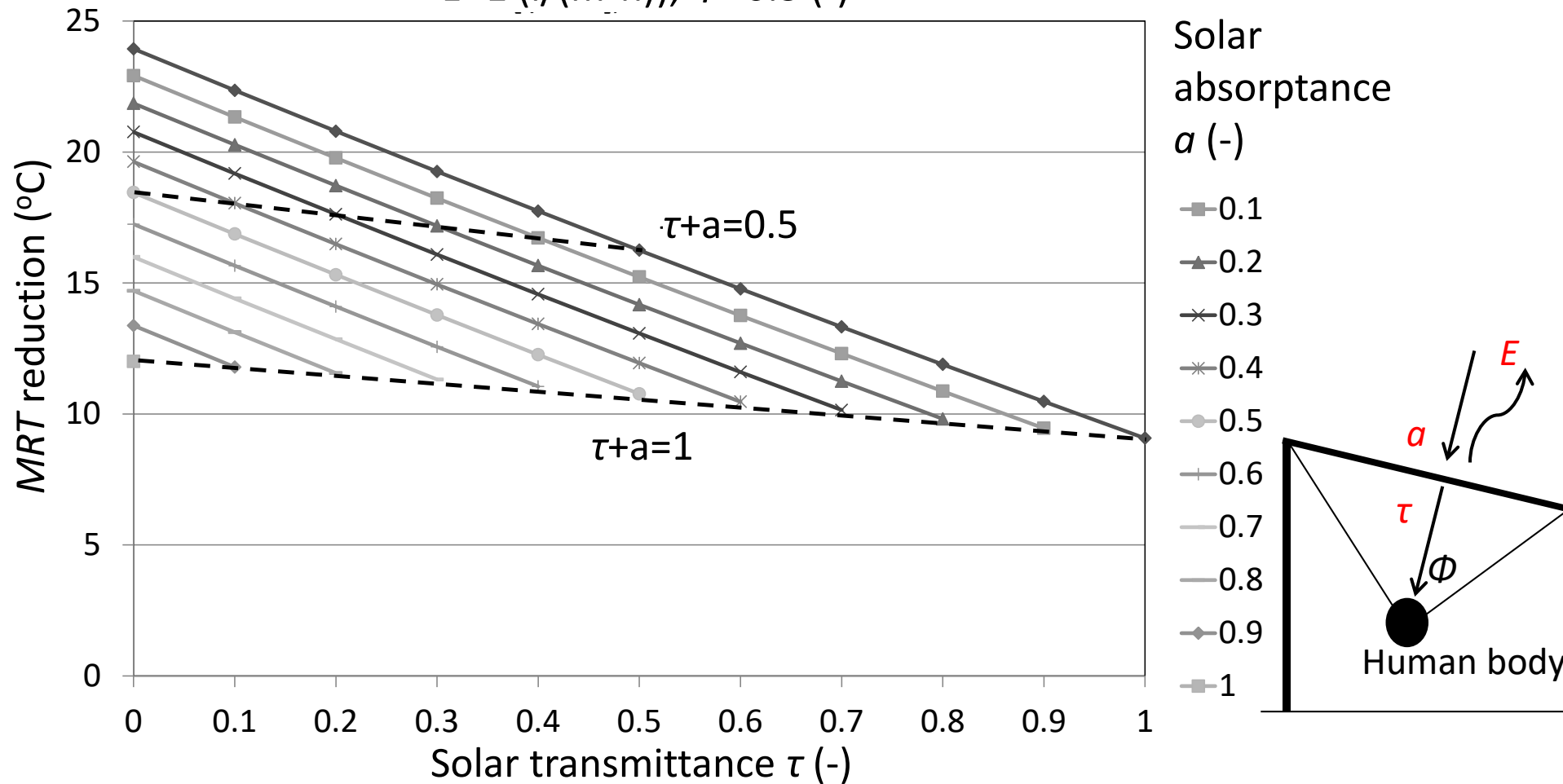


# MRT reduction and solar transmittance $\tau$

when the evaporation rate  $E$  is  $1 \text{ l}/(\text{m}^2\text{h})$

shape factor  $\Phi$  of human body is  $0.3$

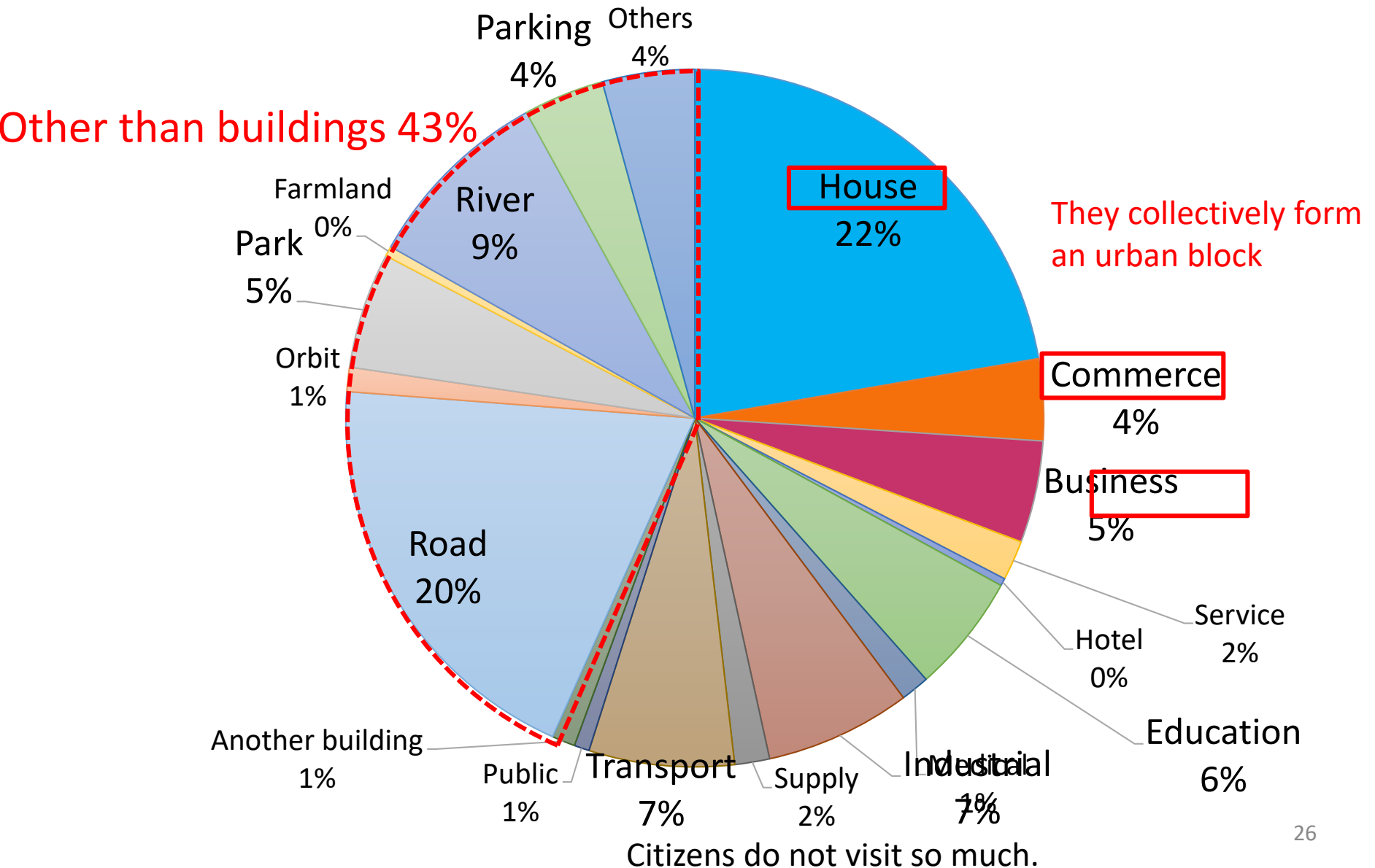
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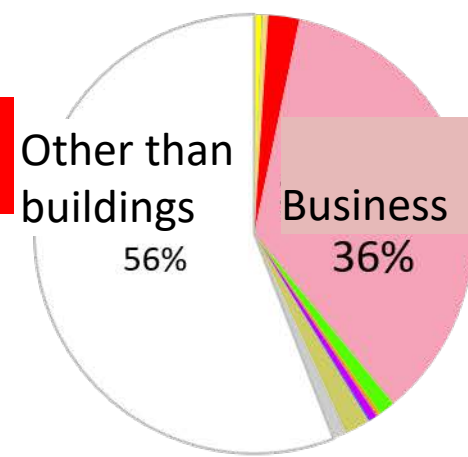
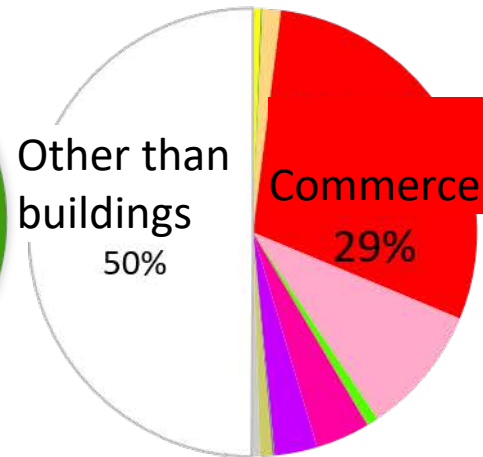
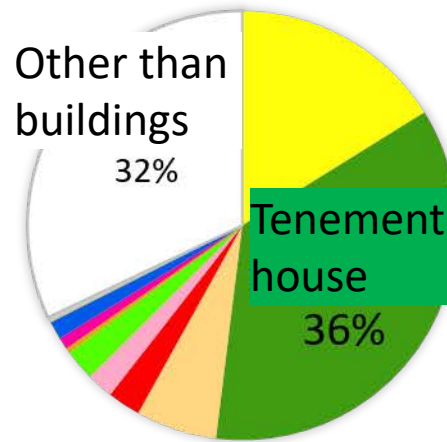
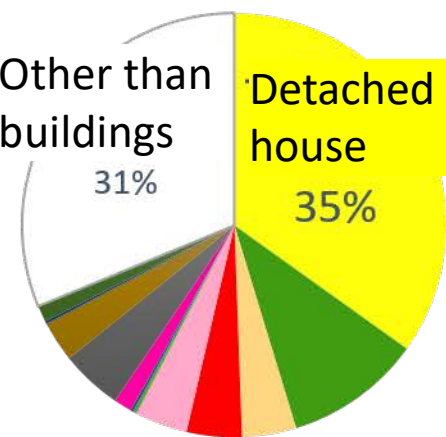
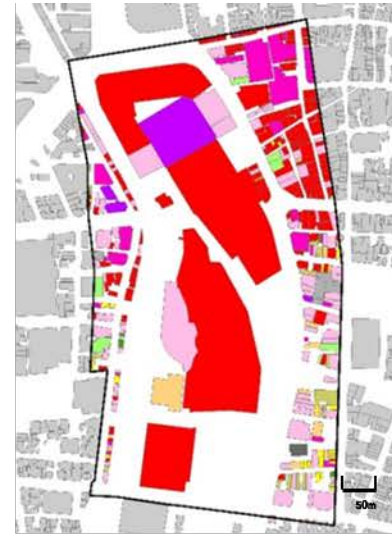
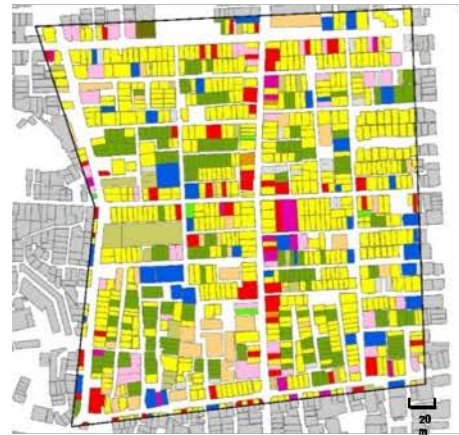


Extraction of hot spots  
based on urban block characteristics

# Land use ratio in Osaka city



# Objective urban blocks



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■ 業務施設  
■ 工業施設

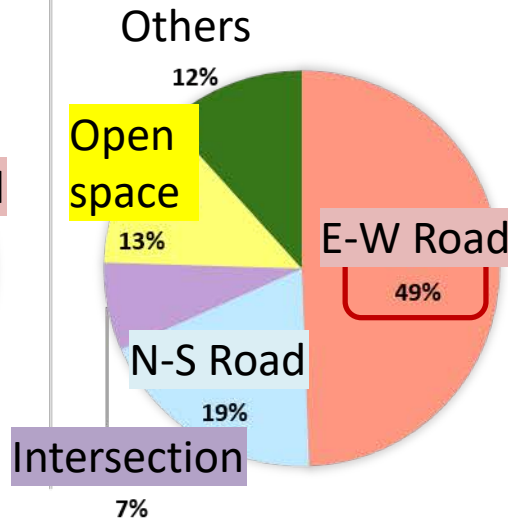
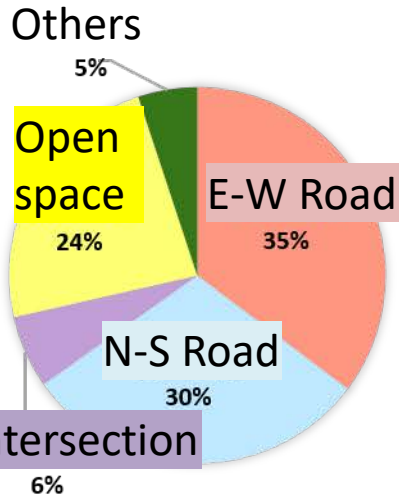
■ 長屋住宅  
■ 文教施設  
■ 運輸通信施設

■ 共同住宅  
■ 医療厚生施設  
■ その他施設

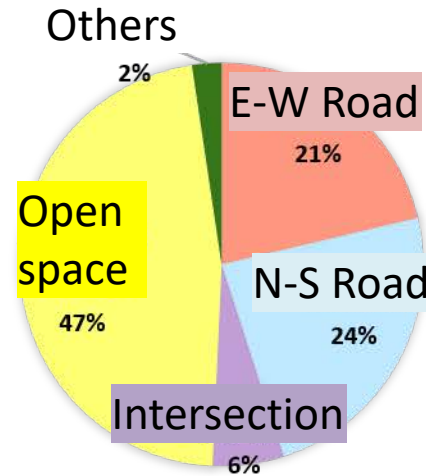
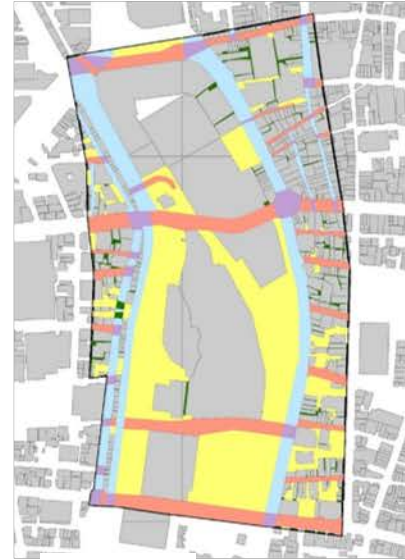
■ 販売商業施設  
■ 遊興・娯楽・サービス施設  
□ 建物以外

# E-W road, N-S road, Intersection, Open space, Others in other than buildings

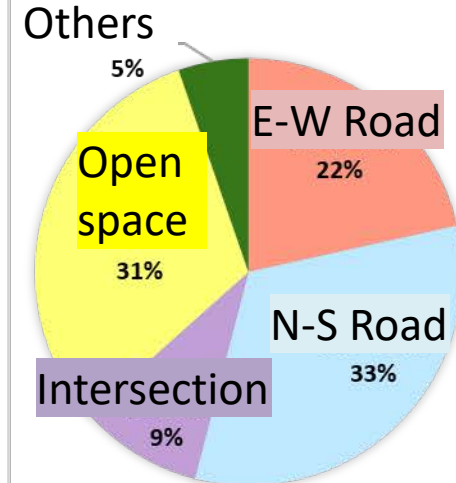
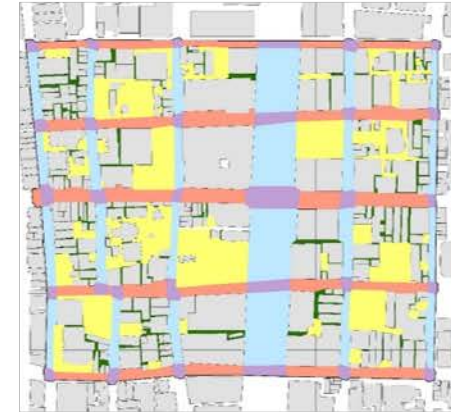
Detached house district Tenement house district



Commerce district



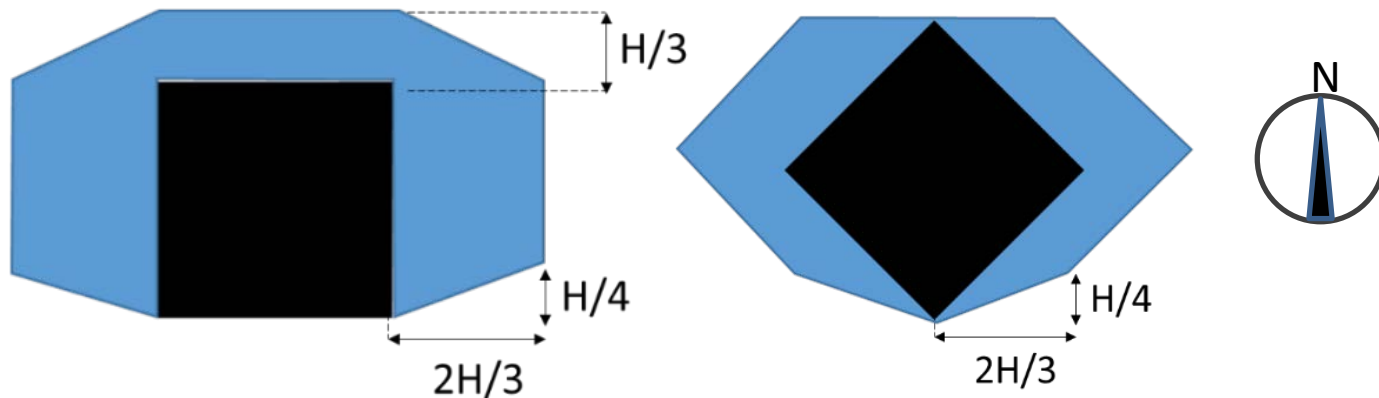
Business district



# Sunshine condition

Places **hard to be shadowed** by buildings

If the building height is  $H$ , the blue part is 80% or less of the daily integrated solar radiation gain. The other spaces are hard to be shadowed by buildings.



# Weak wind condition

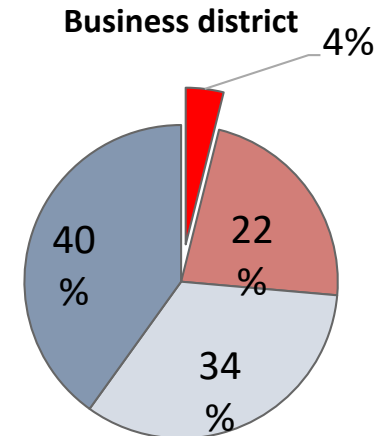
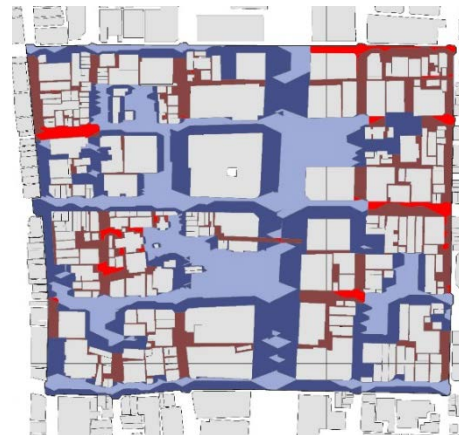
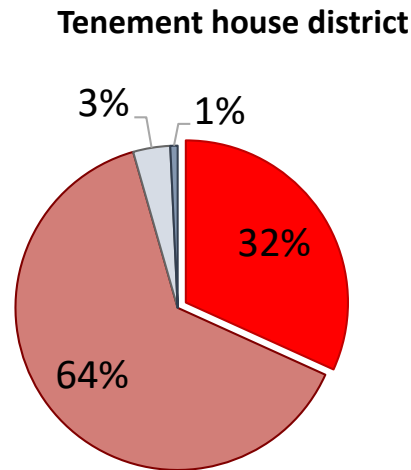
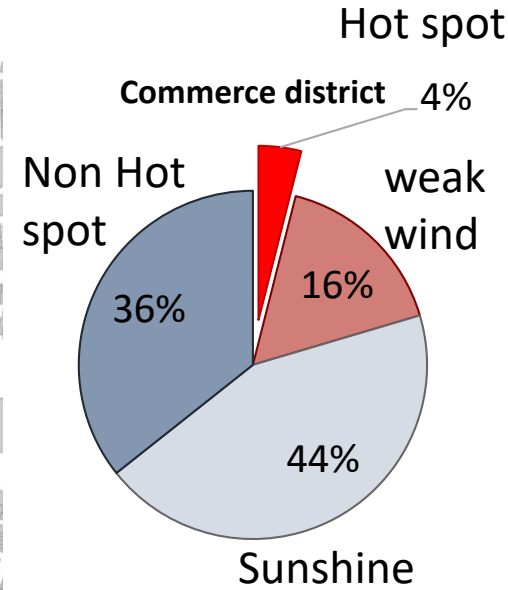
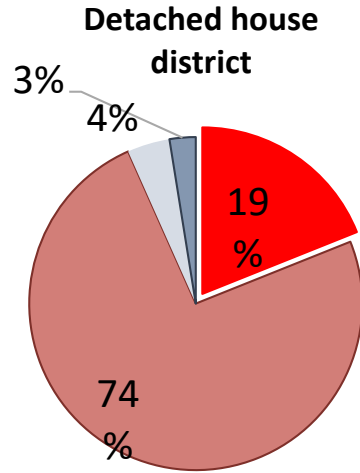
Ventilation is poor in **narrow street**

If the road width is  $W$  and the building height is  $H$ , a weak wind risk of 70% or more occurs in a narrow street.

Selection criteria of hot spot by wind environment (high priority area)

W	road parallel to main wind direction	road perpendicular to main wind direction
0 - 5 m	regardless of H	
5 - 10 m	H < 30 m	
10 -15 m		H < 40 m

# Hotspots: weak wind and sunshine



Hot spot (weak wind and sunshine) 亦 weak wind  
 Sunshine 風×日射遮蔽○ Non Hot spot

# Summary

In Japan, the study of adaptation city has already started.  
We expect to exchange information with Italians and the world.

Thank you for your attention.



Kobe Harbor



Hot spring town in Kobe suburb