

# Mold growth prediction with Biohygrothermal Model

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## Mold problems in practice

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# Mold problems in practice



Mould at corners and edges



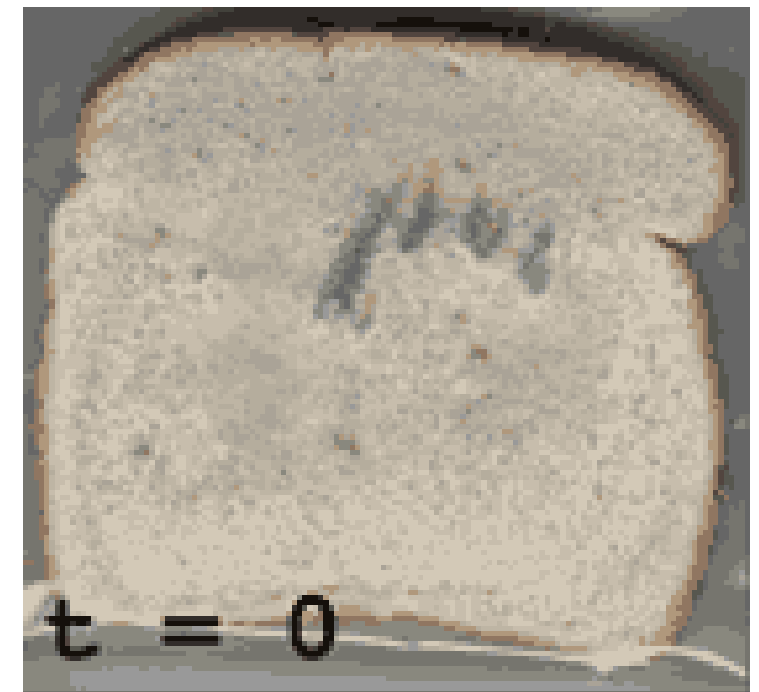
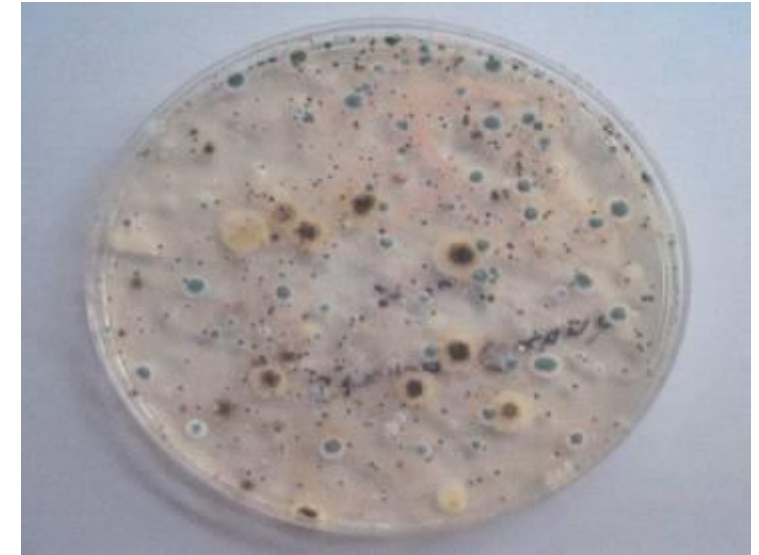
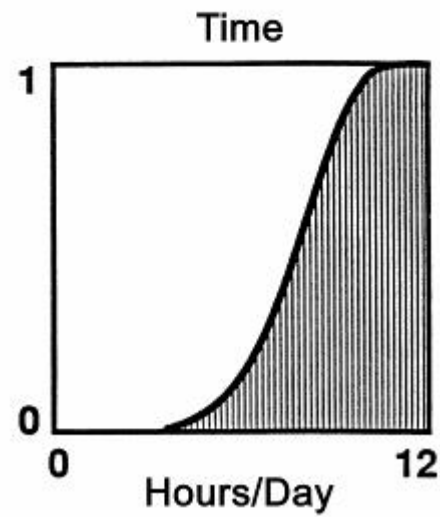
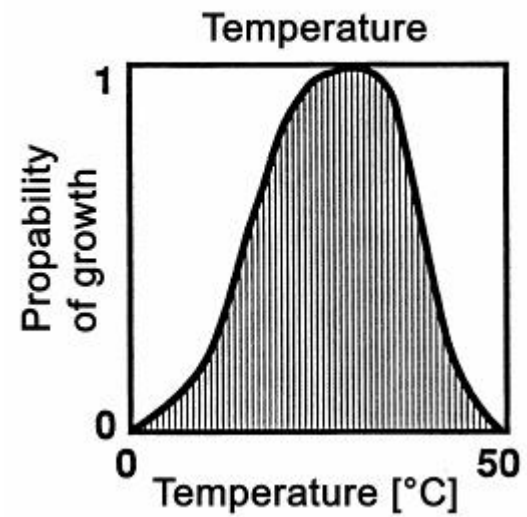
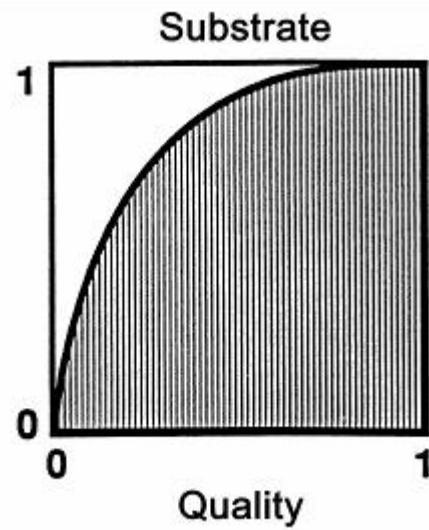
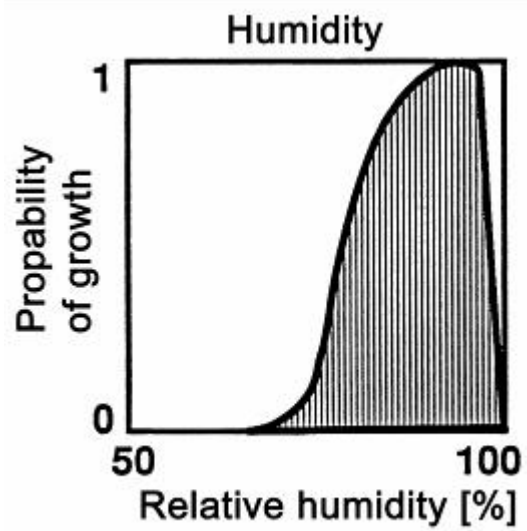
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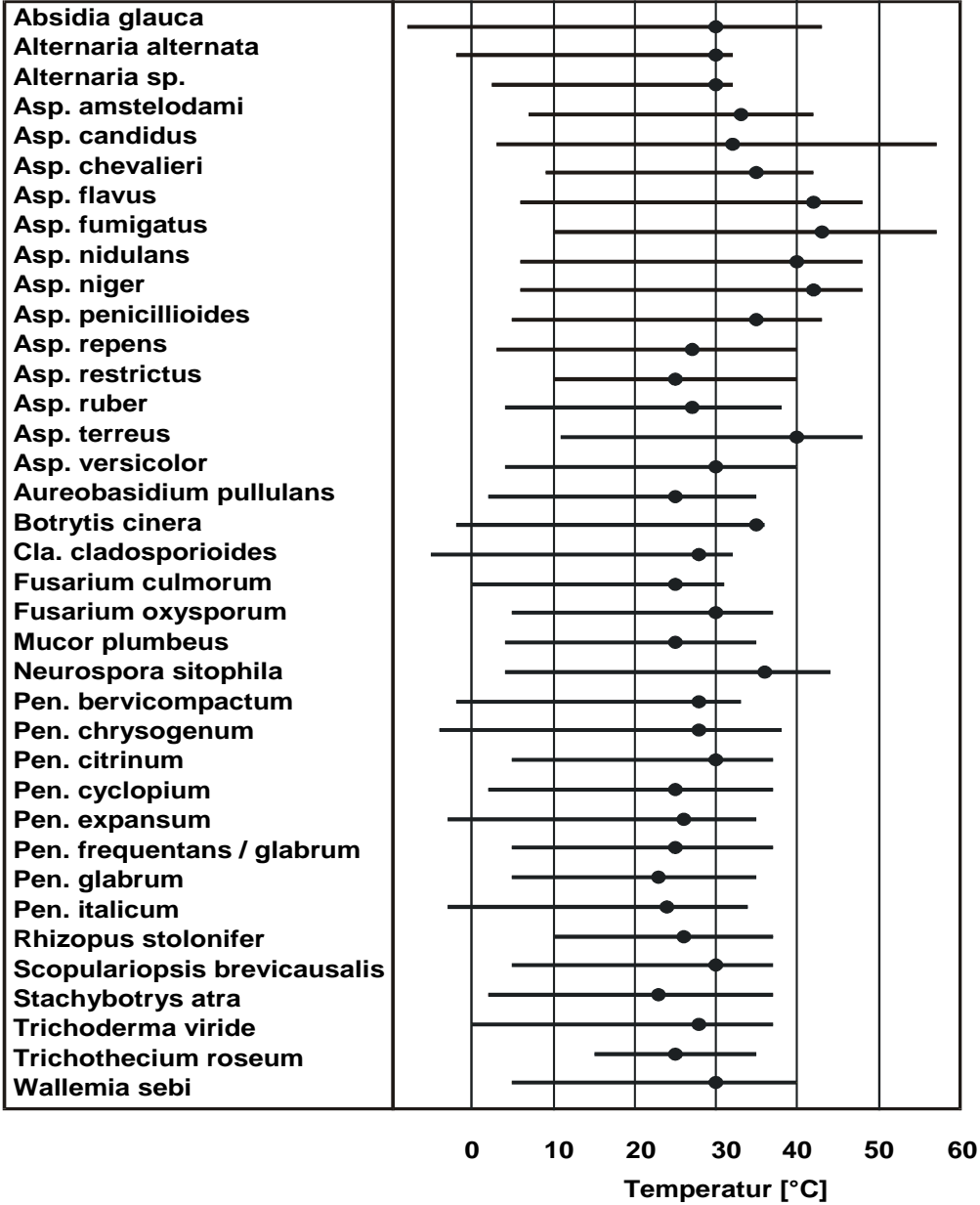


Mould behind  
interior  
insulation slabs  
(EPS)

# Growth conditions

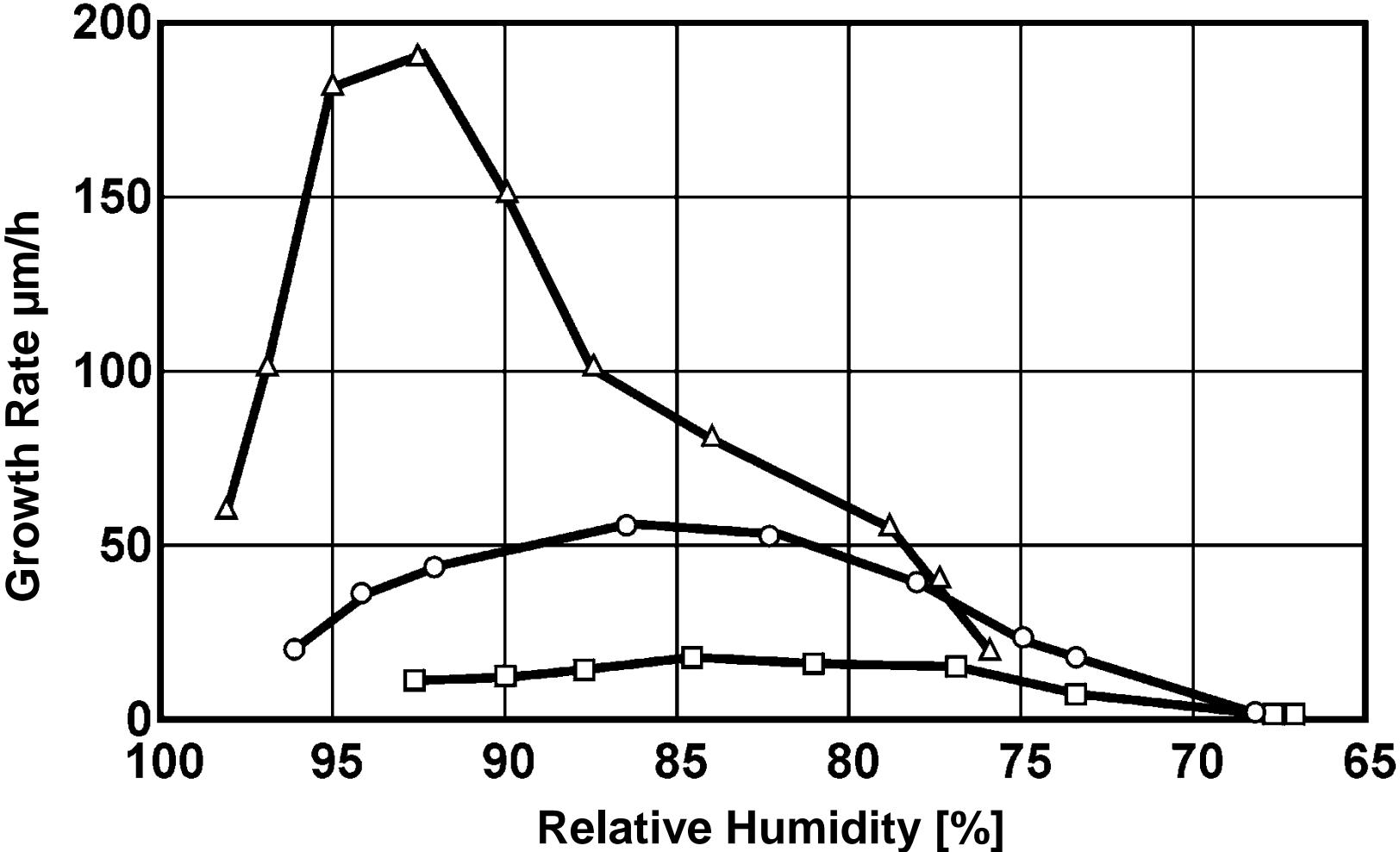


# Growth conditions



Temperature range and optimum for mould growth

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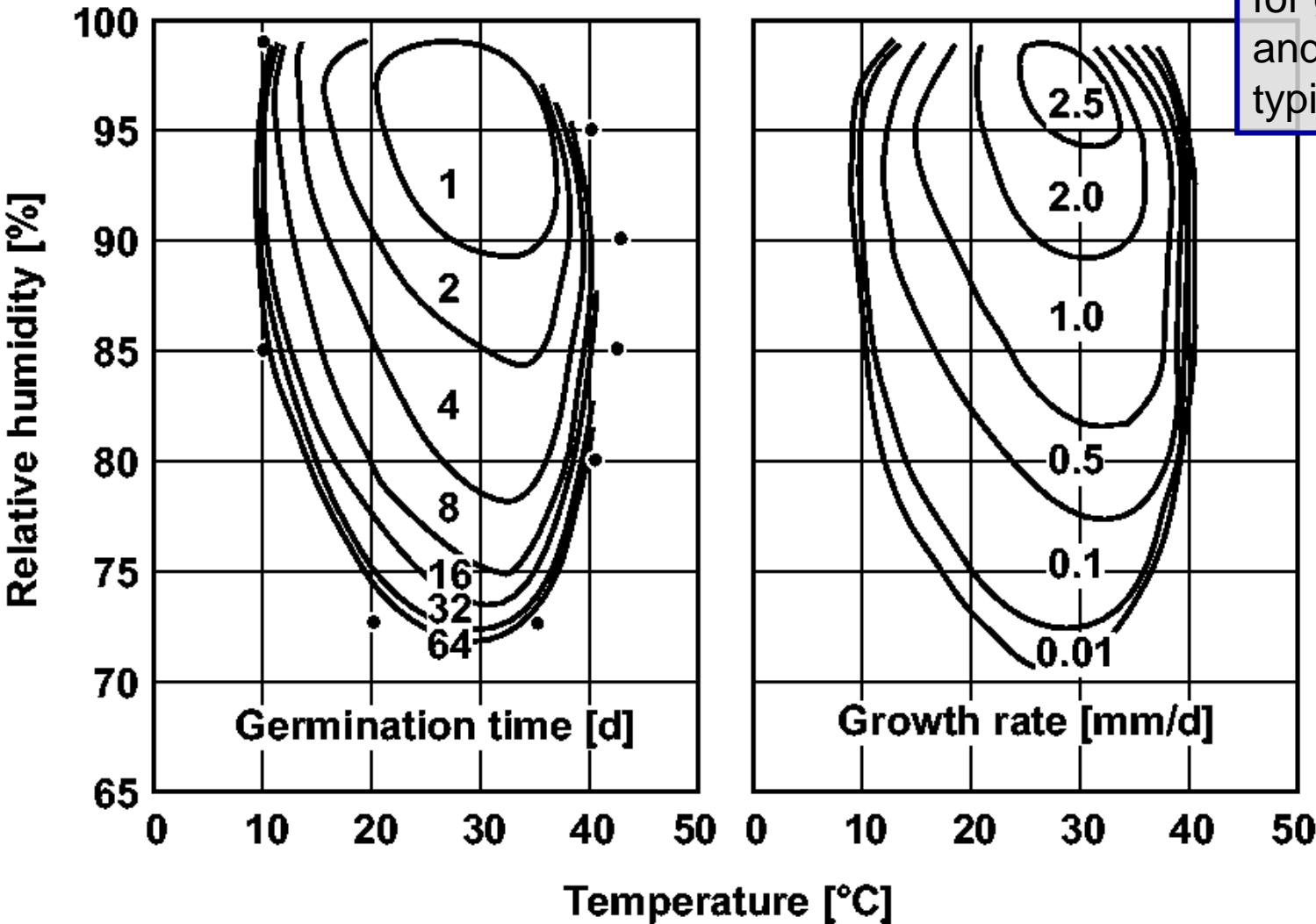
- *Eurotium amstelodami*
- △— *Xeromyces bisporus*
- *Eurotium halophilicum*

Humidity range for growth of different mold species



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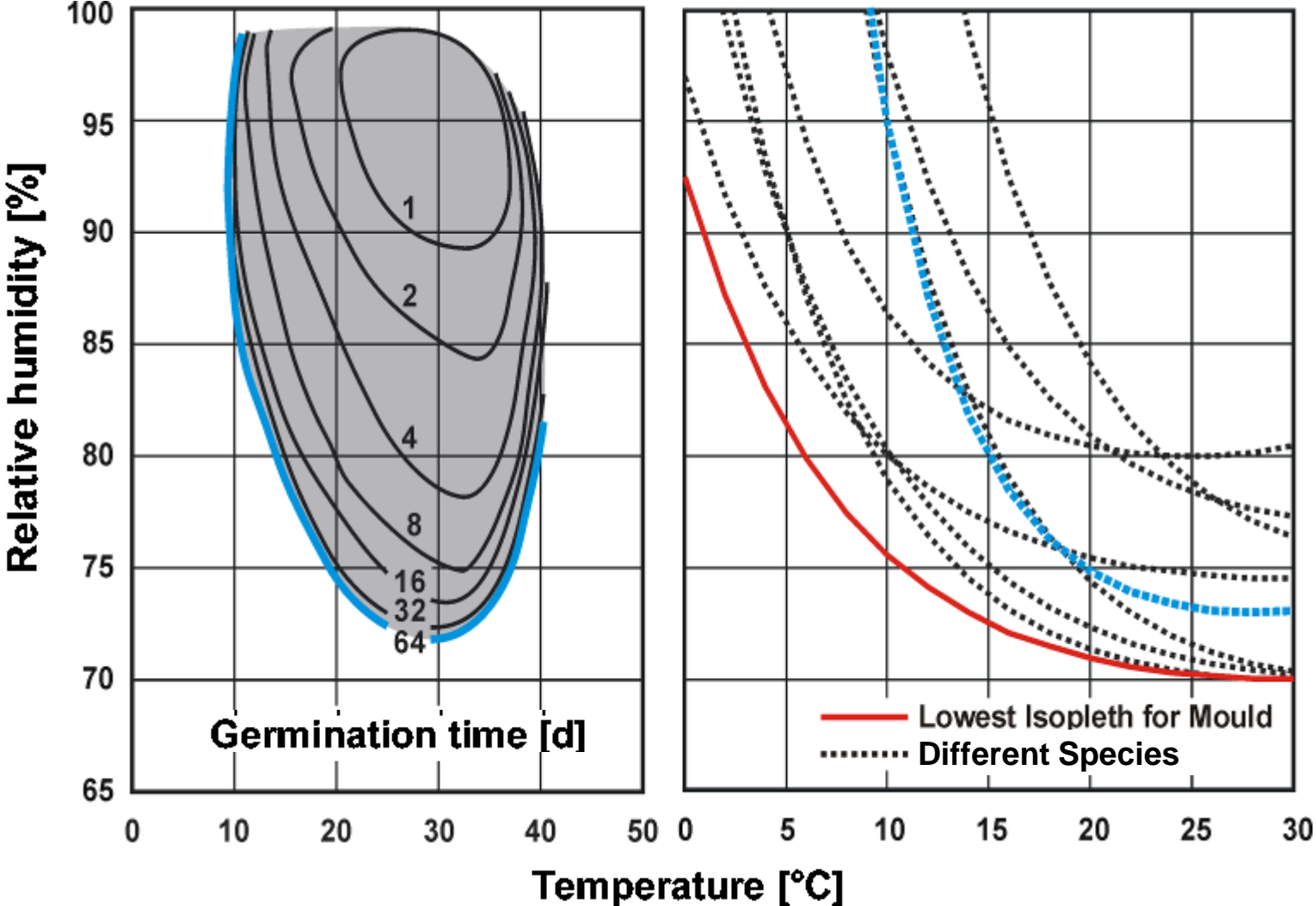
## Aspergillus restrictus (Smith)



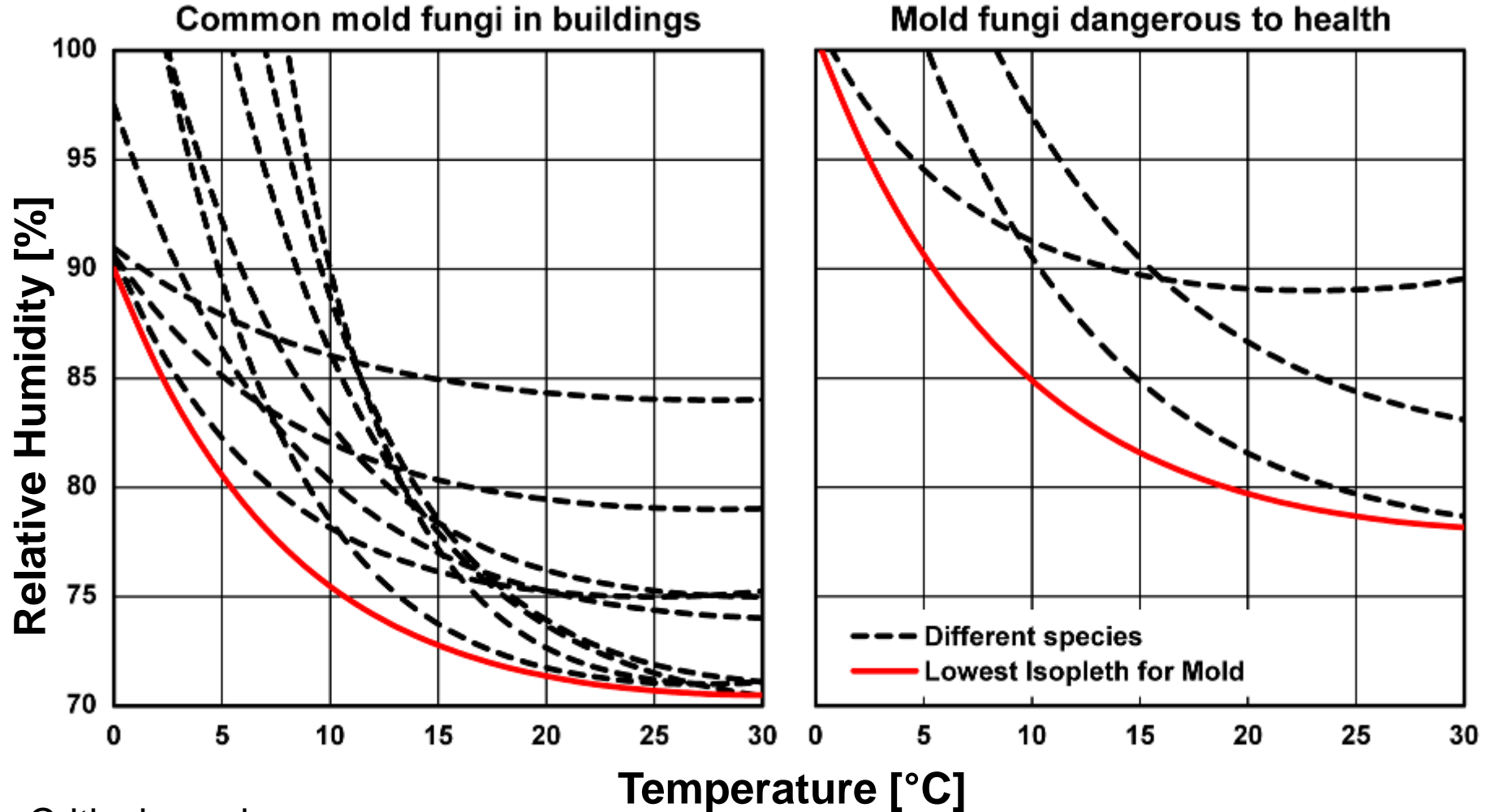
Hygrothermal Iso-lines for germination time and growth rate of a typical mould species

# Growth conditions

## Aspergillus restrictus and other species



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## Critical species:

*Aspergillus fumigatus*

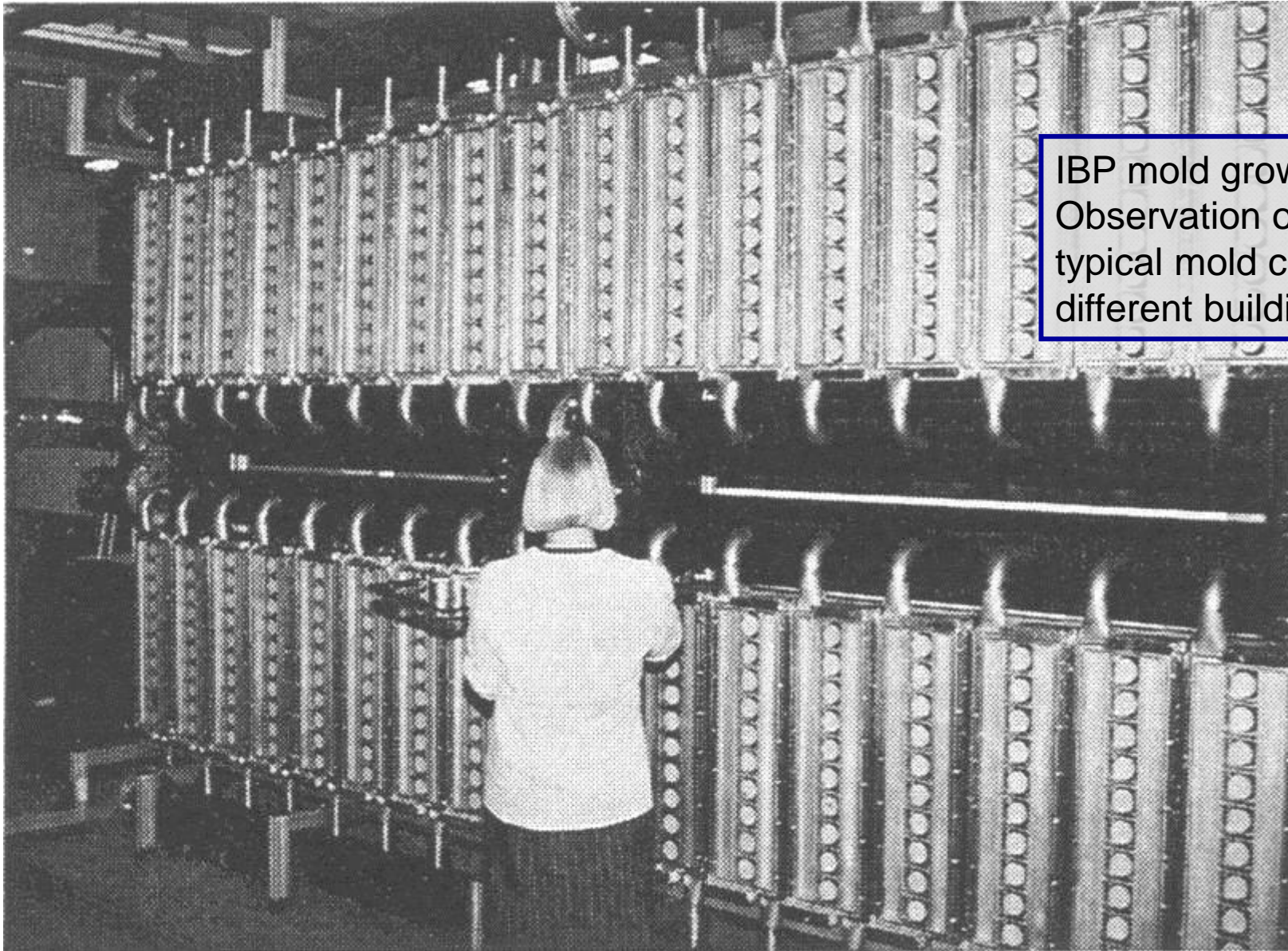
*Aspergillus flavus*

*Stachybotrys chartarum*

Potentially hazardous mold species  
need higher humidity to germinate

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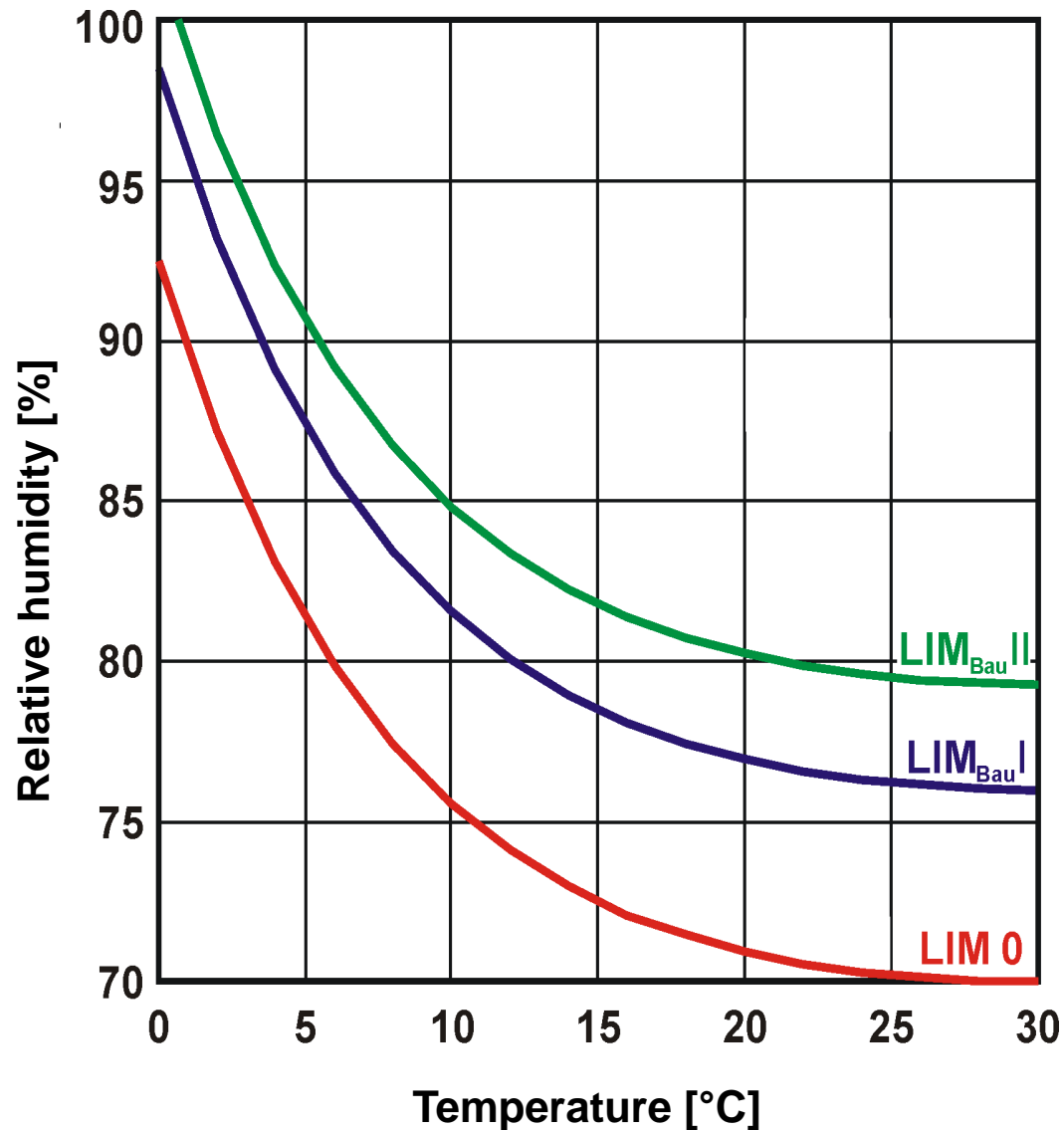
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IBP mold growth test set-up:  
Observation of the growth of a  
typical mold cocktail on  
different building materials



# Growth conditions



## Substrate Classification

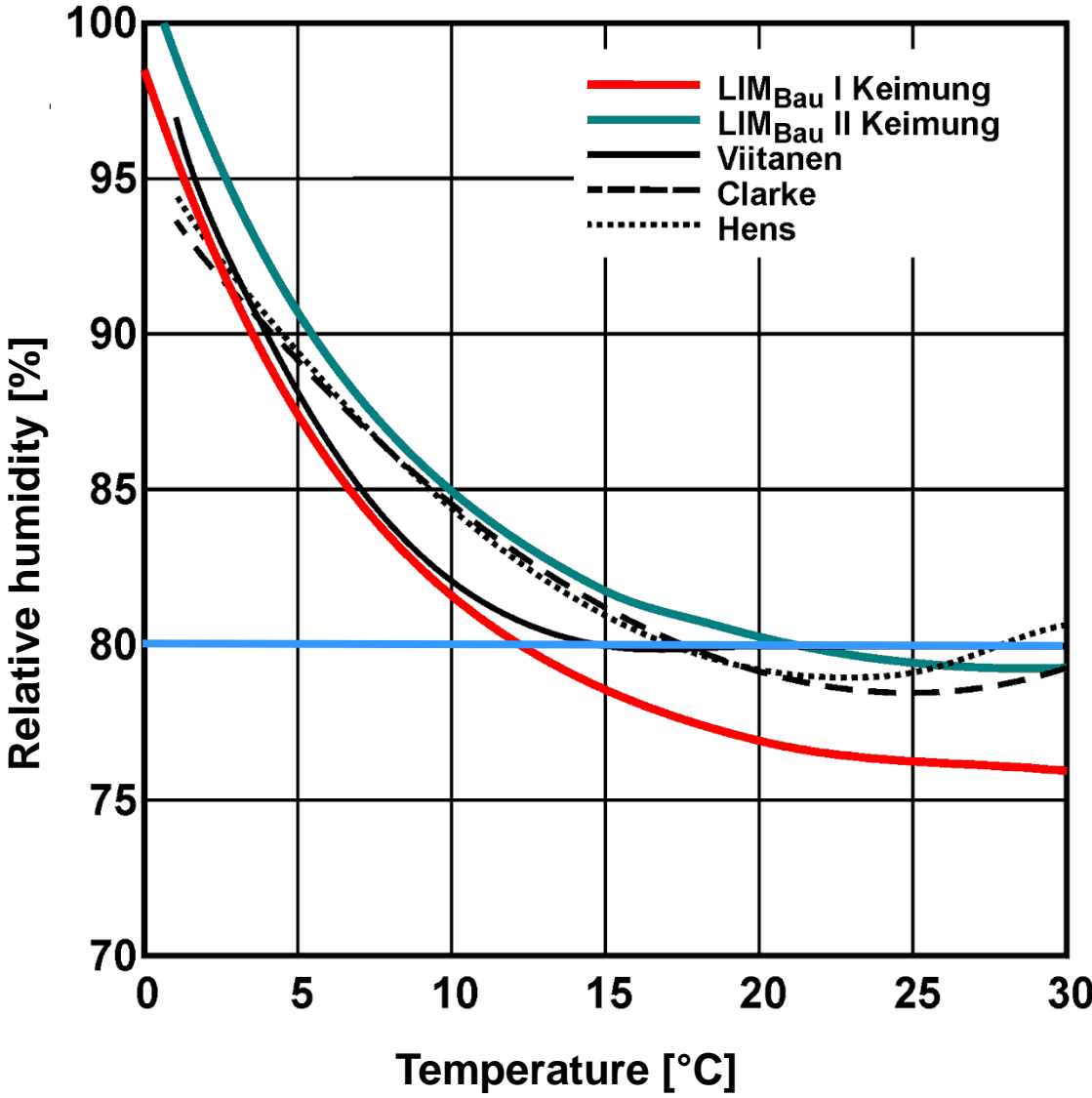
**II non biodegradable building materials**

**I biodegradable building materials**

**0 optimum substrate**



# Growth conditions



Comparison of LIM with literature data

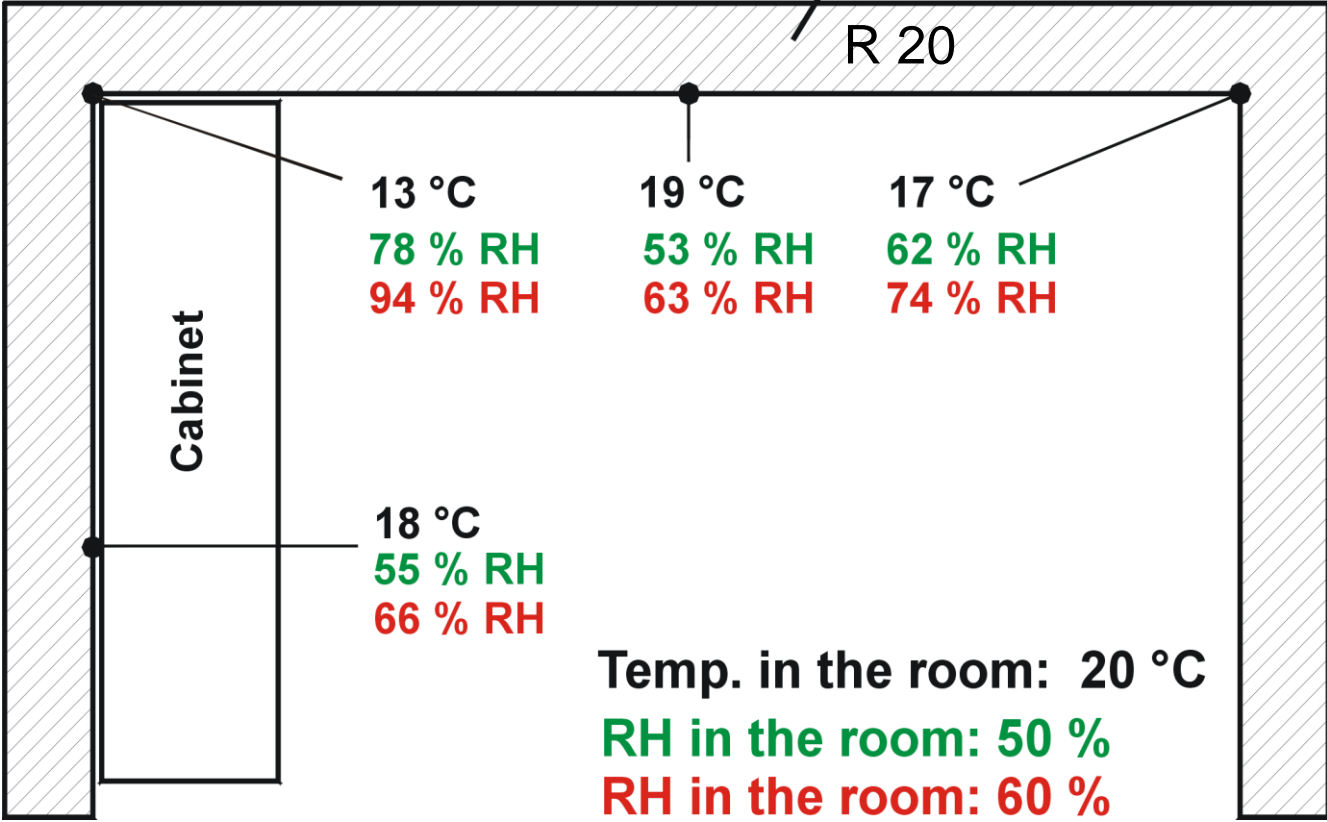
IEA-Annex 14 & German Standard DIN 4108: 80 %

# Steady State Model

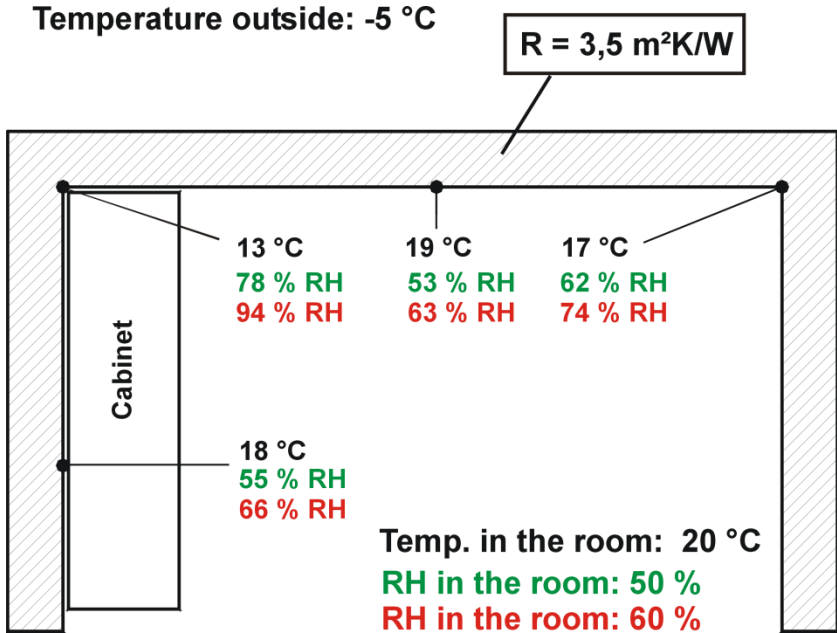
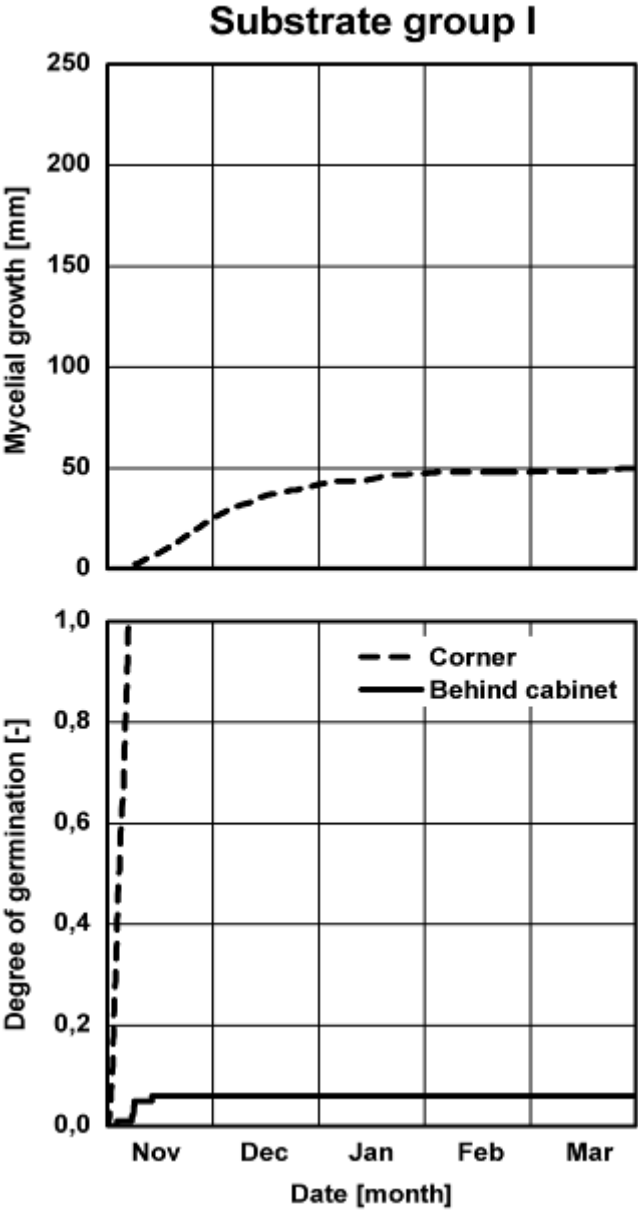
## Steady-state conditions

Temperature outside: -5 °C

R = 3,5 m<sup>2</sup>K/W



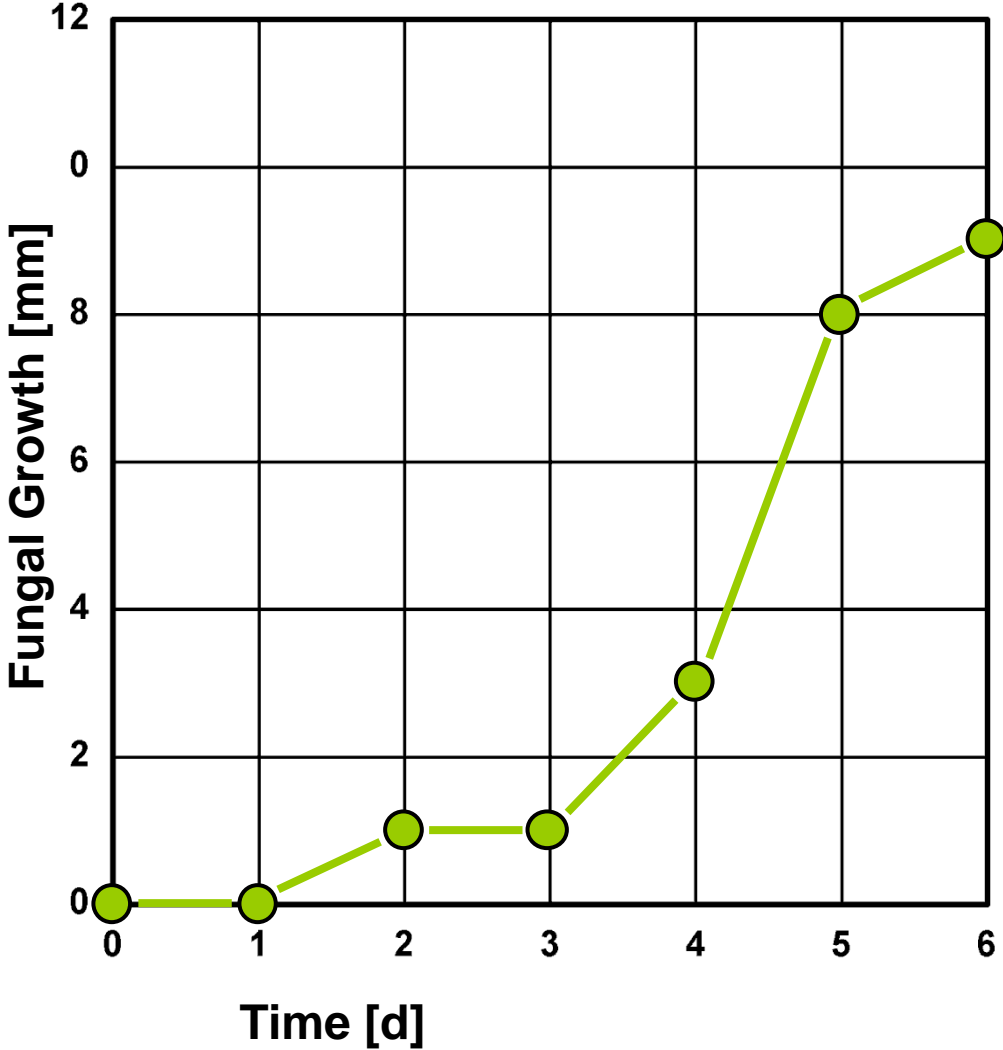
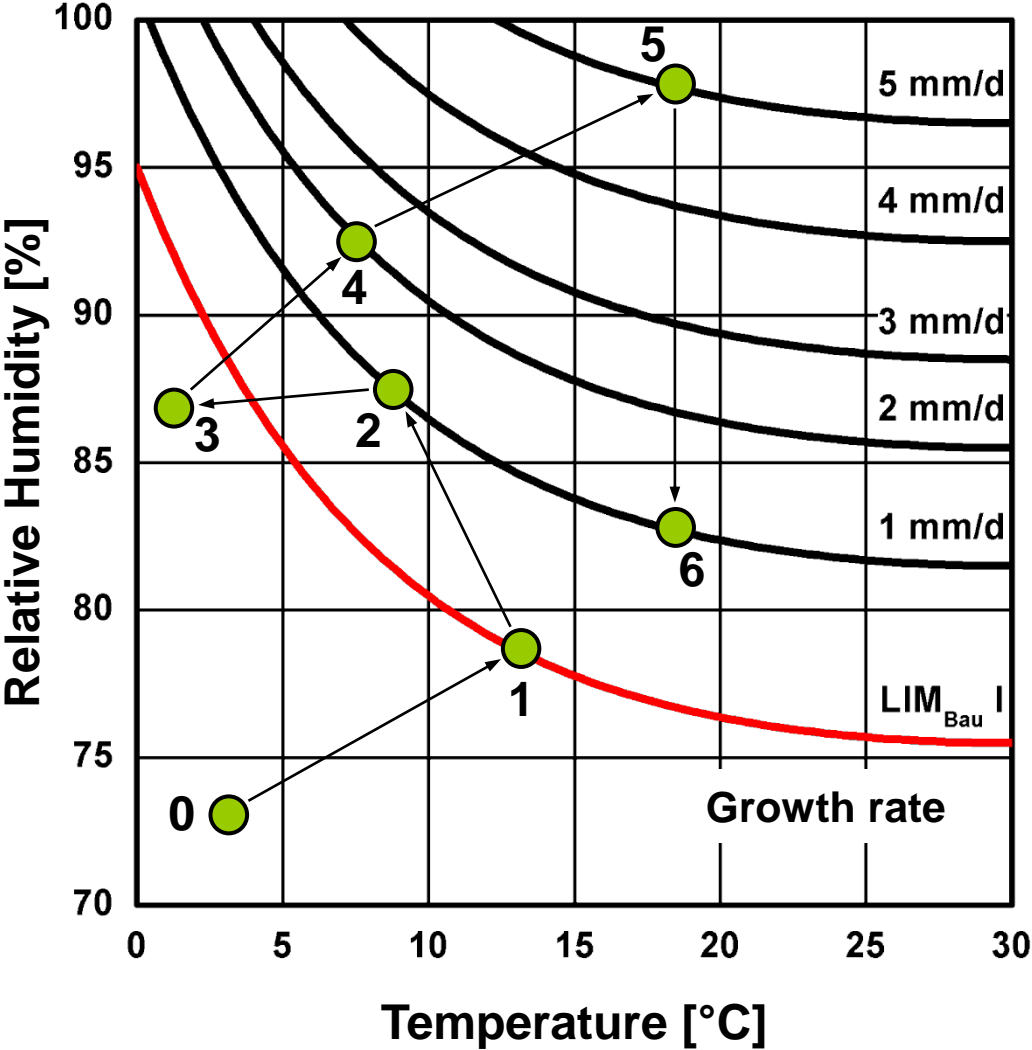
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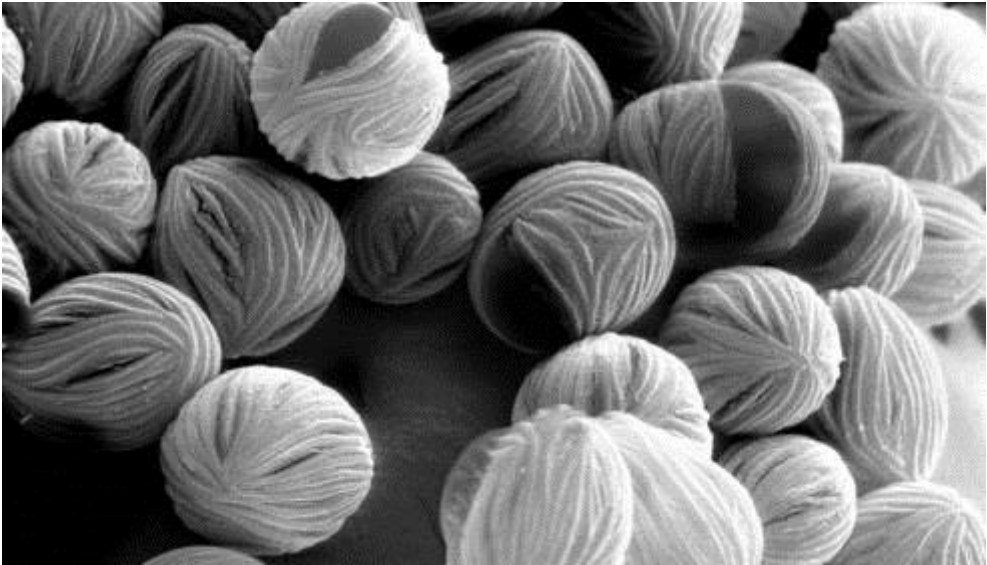
## Transient conditions

Steady state model for transient conditions ?!

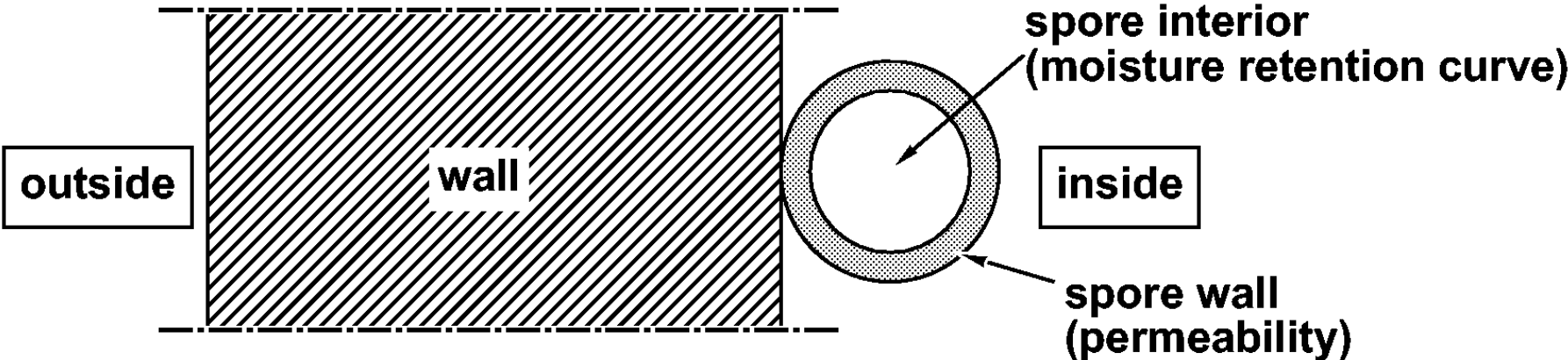


# Dynamic Model

Dynamic model for transient conditions



## model spore

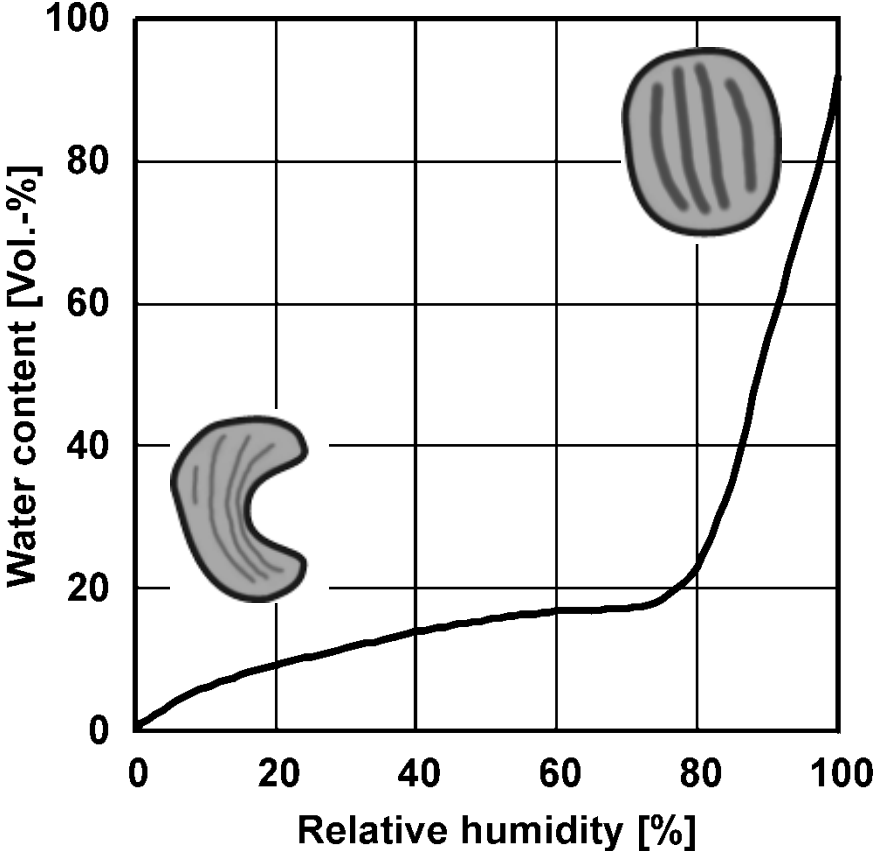




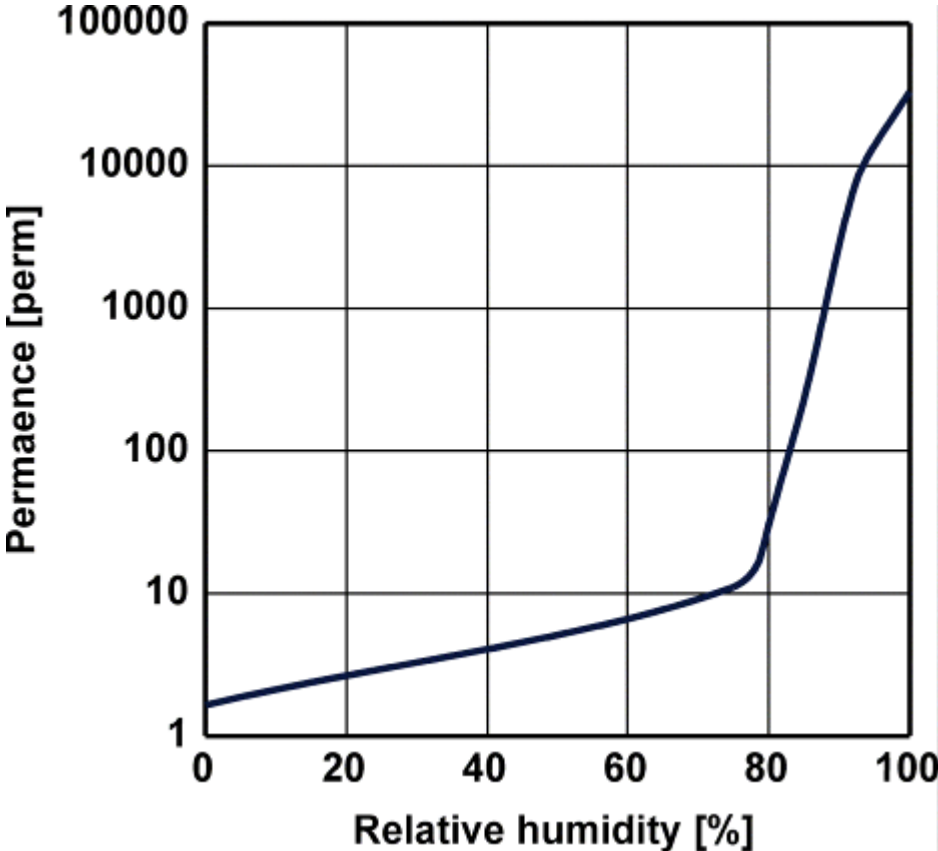
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## Model spore

### Water retention curve

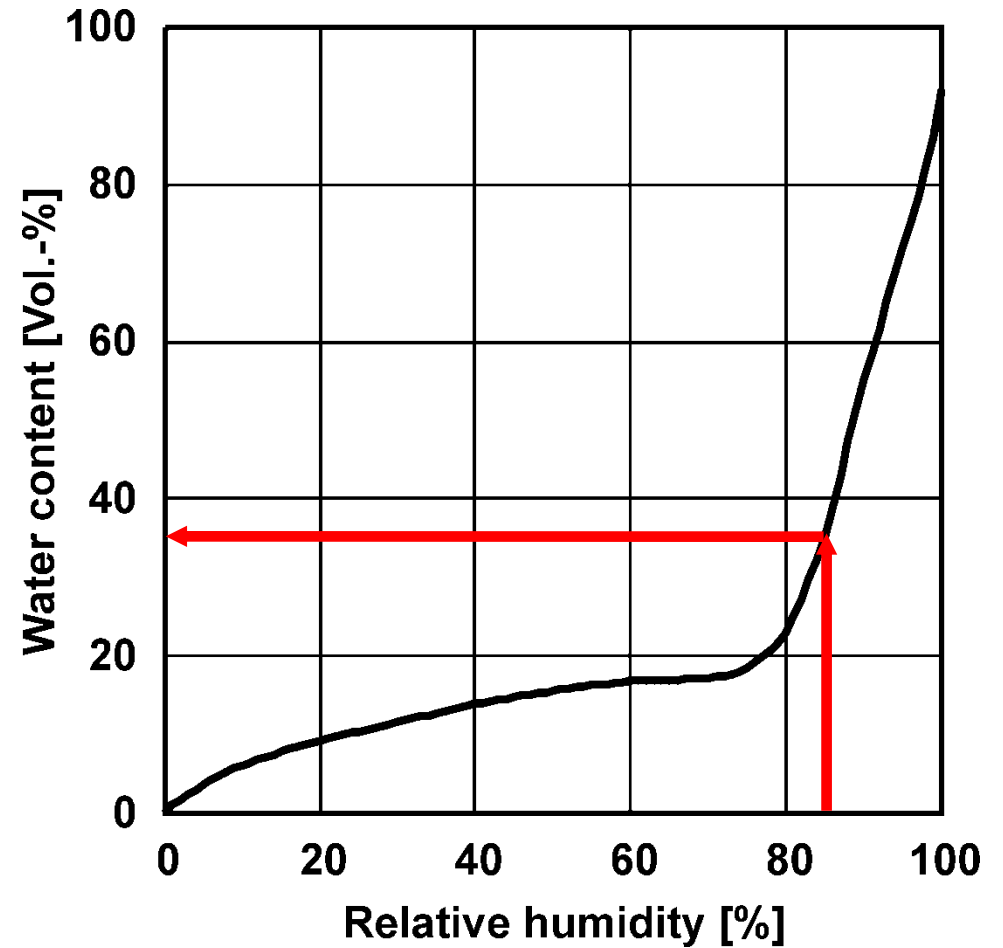
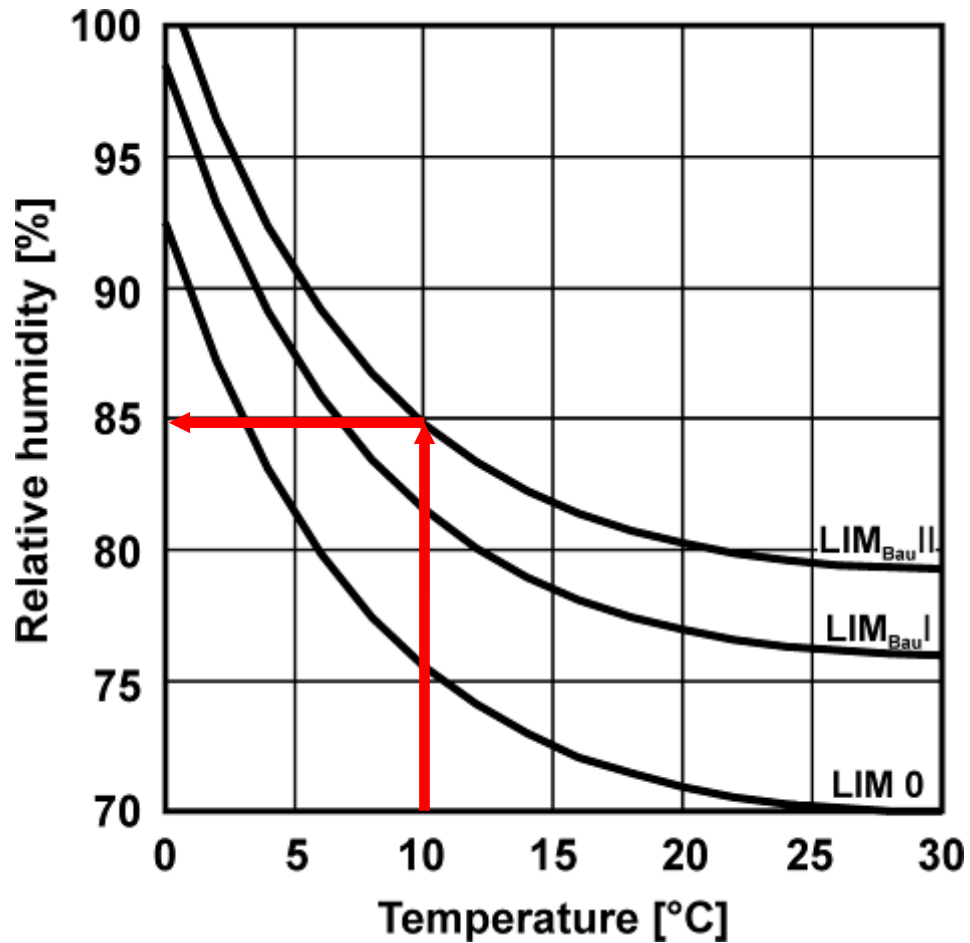


### Spore wall permeance



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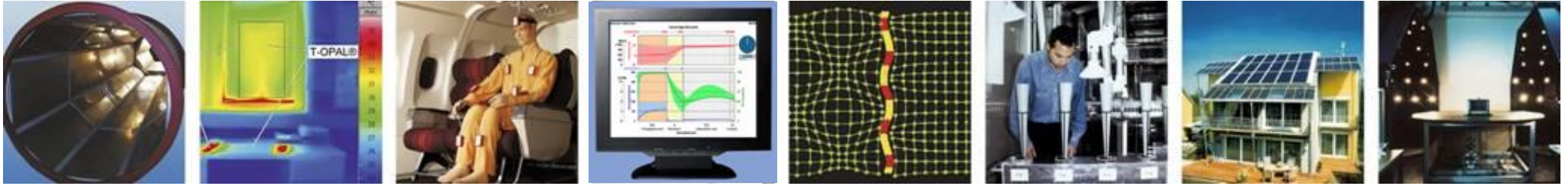
## Definition of critical spore water content for germination



# Dynamic Model

## Model assumptions of WUFI-Bio

Factor	Real life	WUFI-Bio
Humidity & Temperature	determining factors	critical water content = $f(\varphi, \theta)$
Time	strong influence	germination, growth rate = $f(t)$
Substrate	availability of nutrients, (concentration of growth inhibiting chemicals)	LIM 0, LIM 1, LIM 2 material specific isopleths
pH-Value	high pH is toxic	not accounted for
Spore dissemination	spores are ubiquitous in air	spores are assumed to be present
Lethal conditions	high and low temp. or low RH may be lethal	decline not yet accounted for  >> evaluation should be confined to 12 month starting anytime within the simulated period



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