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Seminar 15 - Occupant-centric Control Technologies: Assessing Comfort, Energy Use and Cost Tradeoffs

Personalized Comfort Modeling for Occupant-centric Environmental Control

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Indoor Environmental Quality survey





How satisfied are you with the temperature of your workspace?



Karmann, Schiavon, Arens 2018 Percentage of commercial buildings showing at least 80% occupant satisfied with their thermal comfort

Building occupant satisfaction



CBE survey on 351 bldg. and 52,980 occupants

Frontczak, Schiavon et al. 2011 Occupant satisfaction and IEQ Indoor Air

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Temperature satisfaction for radiant vs. all-air systems

Radiant and all-air spaces have equal indoor environmental quality with a tendency towards improved temperature satisfaction in radiant buildings





Climatic chamber thermal comfort study in Denmark

How accurate is the PMV-PPD model?

PMV predicted thermal sensation correctly only one out of three times

PMV had a mean absolute error of one unit on the thermal sensation scale



Cheung, Schiavon, Parkinson, Li, Brager (2019) Analysis of the accuracy on PMV – PPD model using the ASHRAE Global Thermal Comfort Database II





Desk fan, foot warmer, heated and cooled chair

Energy savings





500 - 1500 W

2-100 W

Energy savings

Wider dead band reduces HVAC energy 7-15% per degree C



Schiavon and Melikov 2008 <u>Energy saving and air movement</u> Energy and Buildings Hoyt et al. 2015 <u>Extending air temperature setpoints</u> Building and Environment

Personal comfort systems and models



Modified from Kim, Schiavon, Brager 2018 Personal comfort models - a new paradigm in thermal comfort Building and Environment

Personal comfort model is a new approach to thermal comfort modeling that predicts individuals' thermal comfort responses, instead of the average response of a large population

PCM could be based on:

- Environmental sensors
- Occupant feedback & behavior
- Physiological parameters



Kim, Schiavon, Brager 2018 Personal comfort models - a new paradigm in thermal comfort Building and Environment | Imagine: comfyapp.com and nest.com

Environmental sensors





Gall, Cheung, Luhung, Schiavon, Nazaroff 2016 Real-time monitoring of personal exposures to carbon dioxide Building and Environment

Occupant behavior with chair







Kim et al 2018 Personal comfort models: predicting individuals' thermal preference using occupant heating and cooling behavior and machine learning B&E

Occupant behavior with chair







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Physiological parameters



Liu, Ming, Das, Schiavon, Spanos (2018) Personal thermal comfort models based on physiological parameters measured by wearable sensors.

Physiological parameters



Liu, Ming, Das, Spanos, Schiavon (2019) Developing personal thermal comfort models with wearable sensors

Modeling process



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Conclusions

- Personal comfort models produce individual-specific and contextrelevant predictions.
- They improve predictive power compared to PMV, Adaptive.
- The proposed framework provide a unified approach to develop and evaluate personal comfort models.
- Personal comfort models can be integrated into real-world systems (buildings, vehicles, aircraft, etc.) to enable intelligent comfort management.

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