

Industry Advisory Board Meeting: October 21-22, 2021

Thursday, October 21, 8:15 am-4:45 pm PDT

Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley: 2495 Bancroft Way and also Virtual via Zoom

Open to Industry Partners, Invited Research Affiliates, and Guests

8:15 am Registration and Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on the patio.

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Morning Session: HVAC Innovations

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9:00 am Welcome and Logistics

9:20 am



Digitizing Buildings with BRICK to Enable Portable Analytics, Modeling and Controls

Carlos Duarte, PhD, and Ruiji Sun, PhD Student

Learn about Brick, a metadata schema to standardize semantic descriptions of the physical, logical and virtual assets in buildings and the relationships between them. We will also showcase example applications, including a controls application in a real building, facilitated with Brick.

9:50 am



Using Infrared Sensors to Measure and Improve Thermal Comfort
Hui Zhang, PhD

We are investigating how to save energy and improve comfort using smart sensors to detect skin temperatures to inform HVAC operation. This presentation will show results for closed-loop HVAC controls in human subject tests, and preliminary insights from field studies.

9:55 am



Designer Interviews: Boiler Retrofits and Electrification in Existing Buildings

Emily Lamon, MS Student

With the rapidly growing interest in building electrification, we investigated the challenges posed by existing buildings to this goal. Interviews with mechanical designers help us understand heating hot water retrofits in existing commercial buildings and the challenges and opportunities they offer.

10:30 am Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm: Mid-Morning Session: New Guidance and Tools

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11:05 am



Overcooling of Offices Reveals Gender Inequality in Thermal Comfort
Thomas Parkinson, PhD

We used two large datasets — the CBE Occupant Survey and Twitter — from U.S. office buildings to learn that overcooling is a widespread issue that disproportionately affects women.

11:30 am



Cal-EPE Hub: Laboratory Testing of PCS and Advanced Thermostats
Fred Bauman, PE, FASHRAE

Update on laboratory testing program to provide practical performance data for inclusion in an online buyer's guide for energy efficient technologies. Results will be shown for personal comfort systems (PCS) and advanced thermostats.

11:55 am



CBE Tool Development
Paul Raftery, PhD

Over the years the CBE research team has developed a number of useful online tools for indoor environmental analysis and system design. We will present updates on new features, how to access and utilize these resources, and describe benefits offered by our most-used tools.

12:15 pm **Lunch**

Lunch will be served on the patio.

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm: Keynote and Afternoon Session: Workplace Performance

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1:30 pm **Keynote Presentation and Q&A**

More information coming soon.

2:20 pm



View Access Index Development: An Experiment Using Virtual Reality
Won Hee Ko, PhD

We assessed the effects of window view variables on workplace satisfaction using a virtual reality environment. Window-to-wall ratio and the visual field occupied by window view are the primary variables for satisfaction of view access. We will present a view access index and further study needs.

2:40 pm



The Effect of Indoor Temperature on Office Work Performance: A Meta-analysis of 35 Studies
Stefano Schiavon, PhD

We reviewed the literature and found 35 studies on the effects of temperature on office work performance. We did not find a relationship between them, and therefore we do not recommend the use of such models in practice.

3:05 pm



Acoustical Intervention Study in Wurster Hall
Diego Hernandez, Salter

This presentation will include a live audio demonstration (also available to online participants via recording) from a speech intelligibility field study. These findings are valuable for informing the design of teleconferencing spaces.

3:30 pm **Break**

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Breakout Table Topics HYBRID

4:00 pm Breakout Table Topics and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

Small group discussions about specific topic areas and TACs.

4:35 pm Closing Remarks

4:45 pm End of Thursday session

5:00 pm Cocktail Hour and Dinner at the Berkeley City Club

2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley

Friday, October 22, 10:00 am-11:30 am PDT
Executive Session, Virtual Only

Open to Industry Partner Representatives (two per supporting firm or team; one for small business partners)

10:00 am Welcome and Announcements

- Director's message
- Overview of 2022-23 new research directions
- Remarks from Partner Chair and Vice-Chair

10:30 am Focus Groups to Discuss Proposed Research Portfolio

More information coming soon.

11:15 am Recap of Focus Groups and Closing Statements

11:30 am Conclude