

## High Performance Buildings and Occupant Comfort

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## Hypothesis

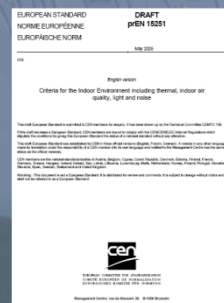
Engineering problems are under defined, there are many solutions, good, bad and indifferent. The art is to arrive at a good solution. This is a creative activity, involving imagination, intuition and deliberate choice.

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## Thermal Comfort Standards



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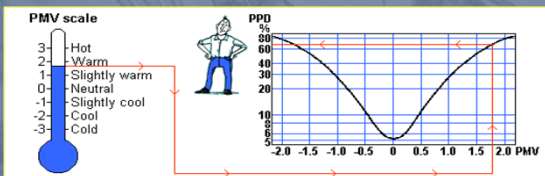
## Thermal Comfort Standards



## Definitions

- *percent dissatisfied (PD)*: percentage of people predicted to be dissatisfied due to local discomfort.
- *predicted mean vote (PMV)*: an index that predicts the mean value of the votes of a large group of persons on the seven-point thermal sensation scale.
- *predicted percentage of dissatisfied (PPD)*: an index that establishes a quantitative prediction of the percentage of thermally dissatisfied people determined from PMV.

## Thermal Comfort



- 1) Metabolic rate.
- 2) Clothing insulation.
- 3) Air temperature.
- 4) Radiant temperature
- 5) Air speed.
- 6) Humidity

## Thermal Comfort Calculations

The PMV is given by the following equations:

$$PMV = (0.305e^{-0.166PMV} + 0.028)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (M - W) - 3.05 \cdot 10^{-4} (5733 - 6.99(M - W) - p_a) - 0.42((M - W) - 58.15) \\ - 1.7 \cdot 10^{-4} M (5867 - p_a) - 0.0014M(34 - t_a) \\ - 3.96 \cdot 10^{-8} f_{cl} (t_{cl} + 273)^2 - (t_a + 273)^2 - f_{cl} h_c (t_{cl} - t_a) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$t_{cl} = 35.7 - 0.028(M - W) - I_{cl} [3.96 \cdot 10^{-8} f_{cl} (t_{cl} + 273)^2 - (t_a + 273)^2 - f_{cl} h_c (t_{cl} - t_a)]$$

$$h_c = 2.38(t_{cl} - t_a)^{0.25} \text{ for } 2.38(t_{cl} - t_a)^{0.25} > 12.1\sqrt{v_w}$$

$$= 12.1\sqrt{v_w} \text{ for } 2.38(t_{cl} - t_a)^{0.25} < 12.1\sqrt{v_w}$$

$$f_{cl} = 1.00 - 1.200I_{cl} \text{ for } I_{cl} < 0.078\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}W^{-1}$$

$$= 1.05 + 0.545I_{cl} \text{ for } I_{cl} > 0.078\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K}W^{-1}$$

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### THERMAL COMFORT AND OPTIMAL ENERGY USE

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## PMV Optimization

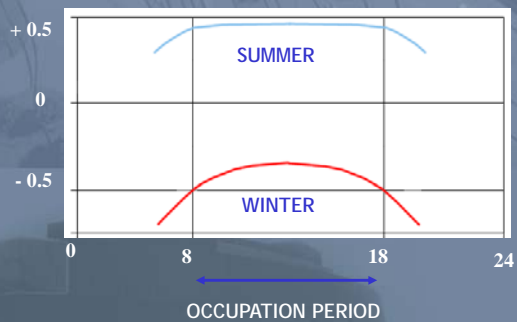
Mathematically, the optimization problem is stated as follows:

$$J = \sum_{k=1}^K (R(k) + P^*(PMV_z(k), f(k)))$$

for all  $(k)$  with respect to  $PMV_z(k)$  ( $k = 1, K$ ) subject to

$$PMV_{zmin}(K) \leq PMV_z(K) \leq PMV_{zmax}(K).$$

## PMV OPTIMISATION



Many engineers are involved in LEED submissions;



### EQ Credit 6.2: Controllability of Systems: Thermal Comfort

Requirements

- Provide individual comfort controls for 50% (minimum) of the building occupants to enable adjustments to suit individual task needs and preferences.

Operable windows can be used in lieu of comfort controls for occupants of areas that are 20 feet inside of and 10 feet to either side of the operable part of the window. The areas of operable window must meet the requirements of ASHRAE 62.1-2010 paragraph 5.1 Natural Ventilation.

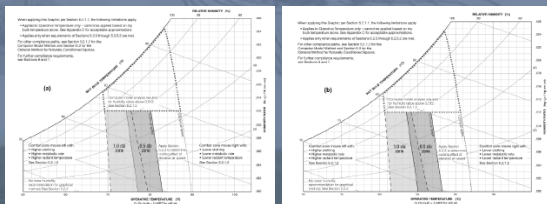
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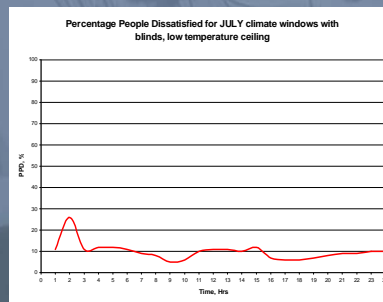
- Provide comfort system controls for all shared multi-occupant spaces to enable adjustments to suit group needs and preferences.
- Conditions for thermal comfort are described in ASHRAE Standard 55-2010 to include the primary factors of air temperature, radiant temperature, air speed and humidity. Comfort system control for the purposes of this credit is defined as the provision of control over at least one of these primary factors in the occupant's local environment.

### EQ Credit 7.1: Thermal Comfort Design

Figure 5.2.1.1 The Graphic Comfort Zone Method: Acceptable range of operative temperature and humidity for spaces that meet the criteria specified in Section 5.2.1.1 (1.1 met, 0.5 and 1.0 clo)—(a) I-P and (b) SI.



### EQ Credit 7.1: Thermal Comfort Design



**EQ Credit 7.1:  
Thermal Comfort: Design**

Requirements

- Design HVAC systems and the building envelope to meet the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 55-2010, Thermal Comfort Conditions for Human Occupancy. Demonstrate design compliance in accordance with the Section 6.1.1 Documentation.

**EQ Credit 7.1:  
Thermal Comfort: Design**

system	Temperature control	Humidity control	Air		MRT Compensation	PPD control	PMV Control
			velocity Control	Control			
heating only - baseboard	Y	N	N		N	N	N
Heating + Natural Ventilation	Y	N	N		N	N	N
Heating + Mechanical Ventilation	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N
Heating + Mechanical Ventilation + Top Cooling	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N
VAV with terminal re-heat	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N
VAV with Baseboard Heating	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N
Air - Water Induction Unit	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N
Fan Coils	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N
Radiant Panel Heating	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y
Radiant Panel Cooling	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y
Radiant Floor Heating	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y
Radiant Floor Cooling	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y
mechanical ventilation with radiant panels							
heating	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
cooling	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
mechanical ventilation with radiant floor							
heating	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
cooling	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y

**EQ Credit 7.2: Thermal Comfort:  
Verification**

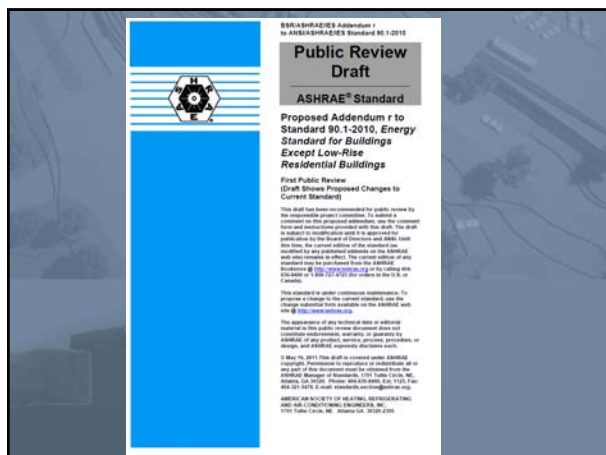
Requirements

- Agree to implement a thermal comfort survey of building occupants within a period of six to 18 months after occupancy. This survey should collect anonymous responses about thermal comfort in the building including an assessment of overall satisfaction with thermal performance and identification of thermal comfort-related problems. Agree to develop a plan for corrective action if the survey results indicate that more than 20% of occupants are dissatisfied with thermal comfort in the building. This plan should include measurement of relevant environmental variables in problem areas in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 55-2010.

**ASHRAE 55-2004 7.6.2.1 Survey Occupants**  
(for comparison, not required for LEED survey)

- 80% of occupants comfortable
- Every operating mode (heating, cooling, etc.)
- Every design condition (hottest day, coldest day, partial loading conditions, etc.)
- Occupant Data:
  - Occupant's name, date, and time
  - Approximate outside air temperature
  - Clear sky/overcast (if applicable)
  - Seasonal conditions
  - Occupant's clothing
  - Occupant's activity level
  - Applicable equipment
  - General thermal comfort level
  - Occupant's location





## ASHRAE 90.1 addendum R

- **Temperature and Humidity Schedules.** Temperature and humidity control setpoints and schedules as well as *temperature control throttling range* shall be the same for *proposed and baseline building designs*.
- **HVAC Fan Schedules.** Schedules for HVAC fans that provide outdoor air for ventilation shall run continuously whenever spaces are occupied and shall be cycled on and off to meet heating and cooling loads during unoccupied hours.
- **Baseline Design**
- **Same as Proposed Design**
- **Exceptions:**
  1. Setpoints and schedules for HVAC systems that automatically provide occupant thermal comfort via means other than directly controlling the air dry bulb and wet bulb temperature may be allowed to differ provided that equivalent levels of occupant thermal comfort are demonstrated via the methodology in Appendix D-Computer Program for Calculation of PMV-PPD of Standard 55.
  2. Schedules may be allowed to differ between *proposed design* and *baseline building design* when necessary to model nonstandard *efficiency* measures, provided that the revised schedules have the approval of the *rating authority*. Measures that may warrant use of different schedules include, but are not limited to, *automatic* lighting controls, *automatic* natural ventilation controls, *automatic* demand control ventilation controls, and *automatic* controls that reduce service water heating loads. In no case shall schedules differ where the controls are manual (e.g., manual operation of light switches or manual operation of windows).

## Strange Facts

- When glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles per hour. To photograph the event, a camera must shoot at a millionth of a second!

## How windows influence comfort

**Long wave radiation exchange is the dominant mechanism by which windows influence thermal comfort.**

**Solar radiation absorbed by the window influences thermal comfort by increasing the interior window surface temperature. Transmitted solar radiation that reaches the body will have a significant impact on comfort.**

**A cold inside surface temperature can induce a convective draft in a room.**

### View factor

The view factor is a function of window size, room geometry, and occupant location

View factor is used to quantify the amount of radiation energy leaving the body that reaches the window.

View factor is increased by moving closer to the window.

View factor is increased with a larger window.

### Window to wall ratio (WWR)

WWR 20%

WWR 40%

WWR 100%

### Example Simulation Geometry

- 100% Window to wall ratio (WWR)
- Occupant sitting 1 meter from the window
- 30 ft x 30 ft x 10 ft room

Idealized uniform window temperature  
30 ft  
3 ft  
30 ft

### Spatial distribution of comfort

75°F inside air temperature  
104°F inside window surface temperature, single tinted glass, ASHRAE summer condition

WWR = 100%

Overall Comfort (ASHRAE)

WWR = 40%


Overall Comfort (ASHRAE)

WWR = 20%


Overall Comfort (ASHRAE)

■ Comfortable  
■ Just comfortable  
■ Uncomfortable

### Window geometry impacts



Window on one side,  
Local comfort = -1.3\*



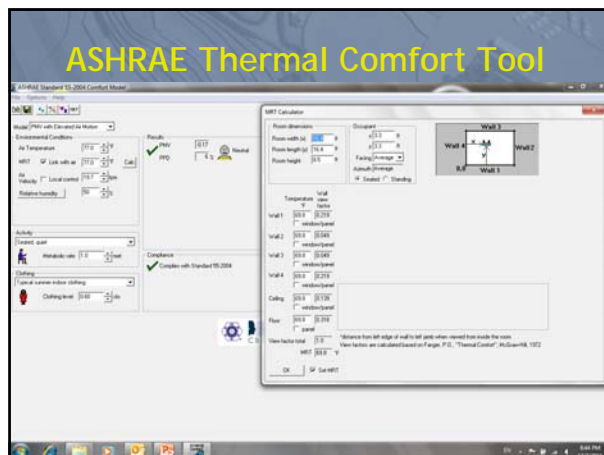
Windows on two sides,  
Local comfort = -2.5\*

\* -4 (very uncomfortable) to +4 (very comfortable) scale

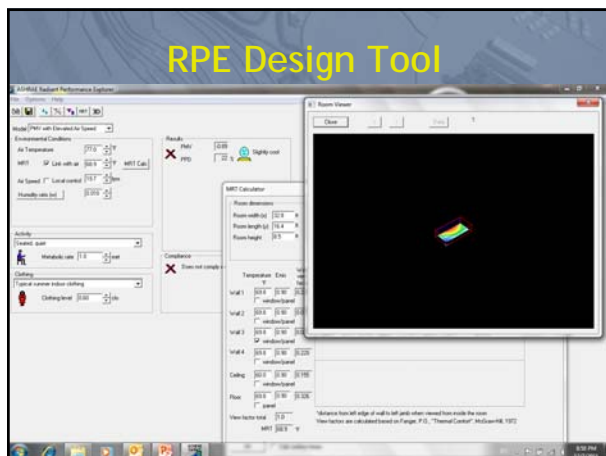
2000mm x 1800mm  
Single-glazed, aluminum frame  
NFRC winter condition  
1m away from the window

These two examples show that two rooms with the same window area and window types, but with a different geometry, can have significantly different comfort.

### ASHRAE Thermal Comfort Tool



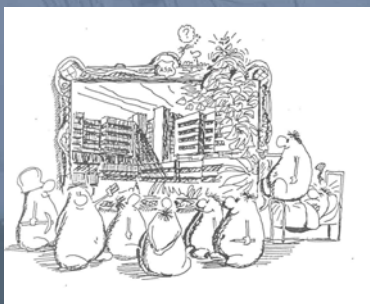
### RPE Design Tool



### Strange Facts

- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds!

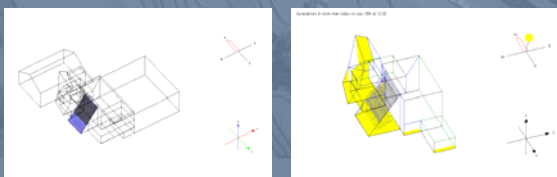
### What applications are suitable for Occupant Comfort?



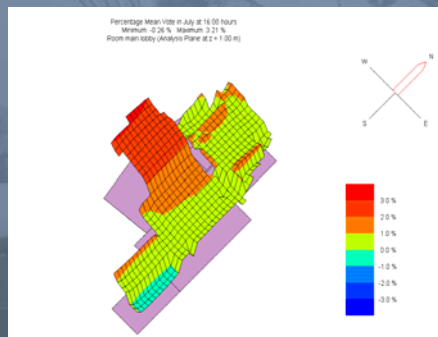
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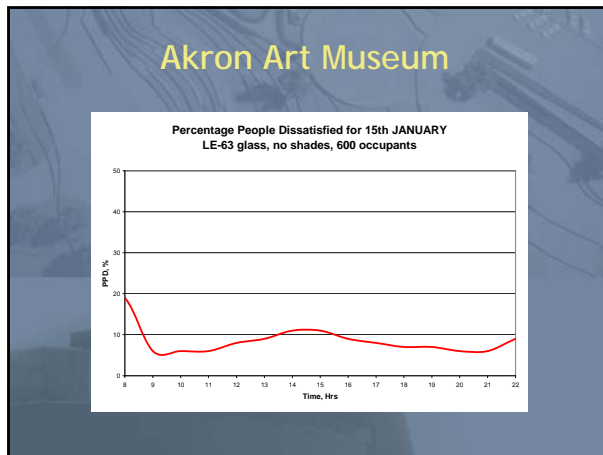
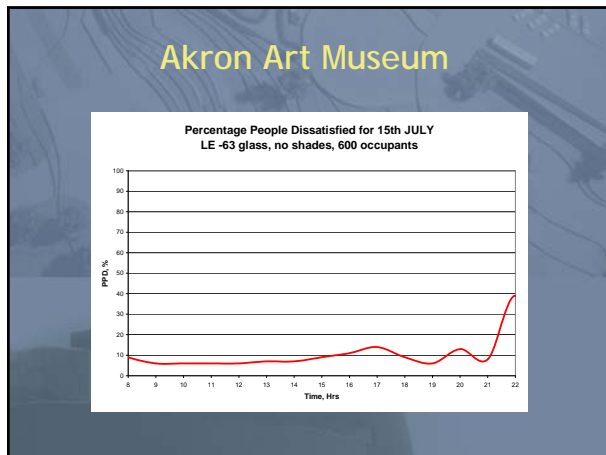


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### Strange Facts

- A Boeing 747 airliner holds 57,285 gallons of fuel

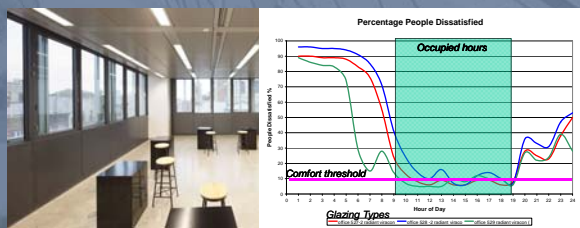
### Will it work?



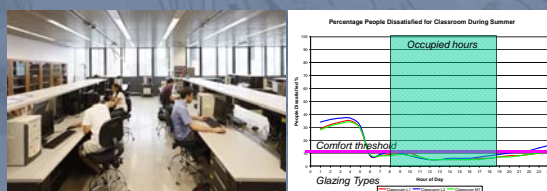
### The Cooper Union – A Living Skin



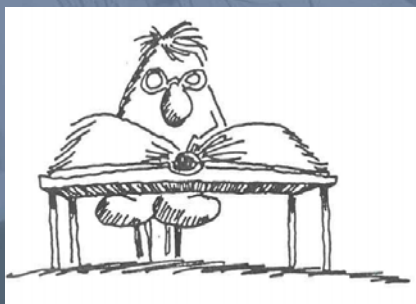
### PPD Results – Different Rooms



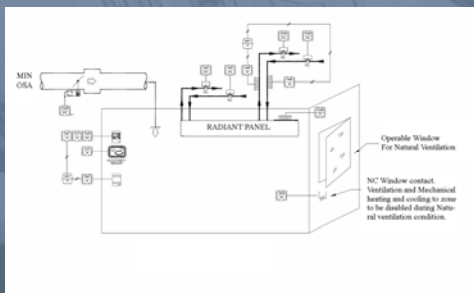
### PPD Results: Classrooms (summer)



## Overall Control strategies?



## Space Control System



## Cooper Union



## Strange Facts

- It's illegal to drink beer out of a bucket while you're sitting on a curb in St. Louis!

## Lessons Learned

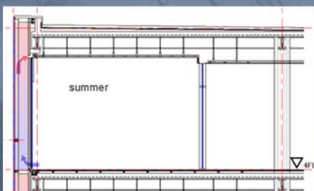


## The Building

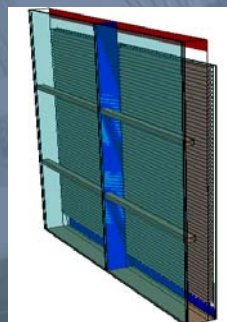
The tower is Class A complex office building,  
 below grade 6 levels,  
 above grade 71 levels,  
 building elevation 309.4m,  
 above grade building area is 169,243m<sup>2</sup>,  
 below grade building area is 45,112m<sup>2</sup>.

## DOUBLE SKIN FAÇADE

- Determine suitability of glazing
- Evaluate optimal blind strategy
- Identify ventilation strategy
- Quantify cavity flow rates
- Underfloor Air Distribution
- Radiant Cooling
- Assess impact on offices

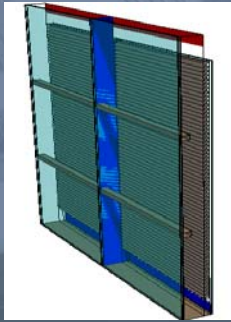


## The Problem, Part 1



- The glazing elements were calculated as independent units, i.e. free hanging in a space and not associated the building.

### The Problem, Part 2



- The convective and radiant heat gains through the glazing system were 'lumped' together to provide a maximum load to the space of 160 W/m<sup>2</sup>

### The Problem solved, part 1



- The local design institute proposed to install perimeter fan coil units to compensate for the 'high' perimeter load from the glazing system

### The Problem solved, part 2



- The fan coil unit would be operated by a temperatures sensor located on the glazing.
- When the surface temperature of the glass reached 36C the fan coil would be operated!

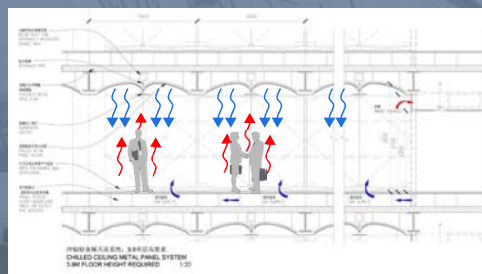
### Pearl River-Typical floor



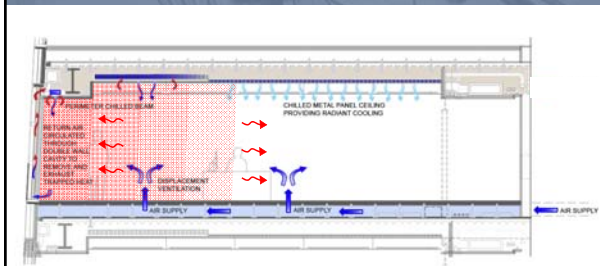
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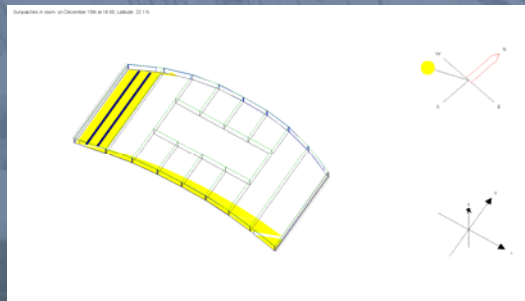
### RADIANT CEILING WITH UFAD

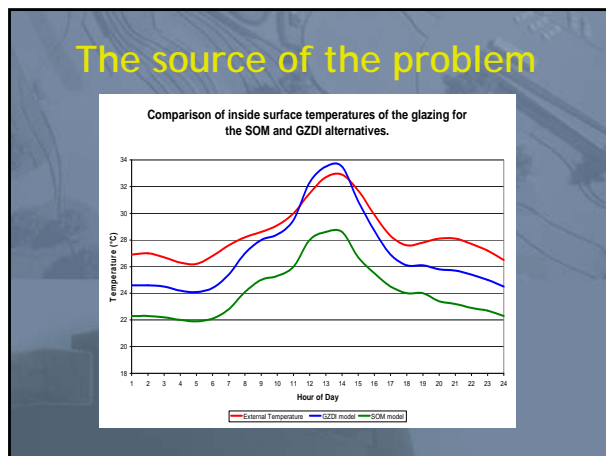
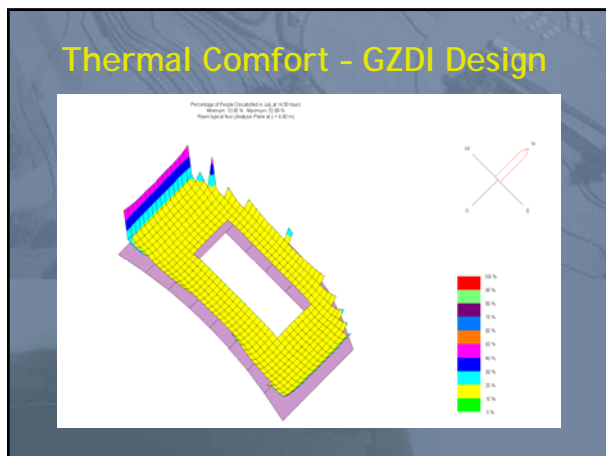
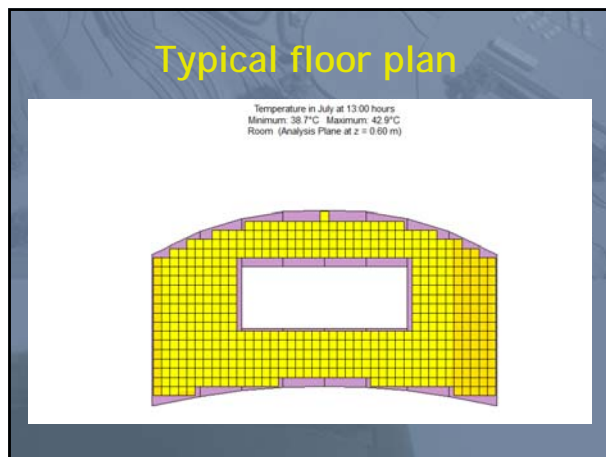
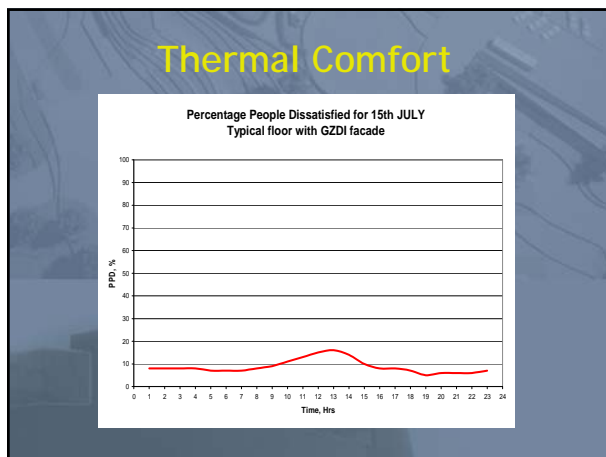


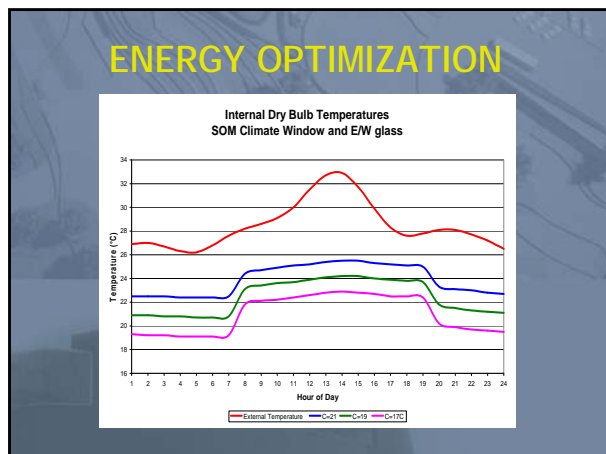
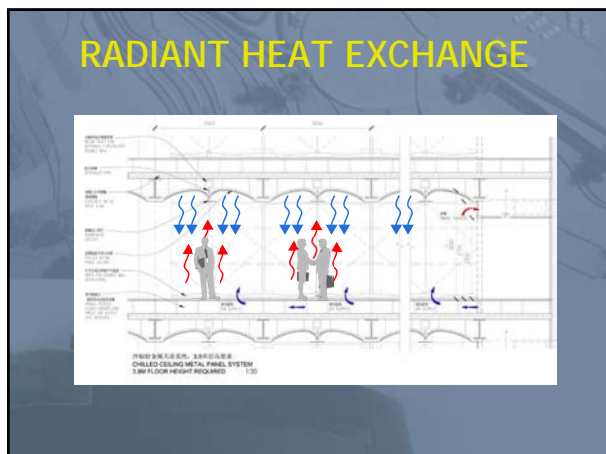
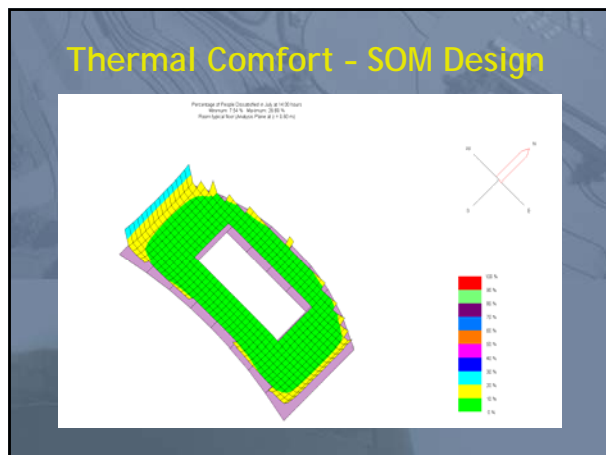
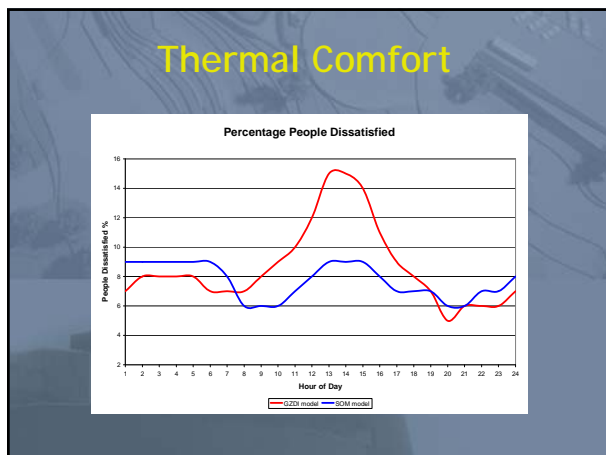
### "INSIDE - OUT" RETURN AIR PATHS



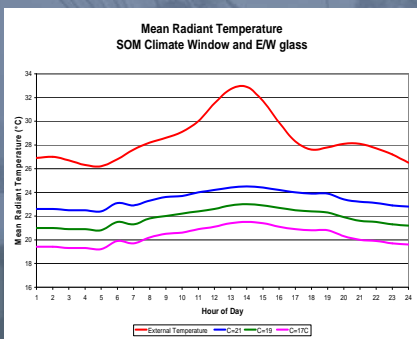
### Solar Radiation







## ENERGY OPTIMIZATION



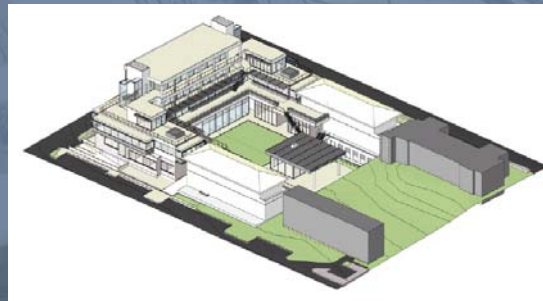
## Electrical Use

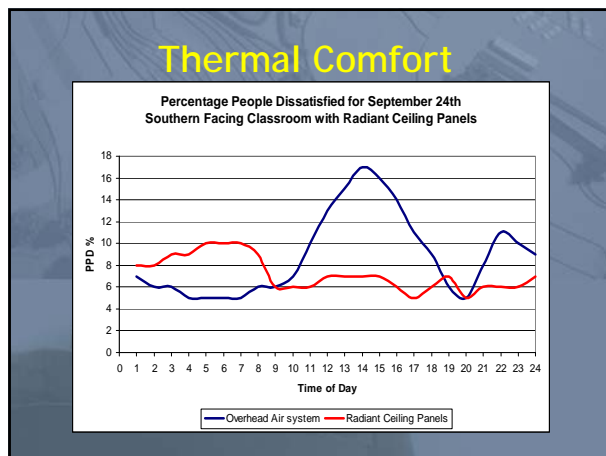
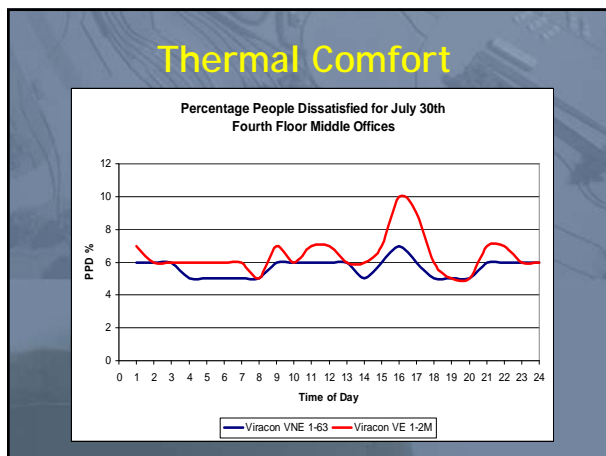
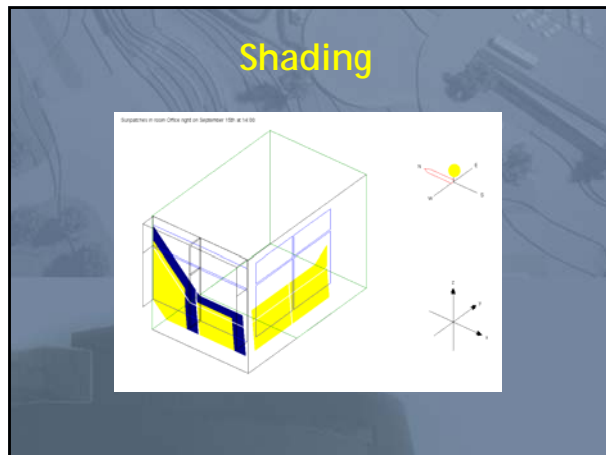
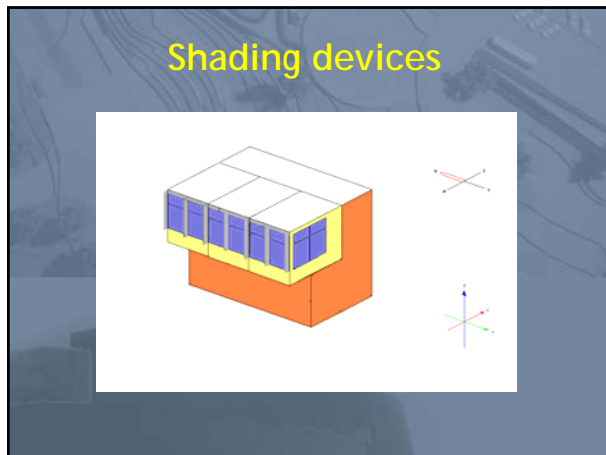
Electrical End-use Totals (kWh)									
Alternative	Lights	Equip.	Cooling	Tower	Pumps	Fans	Ext. Lights	Total	difference
Energy code model	11,018,820	7,669,796	7,442,374	3,149,994	668,473	4,159,840	424,998	34,534,300	
SOM model	5,705,439	7,701,318	2,954,554	460,101	54,892	633,896	424,998	17,935,200	48.07%
GZDI model	6,797,416	7,673,057	3,716,758	496,234	64,083	1,107,307	424,998	20,279,860	41.28%

## Strange Facts

- Windmills always turn counter-clockwise. Except for the windmills in Ireland!

## Claremont McKenna College





### Typical Office



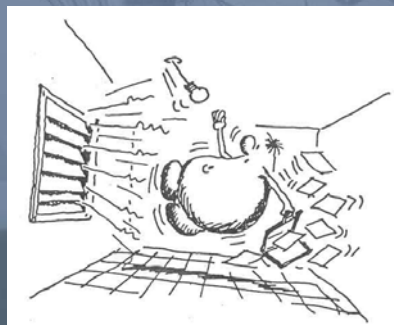
### Typical Classroom



### Previous Designs: New Los Angeles Federal Courthouse

Activity Level: 1 Clothing Level: 1 Air Velocity: 0.20m/s	Activity Level: 2 Clothing Level: 1 Air Velocity: 0.20m/s	Activity Level: 1 Clothing Level: 2 Air Velocity: 0.20m/s	Activity Level: 2 Clothing Level: 2 Air Velocity: 0.20m/s
PMV Comfort Distribution between 8:00 and 16:00		PMV Comfort Distribution between 8:00 and 16:00	
BAND	Frequency	BAND	Frequency
PMV < -3.0	1	PMV < -3.0	0
-3.0 =< PMV < -2.5	86	-3.0 =< PMV < -2.5	0
-2.5 =< PMV < -2.0	94	-2.5 =< PMV < -2.0	0
-2.0 =< PMV < -1.5	61	-2.0 =< PMV < -1.5	108
-1.5 =< PMV < -1.0	82	-1.5 =< PMV < -1.0	88
-1.0 =< PMV < -0.5	12	-1.0 =< PMV < -0.5	106
-0.5 =< PMV < 0.0	2	-0.5 =< PMV < 0.0	23
0.0 =< PMV < 0.5	2	0.0 =< PMV < 0.5	3
0.5 =< PMV < 1.0	0	0.5 =< PMV < 1.0	1
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2.5 =< PMV < 3.0	0	2.5 =< PMV < 3.0	0
PMV >= 3.0	0	PMV >= 3.0	0

### Natural Ventilation, Adaptive Comfort



### 5.3 Optional Method for Determining Acceptable Thermal Conditions in Naturally Conditioned Spaces

For the purposes of this standard, occupant-controlled naturally conditioned spaces are those spaces where the thermal conditions of the space are regulated primarily by the occupants through opening and closing of windows. Field experiments have shown that occupants' thermal responses in such spaces depend in part on the outdoor climate and may differ from thermal responses in buildings with centralized HVAC systems primarily because of the different thermal experiences, changes in clothing, availability of control, and shifts in occupant expectations. This optional method is intended for such spaces.

### 5.3 Optional Method for Determining Acceptable Thermal Conditions in Naturally Conditioned Spaces

In order for this optional method to apply, the space in question must be equipped with operable windows that open to the outdoors and can be readily opened and adjusted by the occupants of the space. There must be no mechanical cooling system for the space (e.g., refrigerated air conditioning, radiant cooling, or desiccant cooling). Mechanical ventilation with unconditioned air may be utilized, but opening and closing of windows must be the primary means of regulating the thermal conditions in the space. The space may be provided with a heating system, but this optional method does not apply when the heating system is in operation. It applies only to spaces where the occupants are engaged in near-sedentary physical activities, with metabolic rates ranging from 1.0 to 1.3 met. See Normative Appendix A for estimation of metabolic rates. This optional method applies only to spaces where the occupants may freely adapt their clothing to the indoor and/or outdoor thermal conditions.

### 5.3 Optional Method for Determining Acceptable Thermal Conditions in Naturally Conditioned Spaces

Figure 5.3 accounts for local thermal discomfort effects in typical buildings, so it is not necessary to address these factors when using this option. If there is reason to believe that local thermal comfort is a problem, it is acceptable to apply the criteria in Section 5.2.4.

Figure 5.3 also accounts for people's clothing adaptation in naturally conditioned spaces by relating the acceptable range of indoor temperatures to the outdoor climate, so it is not necessary to estimate the clothing values for the space.

No humidity or air-speed limits are required when this option is used.

### ASHRAE Std 62.1-2007

- "Naturally ventilated spaces shall be permanently open to and within 8m (25ft) of operable wall or roof openings to the outdoors, the operable area of which is a minimum of 4% of the net occupiable floor area....."
- "The means to open required operable openings shall be readily accessible to the building occupants whenever the space is occupied."

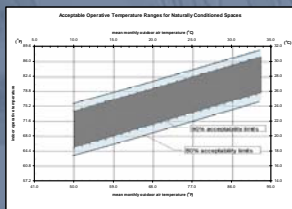
## The Development of Adaptive Comfort

- Meta-analysis (Humphreys 1975,1976)
- Auliciems (1981,1989)
- The ASHRAE model from Research Project 884 by De Dear and colleagues (1997,1998). This study had 21,000 observations from 160 buildings in 9 countries

## Summary of weighted linear regression of bin-mean thermal sensation on operative temperature (after de Dear et al 1997)

	HVAC	NV	MM
Number of buildings	109 2 missing	44 1 missing	4 None missing
Number of buildings included in the analysis	63	36	3
Mean (+/- stdev) model gradient	0.52 +/-0.248	0.27 +/-0.134	0.39 +/-0.105

## NATURAL VENTILATION THERMAL COMFORT



- According to ASHRAE Standard 55, an optional method can be used when determining acceptable thermal conditions in naturally conditioned spaces. The optional method uses a graph to show the criteria for allowable indoor operative temperatures for spaces.
- The natural ventilation comfort graph has the mean monthly outdoor temperature on the x-axis and the operative temperature on the y-axis.

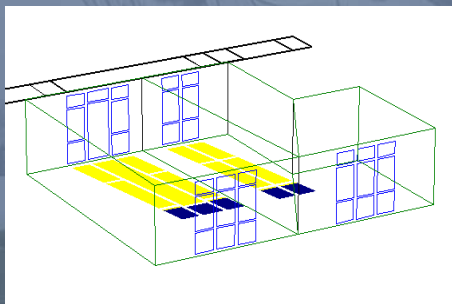
## Outdoor Design Criteria

The following parameters show the coordinates for the Student Housing. The dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures are also stated for the annual cooling and heating design conditions.

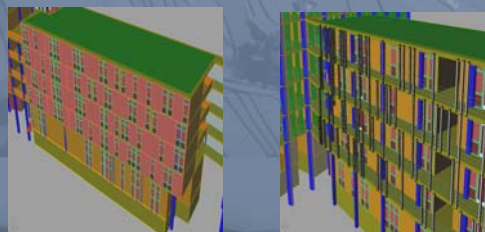
Climate Data	
Location	San Diego, CA
Latitude	32.72° N
Longitude	117.17° W
Elevation	30 ft
Outside Design Dry Bulb Temperature / Coincident Wet Bulb Temperature	84.7°F / 67.7°F
Winter Design Dry Bulb Temperature	44.8°F

The above data are based on the 0.4% summer design temperatures and winter minimum design temperatures as found in the CEC – Title 24 Appendix X.

Based on the following sun path diagrams, the solar load is more significant for the 5-story housing building than the high-rise building due to orientation and shading.



## UCSD Revelle Housing

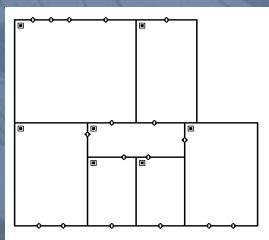


## Airflow modeling

- The layout of the simulation model was constructed in CONTAM to determine the airflow results from the outside conditions.

### Assumptions

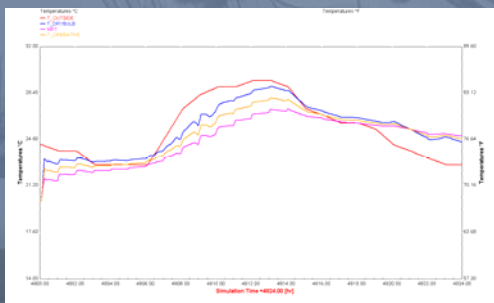
- The ventilation airflow was determined for Aug 5th (design day) and was then used as the fixed ventilation flow in the simulation model for all days of the design month using the hourly outdoor dry bulb temperature for each day.



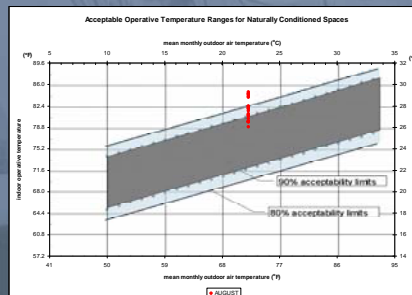
Infiltration air changes for each room. A zero infiltration means air is supplied to the room from connecting zones (doorways)



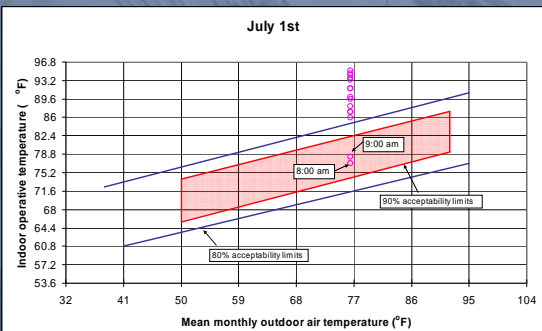
Fully Mixed Air Conditions for space - Commons



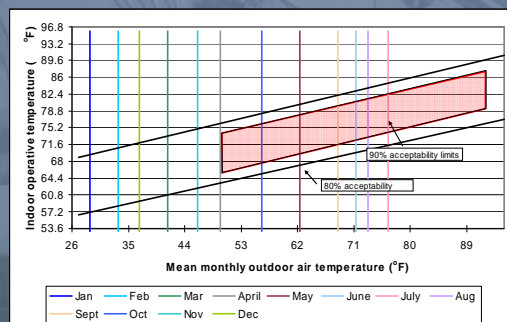
Acceptable Operative Temperature Ranges for the design day, August 5th. The mean monthly outdoor temperature is 72.2oF.



Adaptive comfort



Adaptive comfort



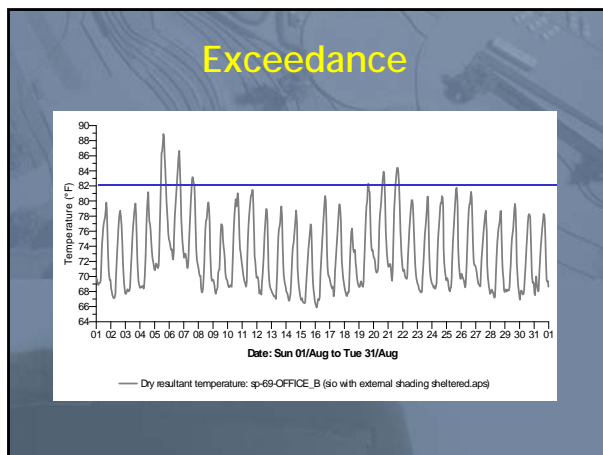
Exceedance mean — ? why should this be mean  
 How weighted Exceedance mean ( $E_{rm}$ )

$$E_{rm} = (1-\alpha) [E_o(t-1)] + \alpha E_o(t-2) + \alpha^2 E_o(t-3) + \dots + \alpha^{n-1} E_o(t-n)$$

$\alpha > 0$  is a constant between 0 and 1 which controls this part  
 Assume 0.8  
 $E_o(t)$  is the daily mean outdoor temperature for the present day  
 $E_o(t-1)$  is the daily mean outdoor temperature for the day before

Equation 1 can be reduced to  $\frac{1-\alpha^n}{1-\alpha} E_o(t-1) + \alpha^n E_{rm}(n-1)$  (2)

When  $\alpha = 0.8$   
 $E_{rm}$  is the running mean temperature for day  $n$ .  
 $E_{rm}(n)$  is the running mean temperature for day  $(n-1)$

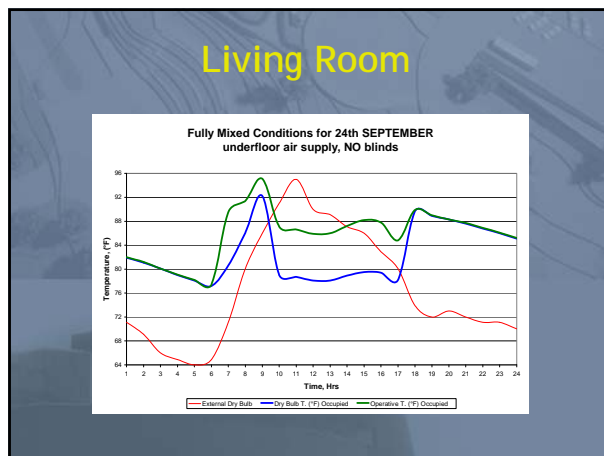
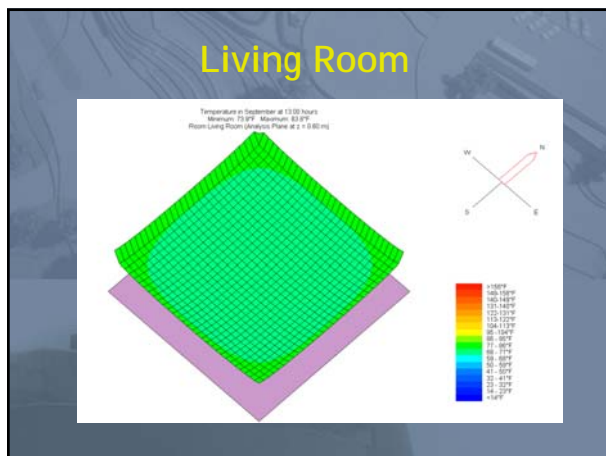
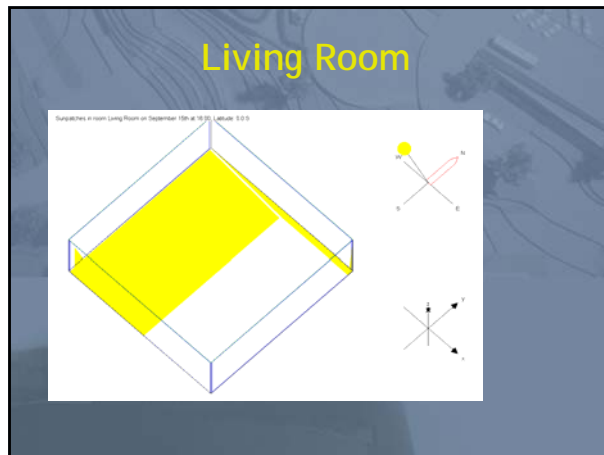
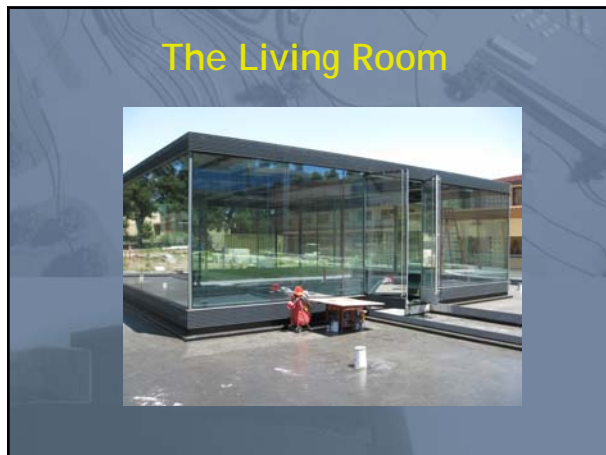


## Discussion

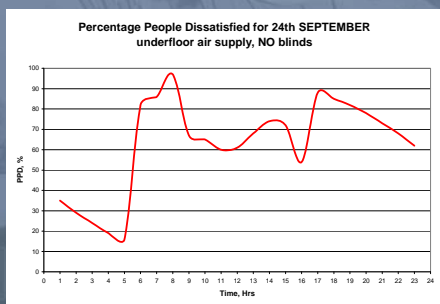
- There also follows another interesting discussion on how the natural ventilation in a space is calculated. Is this wind driven or buoyancy driven?

## Just when you think you are finished

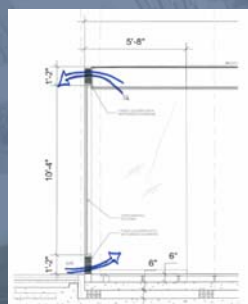
Established technology tends to persist in spite of new technology.



## Living Room



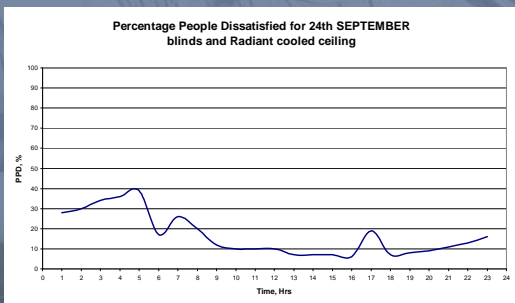
## Natural Ventilation



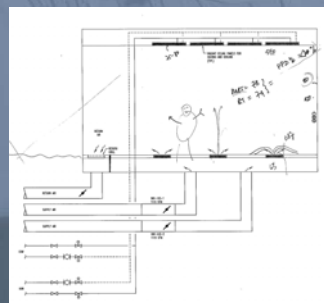
Cooler air enters at low level and the warmer air escapes through the openings.

A control sequence will open and close the dampers to modulate the inside temperatures  
And maintain comfort conditions.

## Living Room

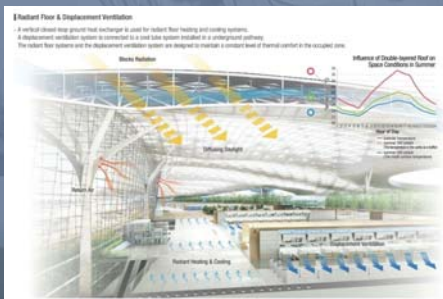


## Intelligent Building Control





## Incheon Airport, Terminal II, Korea



## The ultimate comfort clothing



## High Performance Buildings and Occupant Comfort

- If you have to ask, you're not entitled to know
- If you don't like the answer, you shouldn't have asked the question.



## On this day

- 2003 Former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein is arrested in a farmhouse near his hometown of Tikrit. Hussein had been in hiding since the Allied liberation began the previous March 20.
- 2003 Opera singer Luciano Pavarotti marries his producer Nicoletta Mantovani in the singer's hometown of Modena, Italy.
- 1999 Brazil's second effort to launch an earth satellite fails when the second stage of the rocket booster doesn't ignite; the rocket is destroyed three minutes after launch.
- 1978 Production of the Susan B. Anthony US dollar coin begins.
- 1961 American primitive artist Grandma Moses dies at age 101.
- 1947 The Maine Turnpike officially opens to traffic.
- 1941 Great Britain declares war on Bulgaria, during WWII.

## On this day

- 1928 The George Gershwin musical, An American in Paris, premieres at Carnegie Hall in New York.
- 1924 Actor Clark Gable marries his acting coach, Josephine Dillon.
- 1918 Woodrow Wilson becomes the first US president to visit France while in office.
- 1819 The town of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is incorporated.
- 1769 New Hampshire's Dartmouth College receives its charter from King George III of England.
- 1642 Dutch explorer Abel Tasman discovers New Zealand.
- 1557 Explorer Sir Francis Drake leaves England to sail around the world.

## Born on this day

- 1967 Jamie Foxx - comedian, actor
- 1954 John Anderson - country singer
- 1950 Wendie Malick - actress (Just Shoot Me)
- 1949 Tom Verlaine - guitarist, singer (Television)
- 1949 Randy Owen - guitarist, singer (Alabama)
- 1948 Ted Nugent - guitarist, singer (Damn Yankees, Amboy Dukes)
- 1948 Jeff 'Skunk' Baxter - guitarist (The Doobie Brothers, Steely Dan)

## Born on this day

- 1941 John Davidson - singer, actor
- 1929 Christopher Plummer - actor
- 1925 Dick Van Dyke - actor
- 1920 George Shultz - US Secretary of State (1982-88)
- 1910 Van Heflin - actor (Oscar® winner, 1942)
- 1903 Carlos Montoya - flamenco guitarist
- 1818 Mary Todd Lincoln - wife of 16th US president Abraham Lincoln

### Primary factors influencing window comfort


- Window geometry
- Room geometry
- Occupant location
- Glazing system
- Frame type
- Exterior conditions ( $T_{db}$ , wind, solar)
- Interior conditions ( $T_{air}$ , surface temperatures, RH, air velocity)
- Human factors (clothing, metabolic rate, location)

View factors

Window inside surface temperatures

### Local discomfort

- Most thermal comfort complaints are a result of *local* discomfort rather than overall comfort
- Windows often cause local discomfort because the longwave radiation is stronger on one side of the body
- PMV predicts overall comfort but is not able to assess local discomfort



### Comfort Model output

My leg is uncomfortable!

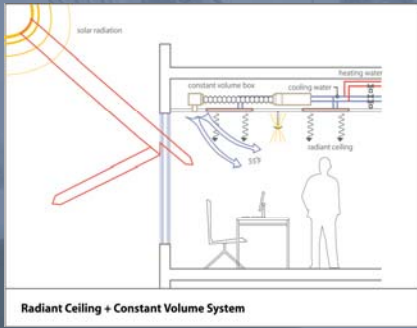
Overall, I'm warm

My hands are a bit cold

Overall, I'm fairly comfortable

The Comfort Model predicts *local* sensation and comfort as well as overall sensation and comfort.

### System



Radiant Ceiling + Constant Volume System

