Evaluation of the applicability of the quasi-steadystate overheating indicator for offices and schools



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Utilization factor for dynamic effects $\eta \sim Q_{ht}/Q_{gn} = 1/\gamma_c$ ~ thermal mass



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Summer analysis: Flanders' adoption

Flanders (Belgium)

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Input and calculation parameters of heating

Limited applicability

Fictitious cooling

 $\theta_{int} = 18^{\circ}C$ (instead of 20°C)

$$n = 1.0h^{-1}$$
 (instead of 0.7h⁻¹ or 3.0h⁻¹)

Dwellings

Penalizes the instalment of mechanical cooling afterwards



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Proposal

$$I_{overh} = \sum_{i=1}^{12} \frac{(1 - \eta_{C,gn}) \cdot Q_{C,gn}}{(H_{tr,adj} + H_{ve,adj,ext}) + H_{ve,adj,hyg})}$$

e. g. $\theta_{int} = 23^{\circ}C$

Input and calculation parameters of cooling

Additional heat transfer coefficients

Passive cooling techniques (e.g. windows, increased mechanical ventilation during daytime, night cooling)

Upper and lower bounds Reusing fictitious cooling

Extended applicability Dwellings + offices, schools

Dynamic simulations of three non-residential buildings

>1 building zone (concurring in EPB and TRNSYS)

3 quality levels (ACCeptable, GOOd, VERy good)

8 x 2 levels of internal loads (real, mean)



Comfort assessment based on dynamic simulations

Discomfort when...

Number of hours for which a PMV-value larger than 0.5 applies, exceeds 100h/year or TE(PMV>0.5)>100h/year (ISSO, 2004)

ASIEPI suggests adaptive comfort

Higher tolerance when users are allowed to adapt to the building's environment

EPBD for compliance control

Safe approximation: PMV only takes into account a varying clothing resistance

Input and calculation parameters used for cooling as a reference



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Impact of occupation profiles



Overheating indicator applicable to offices and schools ...



... but shows differing relations

Heat load profiles

Period of excess gains <> occupation period

Fixed indoor temperature <> thermal mass



Lower and upper bounds useful to implement fictitious cooling



Revised overheating indicator is suited

Calculation parameters More logic used for cooling

Large spread Introduction of fictitious cooling

Promote passive cooling techniques

Opening windows during daytime (Goethals and Janssens, 2010a) Increased mechanical ventilation during daytime (Goethals and Janssens, 2010b) Night ventilation (Breesch et al., 2011)

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