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Thermal Comfort: Challenges, Analysis and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of thermal comfort is subjective in nature and its assessment, therefore, complex. The challenge is to respond appropriately to the needs and preferences of the users of spaces. The concept of thermal comfort, although requiring adaptations, is applicable in various contexts, such as indoor and outdoor spaces or even transition areas.

Despite the enormous developments observed in the last 25 years, research in the field of thermal comfort currently faces several new and exciting challenges. This Special Issue aims at stimulating the exchange of ideas and knowledge on thermal comfort. To this purpose, original contributions containing theoretical and experimental research, case studies or comprehensive state-of-the-art discussions are welcome for possible publication.

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