

# Evaluation of building envelope retrofit techniques for reducing energy needs for space cooling

from COOLING to COMFORT with KC2



# Sustainable summer COMFORT (rather than COOLING)

Sustainable summer comfort can be defined as:

- Achieving summer comfort conditions (explicitly defined, see next slides)
- with minimal use of “resource energy” (CEN Overall energy use, primary energy and CO2 emissions)
- and with environmentally non-harmful materials

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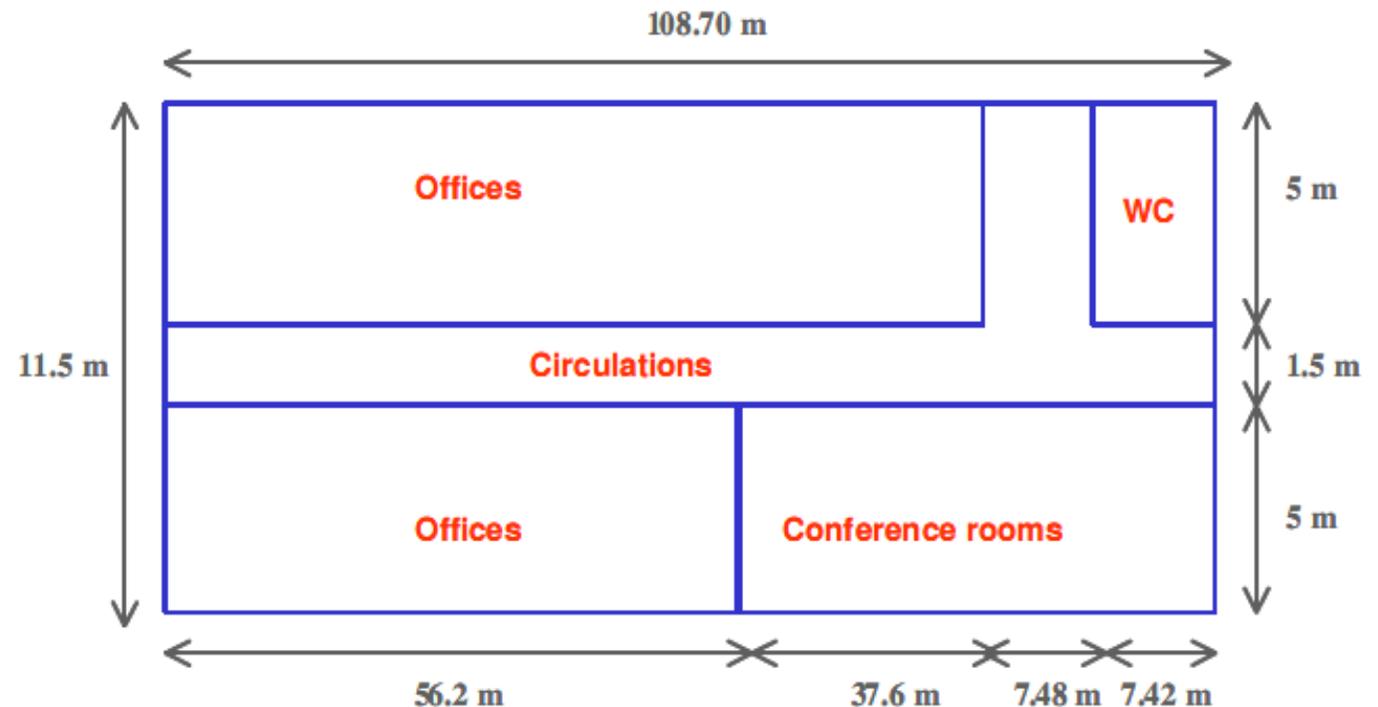
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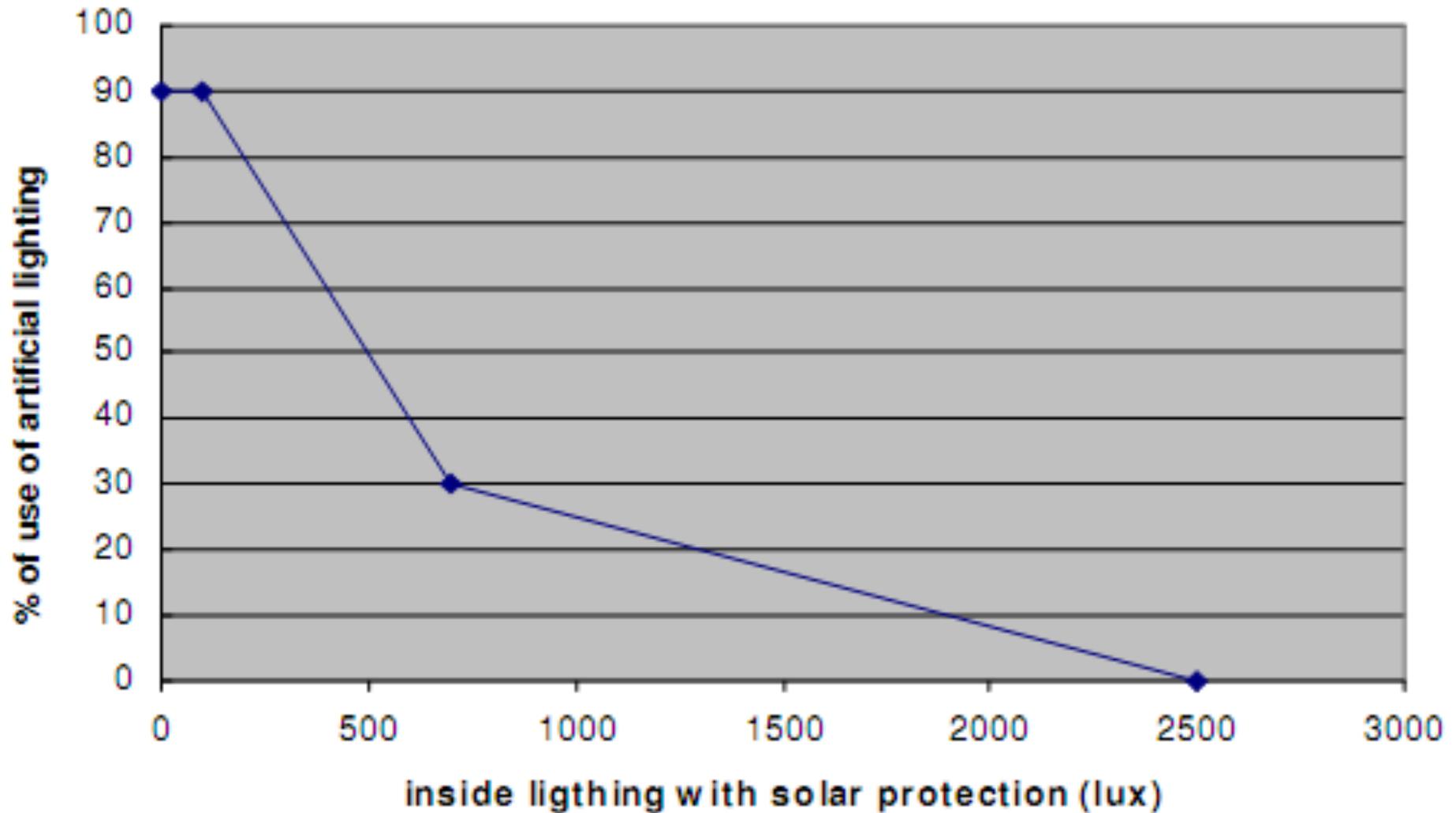
# Summary

- a methodology for bottom-up assessment of the energy savings related to “sustainable summer comfort” solutions;
- reference base case building typologies in 5 European climates,
- dynamic simulations to calculate the reductions in the energy need for cooling by specific retrofit actions
- situations where mechanical cooling can be avoided are evaluated using the Adaptive Comfort model, according to the norm EN15251.
- case studies of buildings with good summer comfort and low energy consumption performances
- case studies of “comfort policies” adopted by public and private bodies

- Office 1 has 12 identical floors of 1250 m<sup>2</sup>. The glazed area corresponds to 45 % of the total vertical surface.
- Office 2 is a suburban building (1008 m<sup>2</sup>) with two floors. The glazed area corresponds to 30 % of the total vertical surface.



# Reference case: use of artificial lighting



# Reference case: use of internal blinds

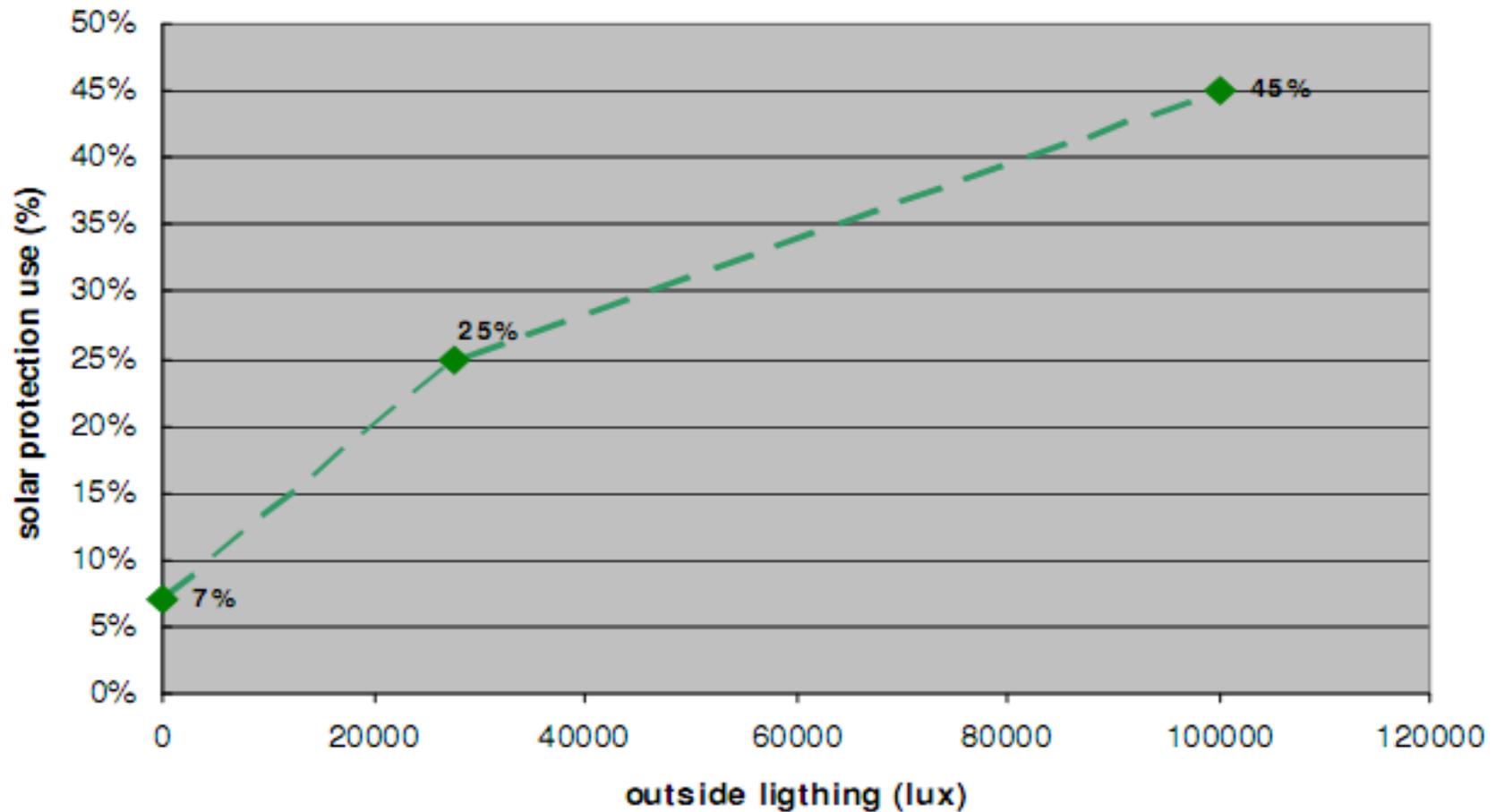


Figure 22. Average use of solar protection

the window to be opened or closed. The probability for a window to be opened is given according to the outdoor temperature ( $T_{out}$ ) by the following equation [Nicol, 2004]:

$$p = \frac{\exp(0.104T_{out} - 2.31)}{(1 + \exp(0.104T_{out} - 2.31))}$$

It is also assumed that occupants only open the windows when the operative temperature is higher than 24°C and that the probability of window opening is set at 10 % when the outdoor temperature is higher than 28 °C.



| EEl actions to be studied   | Offices | Retails | Flats |
|---|---------|---------|-------|
| Install an external movable screen blind  | X       |         | X     |
| Install an external movable screen blind with radiation control                     | X       |         | X     |
| Install an external movable Venetian blind  | X       |         | X     |
| Install an external movable Venetian blind with radiation control                   | X       |         | X     |
| Install an external window awning   |         | X       |       |
| Install efficient windows   | X       | X       | X     |
| Treat wall and roofs with special paintings   | X       |         | X     |
| Insulate the roof   | X       |         | X     |
| Install Phase Change Material (PCM) plasterboard                                    | X       | X       | X     |
| Use energy efficient office equipment   | X       |         |       |
| Install energy efficient lightings and ballasts                                     | X       | X       |       |
| Install automatic night-time operable openings                                      | X       |         |       |
| Install automatic day and night time operable openings                              | X       |         |       |
| Install extraction system for night-time ventilation                                | X       |         |       |
| Install extraction system for day and night-time ventilation                        | X       |         |       |
| Use an existing ventilation system at full speed for night-time ventilation         | X       | X       |       |
| Use an existing ventilation system at full speed for day and night-time ventilation | X       |         | X     |

# O. Fanger on his model

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In non-air-conditioned buildings in warm climates, occupants may, however, perceive the warmth as being less severe than the PMV predicts. This is mainly caused by low expectations, but a metabolic rate that is estimated too high under warm conditions also contributes to explain the difference.

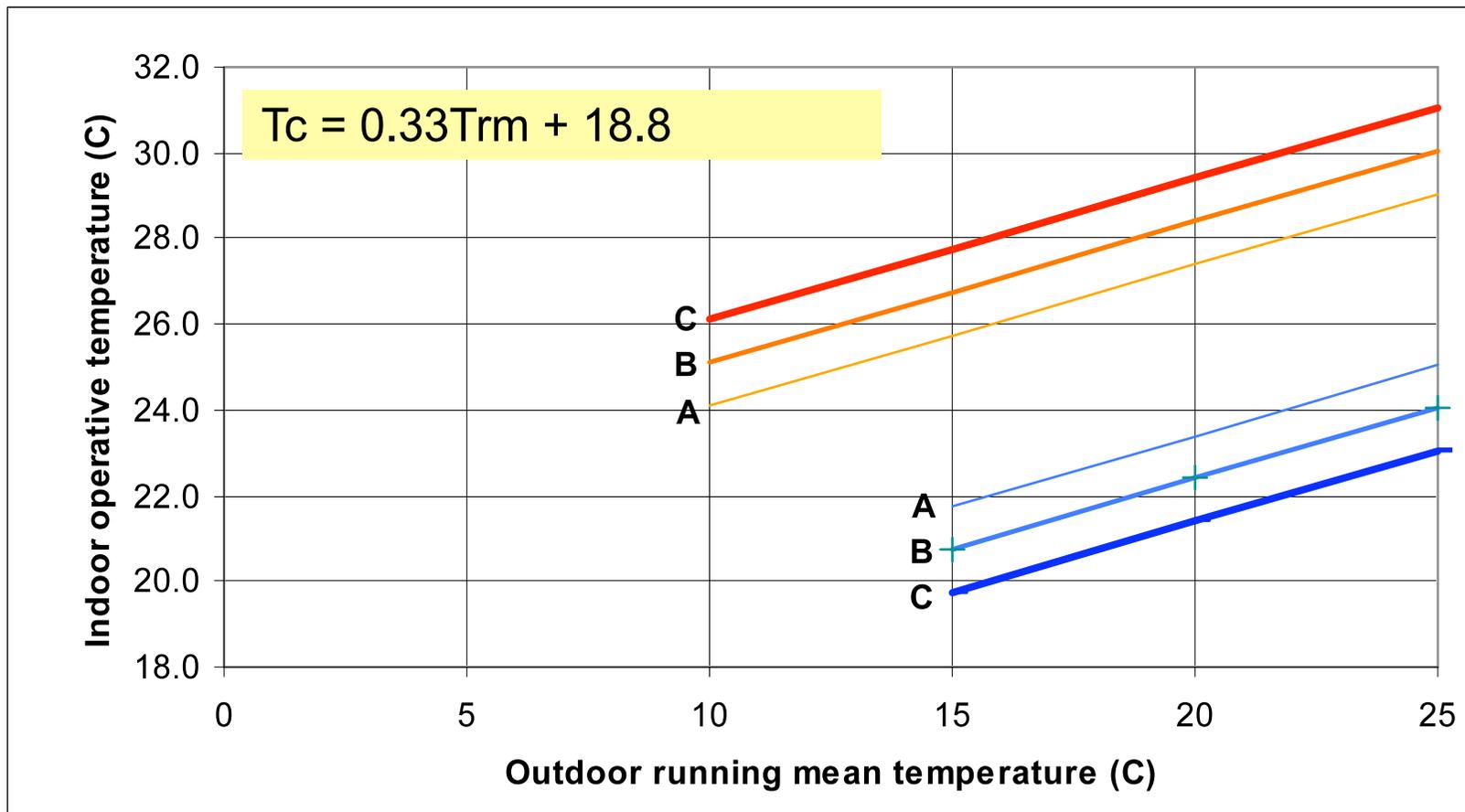
An extension of the PMV model that includes an expectancy factor is proposed for use in non-air-conditioned buildings in warm climates.

**Expectancy factor: (0,5 to 1)**

# EN 15251 – Comfort categories

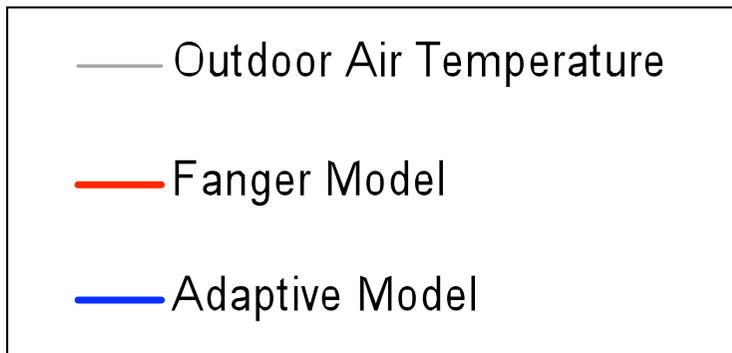
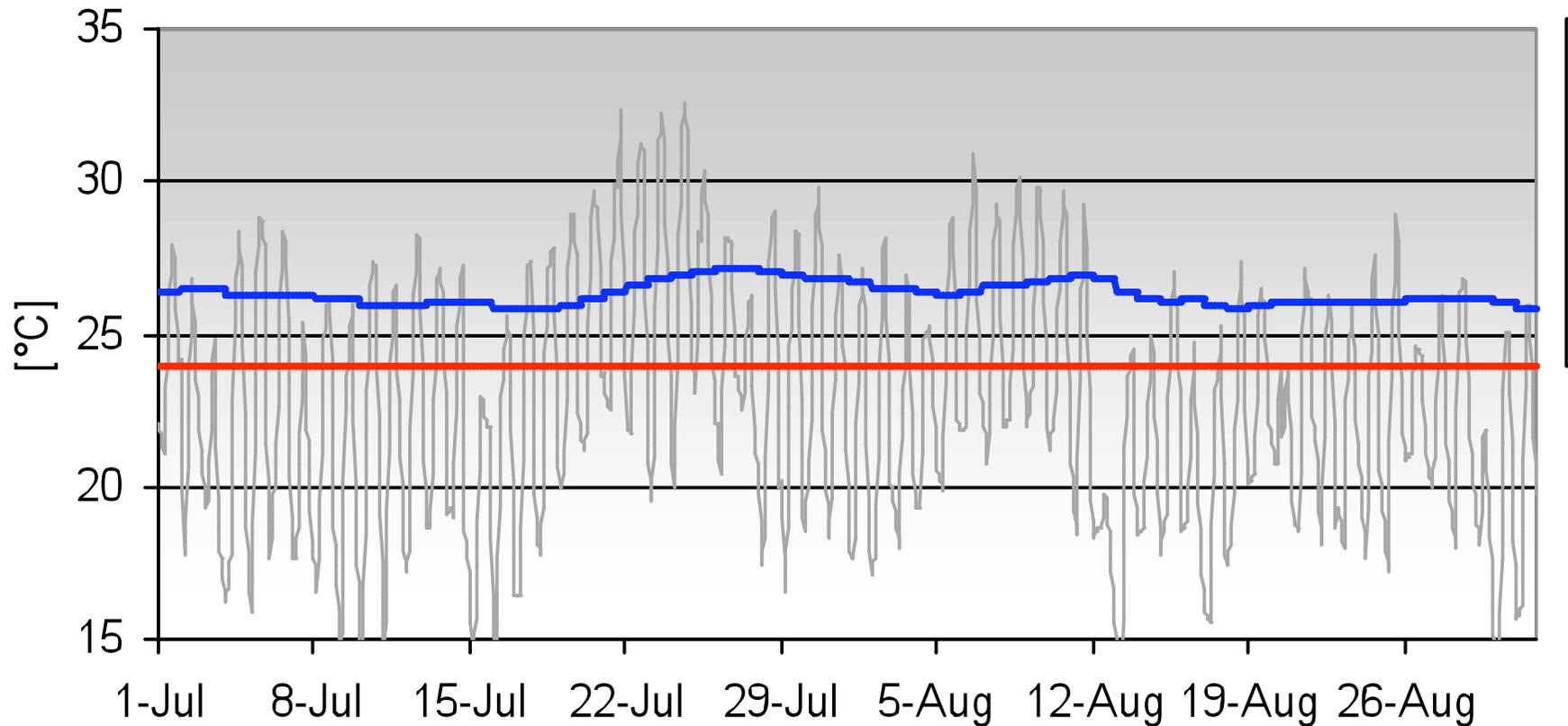
- Non mechanically cooled buildings:

| Building Category | Adaptive Range          |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| I                 | $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| II                | $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| III               | $\pm 4^{\circ}\text{C}$ |



# Adaptive vs Fanger (Milan)

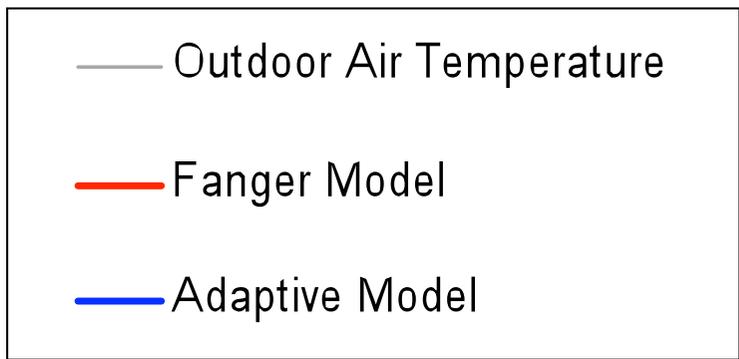
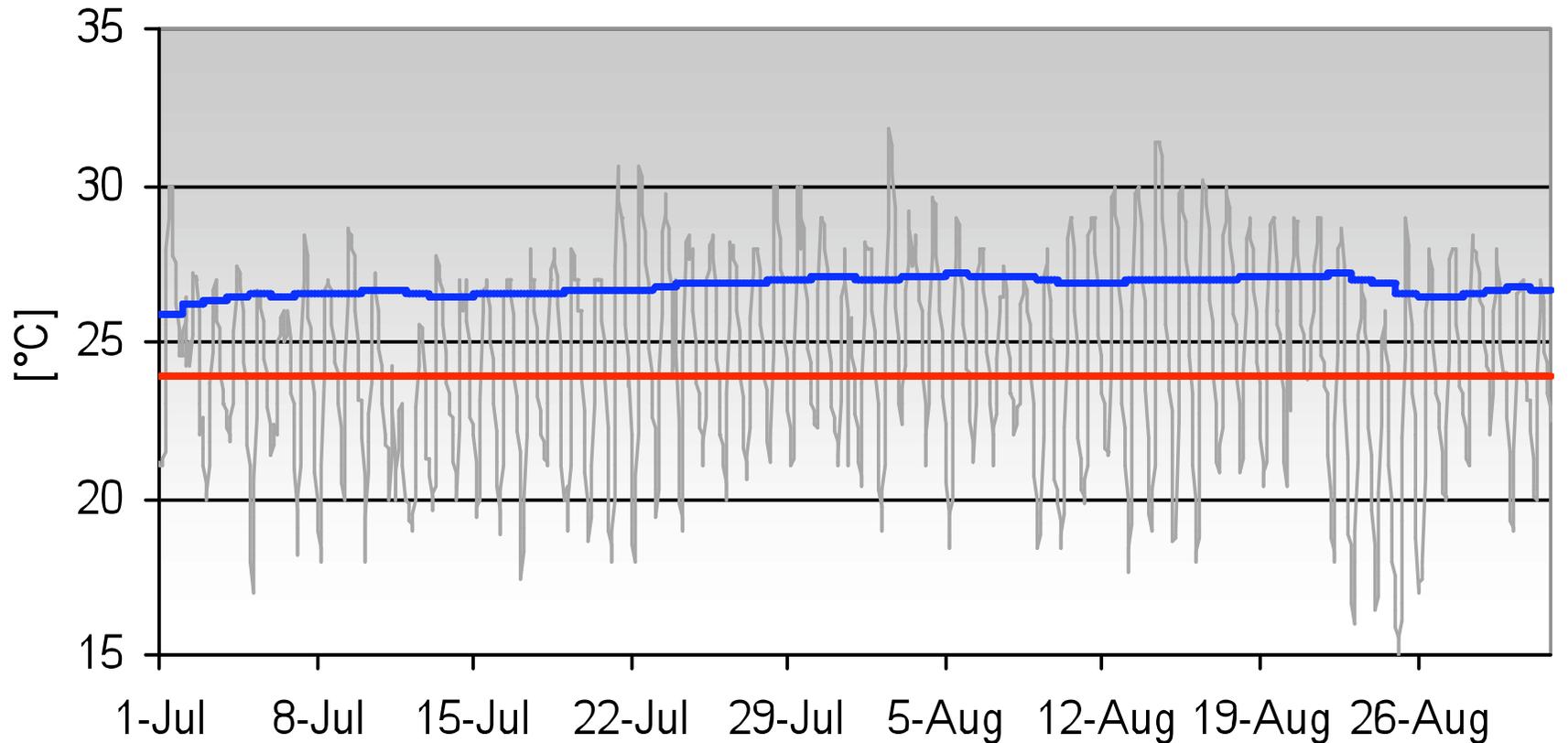
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Fanger input variable:  
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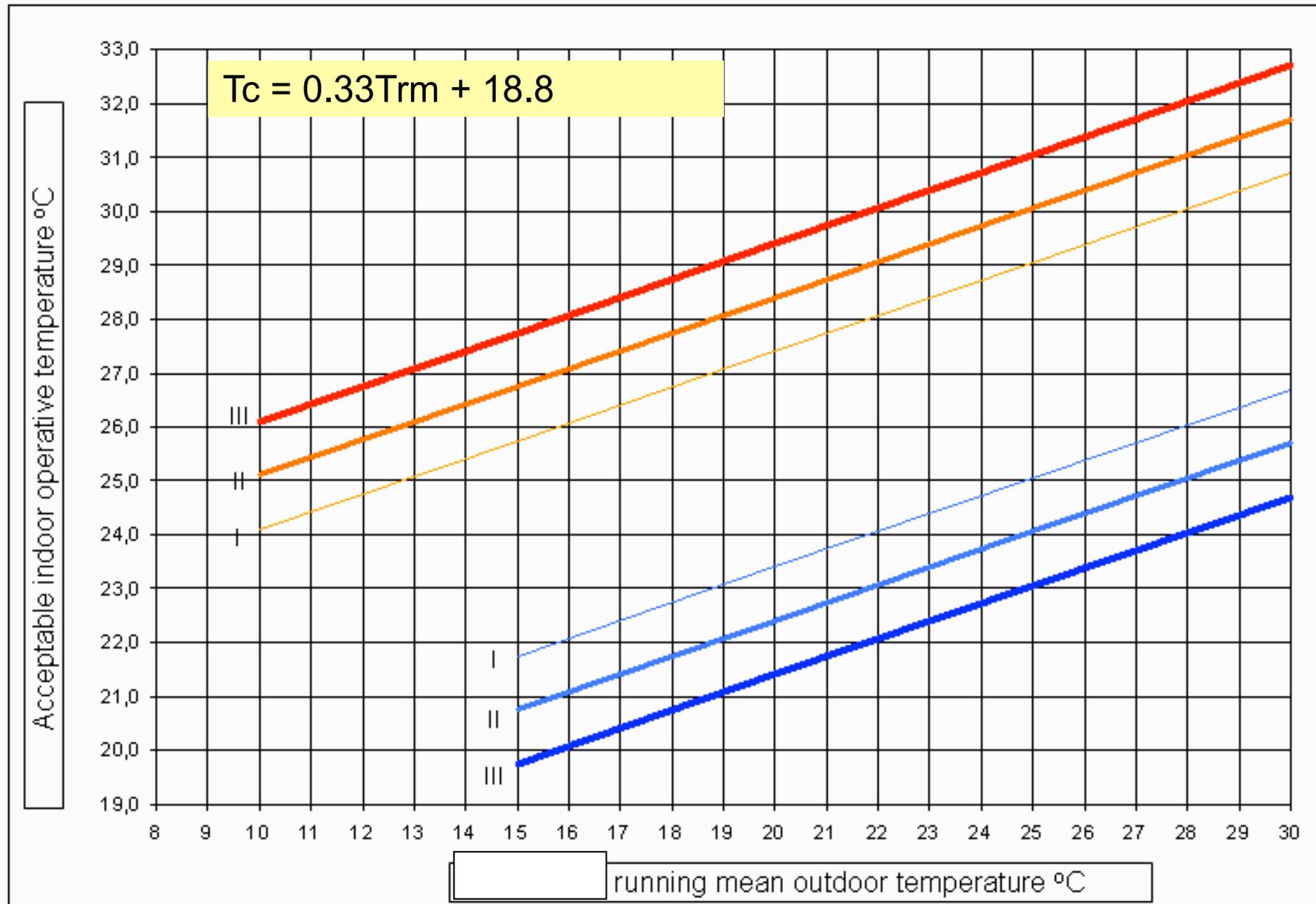
# Long term discomfort indexes (EN15251)

- the “percentage outside the range” method requires to calculate the number or % of occupied hours when the PMV or the operative temperature is outside a specified range.
- In the “degree hours criteria” : the time during which the actual operative temperature exceeds the specified range during the occupied hours is weighted by a factor which is a function of by how many degrees the range has been exceeded.
- The weighing factor,  $wf = 0$  for  $\Theta_{o,limit,lower} < \Theta_o < \Theta_{o,limit,upper}$  (e.g.  $23,0^{\circ}\text{C} < \Theta_o < 26,0^{\circ}\text{C}$  corresponding to  $-0,5 < \text{PMV} < 0,5$  as specified in Annex A for offices, category II, summer).
- The weighing factor,  $wf$ , is calculated as  $wf = \Theta_o - \Theta_{o,limit}$ , when outside limits
- For a characteristic period during a year, the product of the weighing factor and time is summed..
- Warm period:  $\sum wf \cdot \text{time for } \Theta_o > \Theta_{o,limit,upper}$
- Cold period:  $\sum wf \cdot \text{time for } \Theta_o < \Theta_{o,limit,lower}$

The following long-term indices are used here:

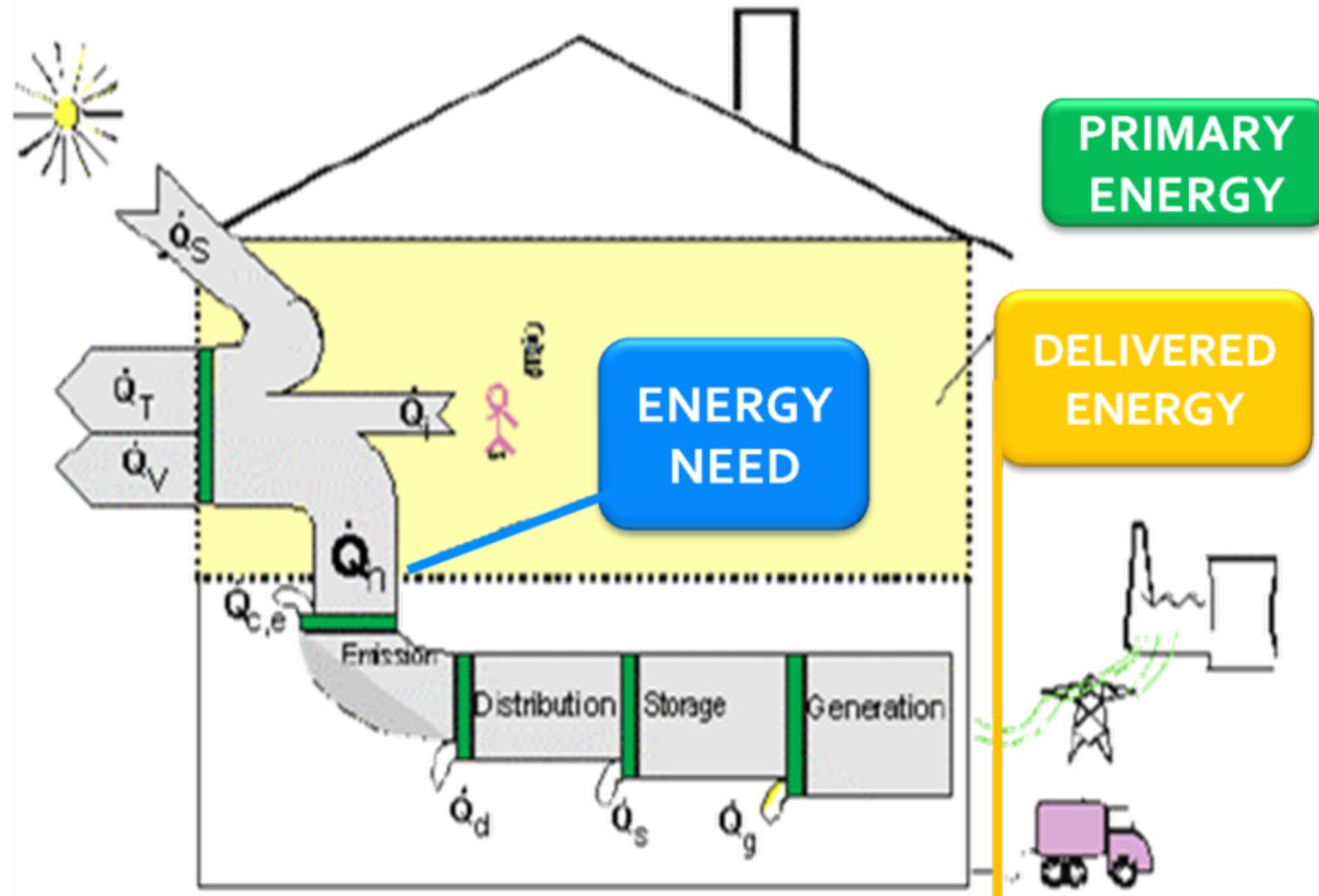
- **Percentage outside range** based on a maximum operative temperature of **26 °C** (default value in the standard for Category II)
- **Degree hours** based on a maximum operative temperature of **26 °C** (default value in the standard for Category II)
- **Percentage outside range** based on the **adaptive** comfort (Category II)
- Degree hours based on the adaptive comfort range (Category II)
- Our default assumption is that a building is comfortable if the **percentage of time outside comfort zone is lower than 5 % over the year.**

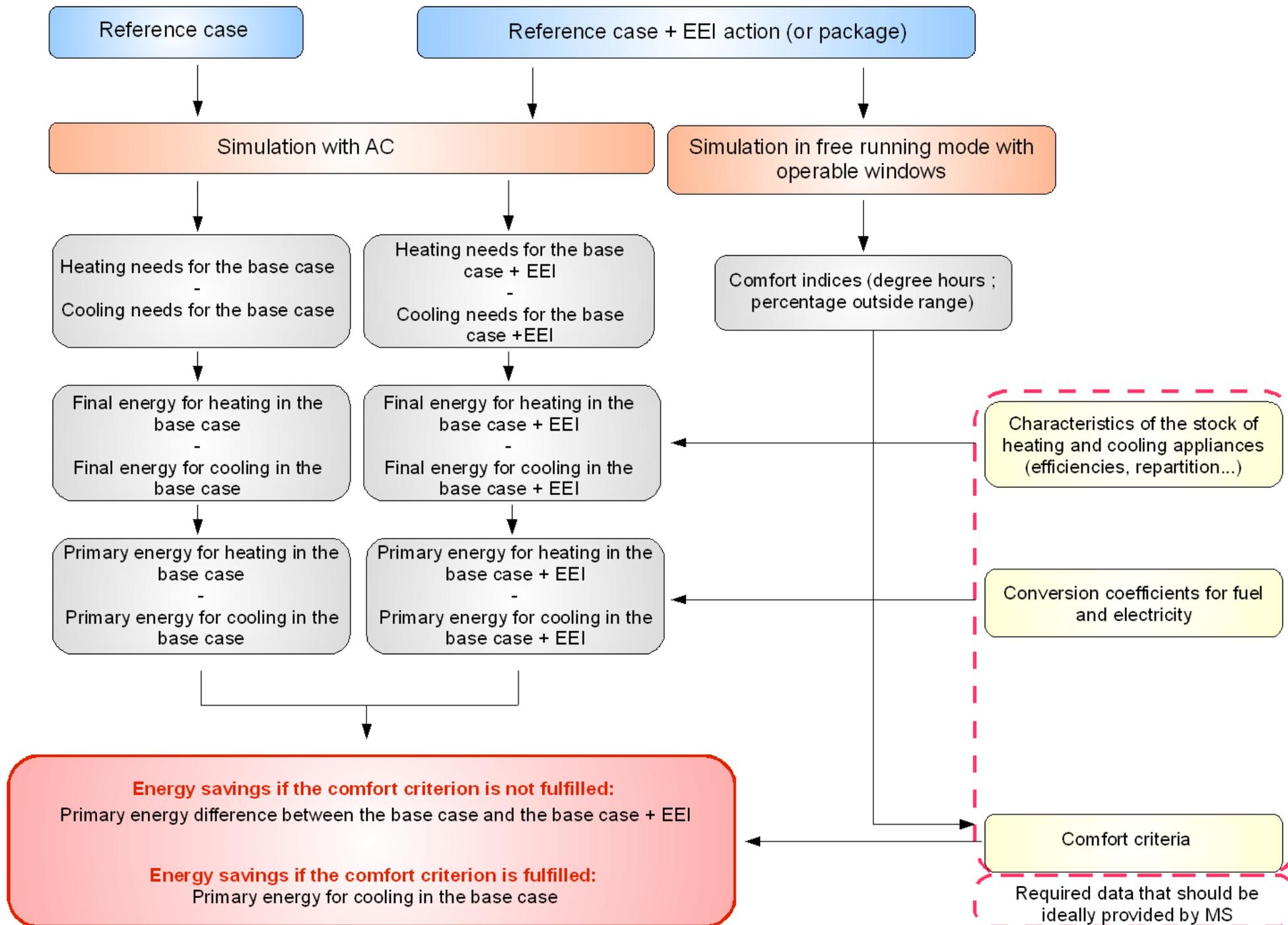
# EN15251: Temperature limits in Free Running Buildings





# DLGS 192/2005 + DLGS 311/2006 (and EN NOMENCLATURE on energy levels!)

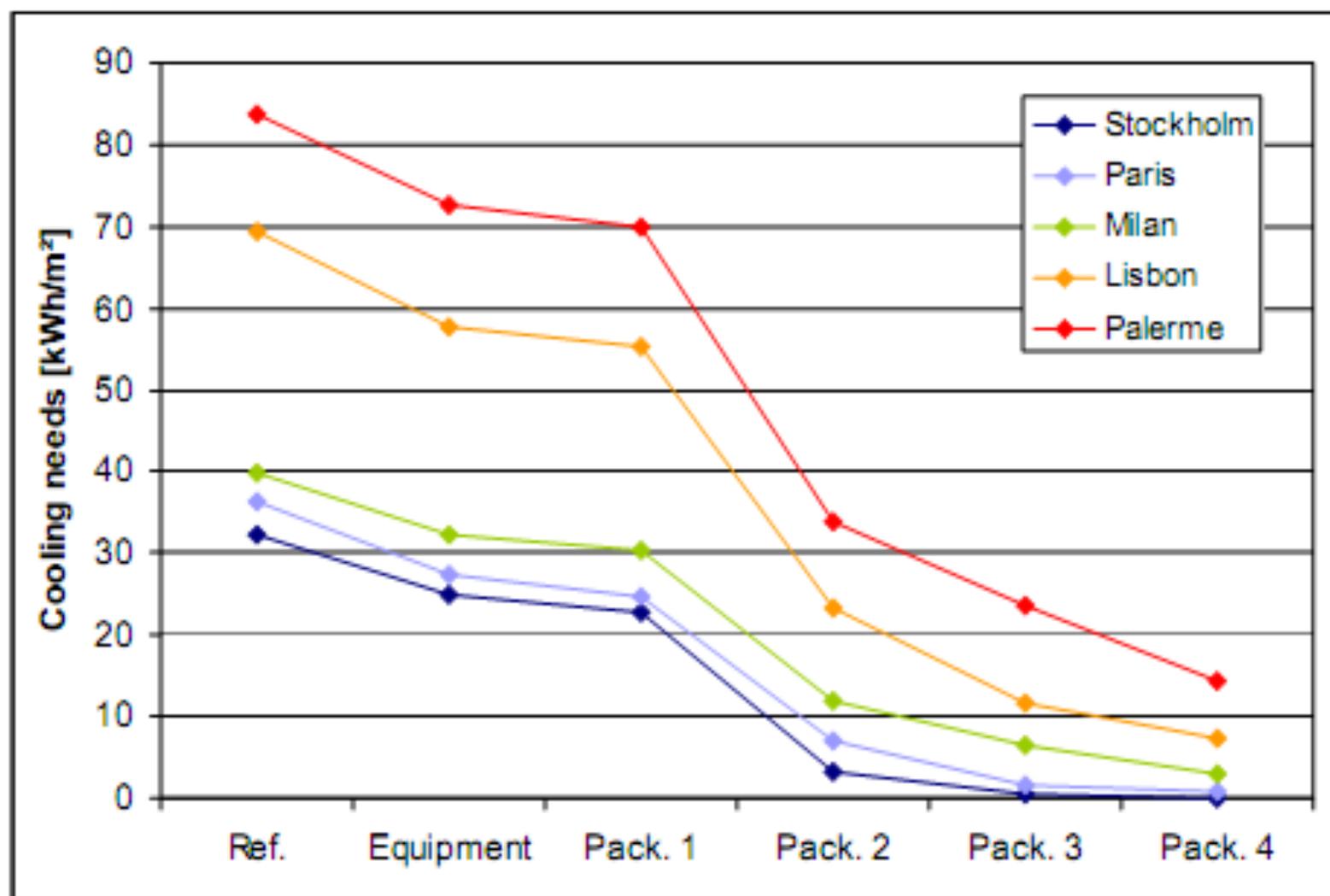




# Packages of actions

**Table 15. Description of packages of EEI actions to be studied for office buildings**

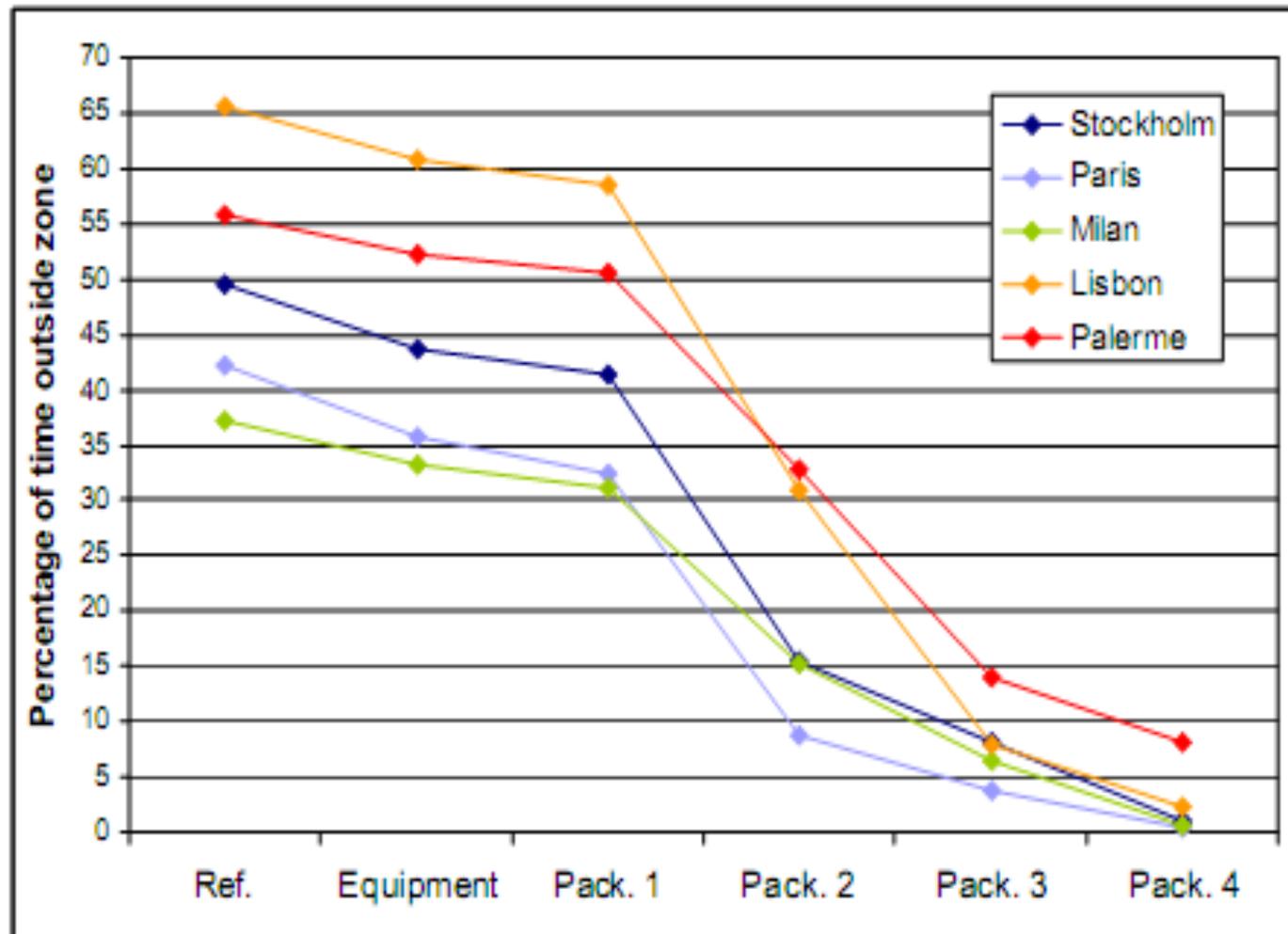
| EEI actions  | Pack. 1 | Pack. 2 | Pack. 3 | Pack. 4 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Install an external screen blind                                       |         |         |         |         |
| Install an external screen blind (radiation control)                   |         |         |         |         |
| Install an external Venetian blind                                     |         |         |         |         |
| Install an external Venetian blind (radiation control)                 |         | X       | X       | X       |
| Install efficient windows  |         |         |         | X       |
| Treat wall and roofs with special paintings                            |         |         |         |         |
| Insulate the roof  |         |         |         | X       |
| Use energy efficient office equipment                                  | X       | X       | X       | X       |
| Install energy efficient lightings and ballasts                        | X       | X       | X       | X       |
| Night-time free cooling<br>Install automatic operable openings         |         |         |         |         |
| Day and night time free cooling<br>Install automatic operable openings |         |         | X       | X       |
| Install extraction system for night-time ventilation                   |         |         |         |         |
| Install extraction system for day and night-time ventilation           |         |         |         |         |



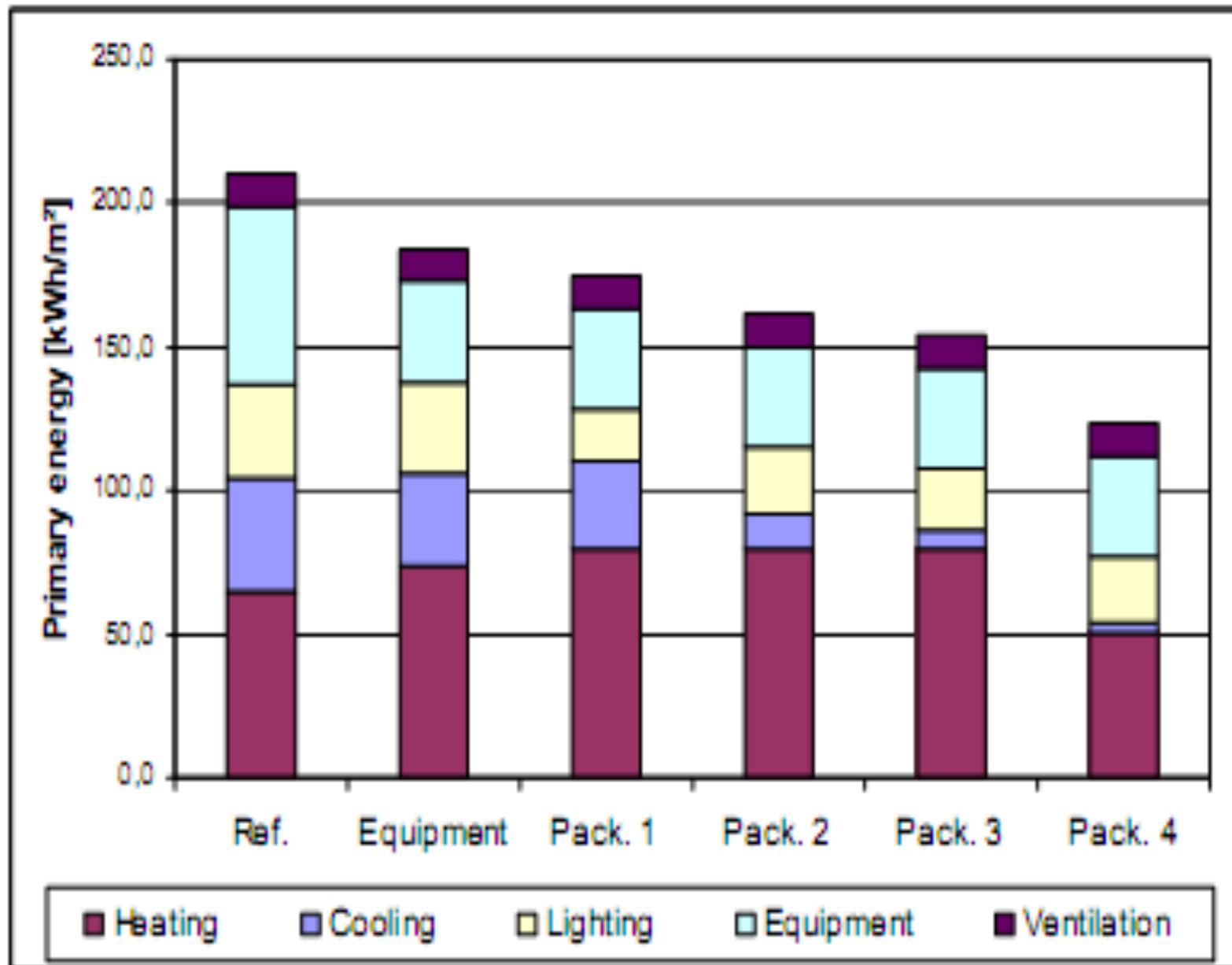
**Evolution of cooling needs for the different packages studied in Office 2**

## Office 2.

Percentage of hours outside the adaptive comfort range - Category II (existing buildings, disfavoured room).



## Primary energy consumption per end use



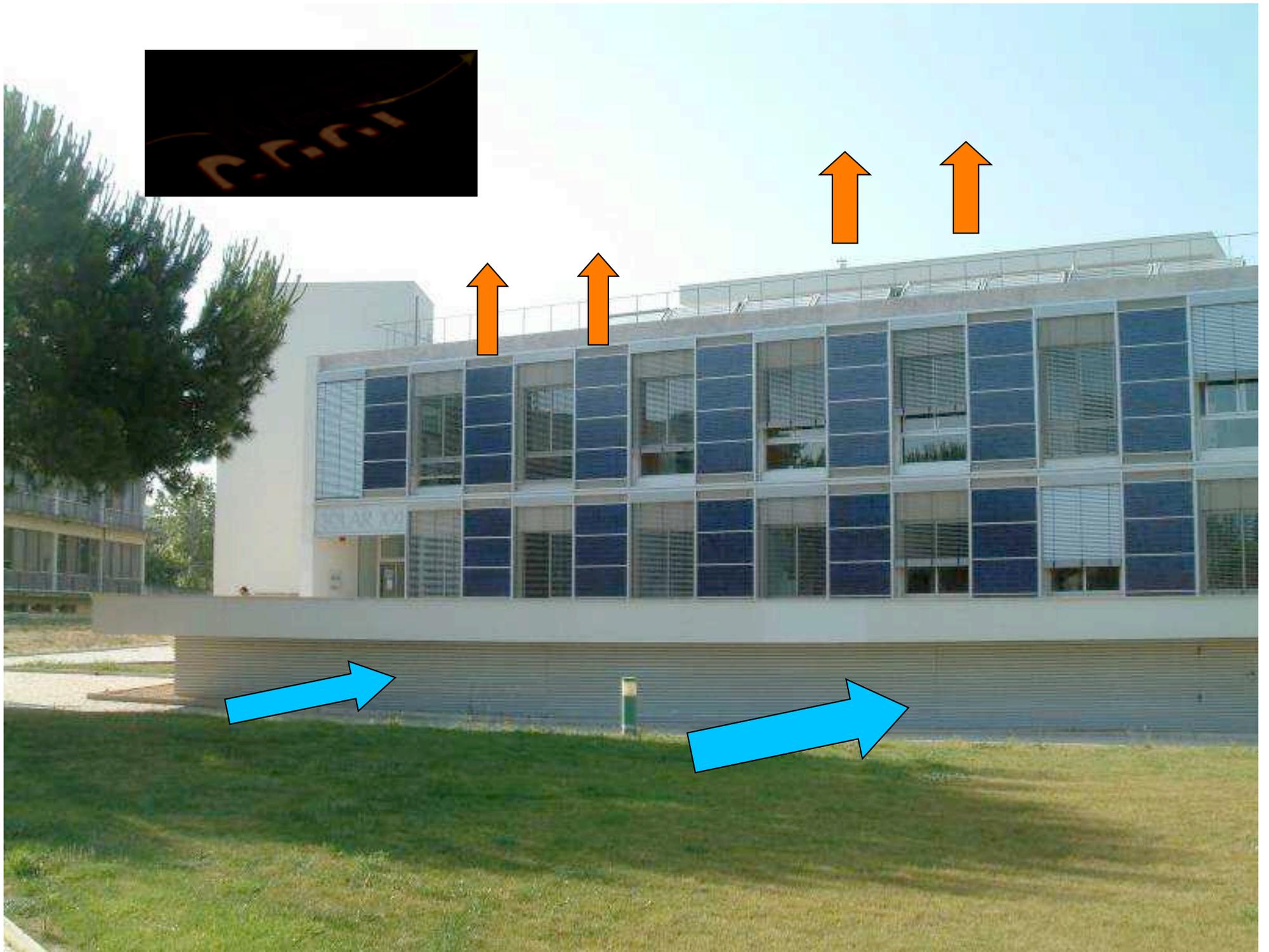
|           | EEI actions and packages                       | Comfort index in NV buildings [%] | Unitary savings (fuel) - [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ] | Unitary savings (electricity) - [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ] | Unitary savings (primary energy) [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ] |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Milan     | Screen blind - Manual control                  | 37,1                              | -4,7   | 3,2   | 3,4  |
|           | Screen blind - Radiation control               | 32,3                              | -0,4   | 6,2   | 15,0   |
|           | Venetian - Manual control                      | 29,3                              | -6,3   | 4,2   | 4,3  |
|           | Venetian - Radiation control                   | 30,8                              | -0,5   | 2,9   | 6,8  |
|           | Efficient windows                              | 26,5                              | 7,1  | 5,6   | 21,0   |
|           | Treat walls and roofs                          | 29,3                              | -9,1   | 7,0   | 8,3  |
|           | Insulate the roof                              | 26,5                              | 32,2   | 0,9   | 34,4   |
|           | Energy efficient equipments                    | 50,3                              | -13,0  | 31,4  | 65,5   |
|           | Efficient lighting                             | 33,3                              | -7,7   | 14,3  | 28,1   |
|           | Free cooling (night)                           | 35,4                              | 0,0  | 8,1   | 20,3   |
|           | Free cooling (night/day)                       | 27,6                              | 0,0  | 12,3  | 30,6   |
|           | Mechanical ventilation for cooling (night)     | 17,1                              | 0,0  | 1,6   | 4,1  |
|           | Mechanical ventilation for cooling (night/day) | 27,6                              | 0,0  | 4,5   | 11,2   |
|           | Package 1                                      | 31,2                              | -58,8  | 109,7   | 236,3  |
|           | Package 2                                      | 15,2                              | -70,6  | 118,2   | 257,1  |
| Package 3 | 6,5  | -70,6                             | 128,1  | 281,7   |  |
|           | Package 4                                      | 0,7                               | -66,1  | 134,4   | 379,4  |

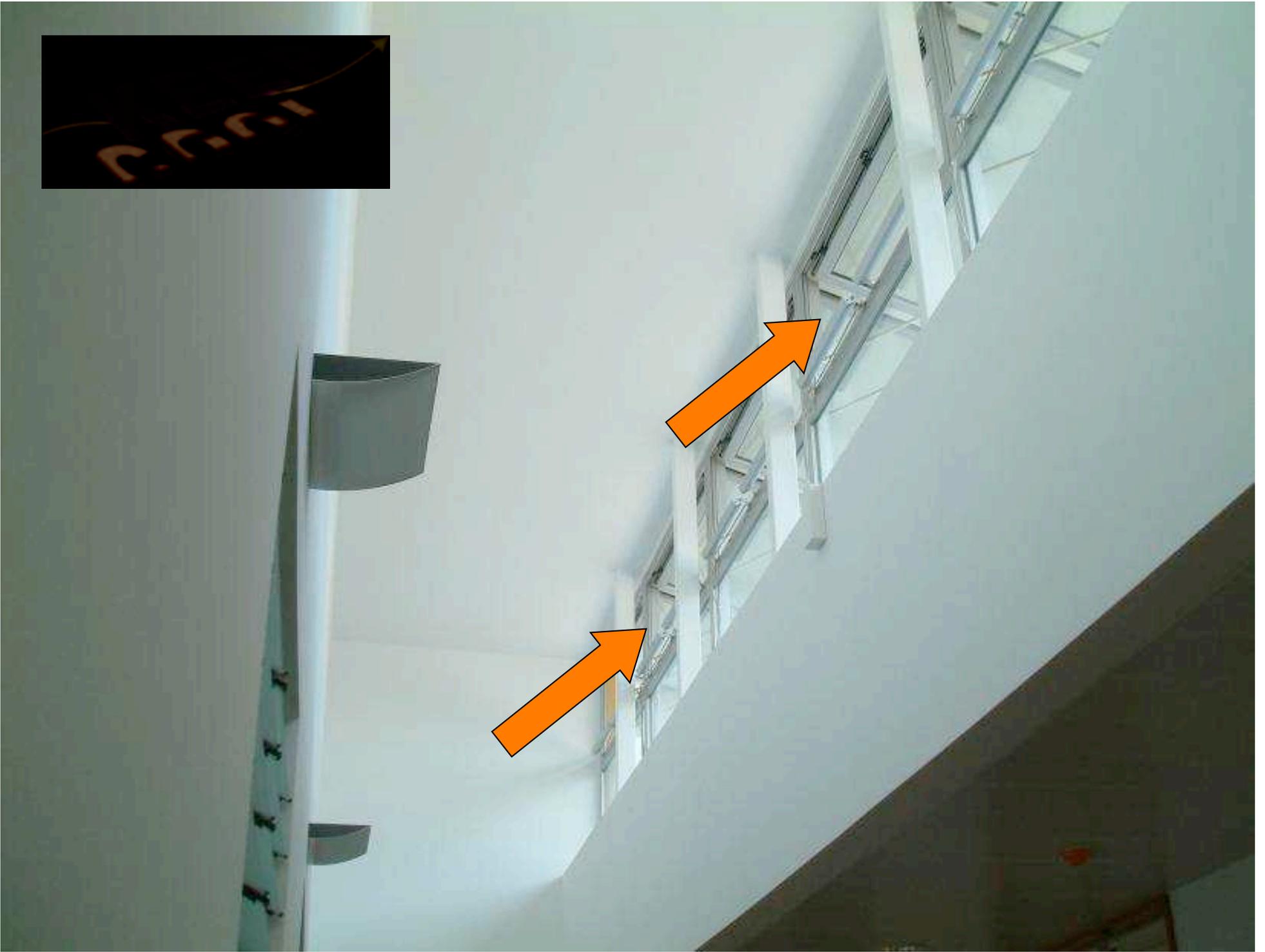
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|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Palerme   | Screen blind - Manual control                  | 55,8                              | -2,1   | 7,0   | 15,4   |
|           | Screen blind - Radiation control               | 49,5                              | -0,2   | 12,8  | 31,7   |
|           | Venetian - Manual control                      | 45,5                              | -3,0   | 9,1   | 19,8   |
|           | Venetian - Radiation control                   | 47,6                              | -0,3   | 8,7   | 21,4   |
|           | Efficient windows                              | 41,4                              | 4,0  | 9,3   | 27,4   |
|           | Treat walls and roofs                          | 50,5                              | -5,3   | 14,7  | 31,3   |
|           | Insulate the roof                              | 41,4                              | 7,0  | 1,9   | 11,8   |
|           | Energy efficient equipments                    | 70,9                              | -4,2   | 34,5  | 82,1   |
|           | Efficient lighting                             | 52,2                              | -2,2   | 13,6  | 31,7   |
|           | Free cooling (night)                           | 54,2                              | 0,0  | 10,6  | 26,6   |
|           | Free cooling (night/day)                       | 48,2                              | 0,0  | 17,7  | 44,2   |
|           | Mechanical ventilation for cooling (night)     | 31,7                              | 0,0  | 0,7   | 1,8  |
|           | Mechanical ventilation for cooling (night/day) | 47,5                              | 0,0  | 4,9   | 12,3   |
|           | Package 1                                      | 50,6                              | -58,8  | 112,3   | 267,9  |
|           | Package 2                                      | 32,8                              | -70,6  | 132,6   | 318,4  |
| Package 3 | 14,0   | -70,6                             | 147,4  | 355,4   |  |
| Package 4 | 8,0  | -66,1                             | 153,4  | 388,0   |  |



# Ten steps to achieve sustainable summer comfort

1. Comfort objectives explicitly defined
2. Site layout
3. Reduce heat gains at the **envelope** boundary
4. Control heat transfer through the structure
5. Reduce **internal heat gains**
6. **Allow for local and individual adaptation**
7. **Passive cooling** (e.g. night ventilation, ground cooling)
8. Solar cooling
9. Efficient conventional active cooling
10. Operation, maintenance and monitoring







# Office building in Austria

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Year of construction          | 2003   |
| Type of construction          | Light outer construction with heavy components inside                  |
| Function                      | Office building plus a cafeteria and a loading/parking space inside    |
| Location                      | Austria, 48°05' north, 13°51' east, 370 m above sea level, countryside |
| Main technologies for cooling | Mass activation, night ventilation, water to ground heat exchanger,    |
| Energy distribution system    | Heating and cooling panels, floor heating                              |
| Heated/cooled building area   | 1215 m <sup>2</sup>  |

# Energy performances

- During the cooling period the measured cooling demand was 6,4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a and the maximal cooling load was 11 W/m<sup>2</sup>. The summer results can be seen as a successful integration of load reduction (daylight, controlled shading) and passive cooling (ground to water heat exchanger, night ventilation).
- The heating demand was measured to 20 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a and the maximal heat load was 13 W/m<sup>2</sup> for the winter operation

ChristophorusHaus - July / August 2004 - Hourly mean temperature

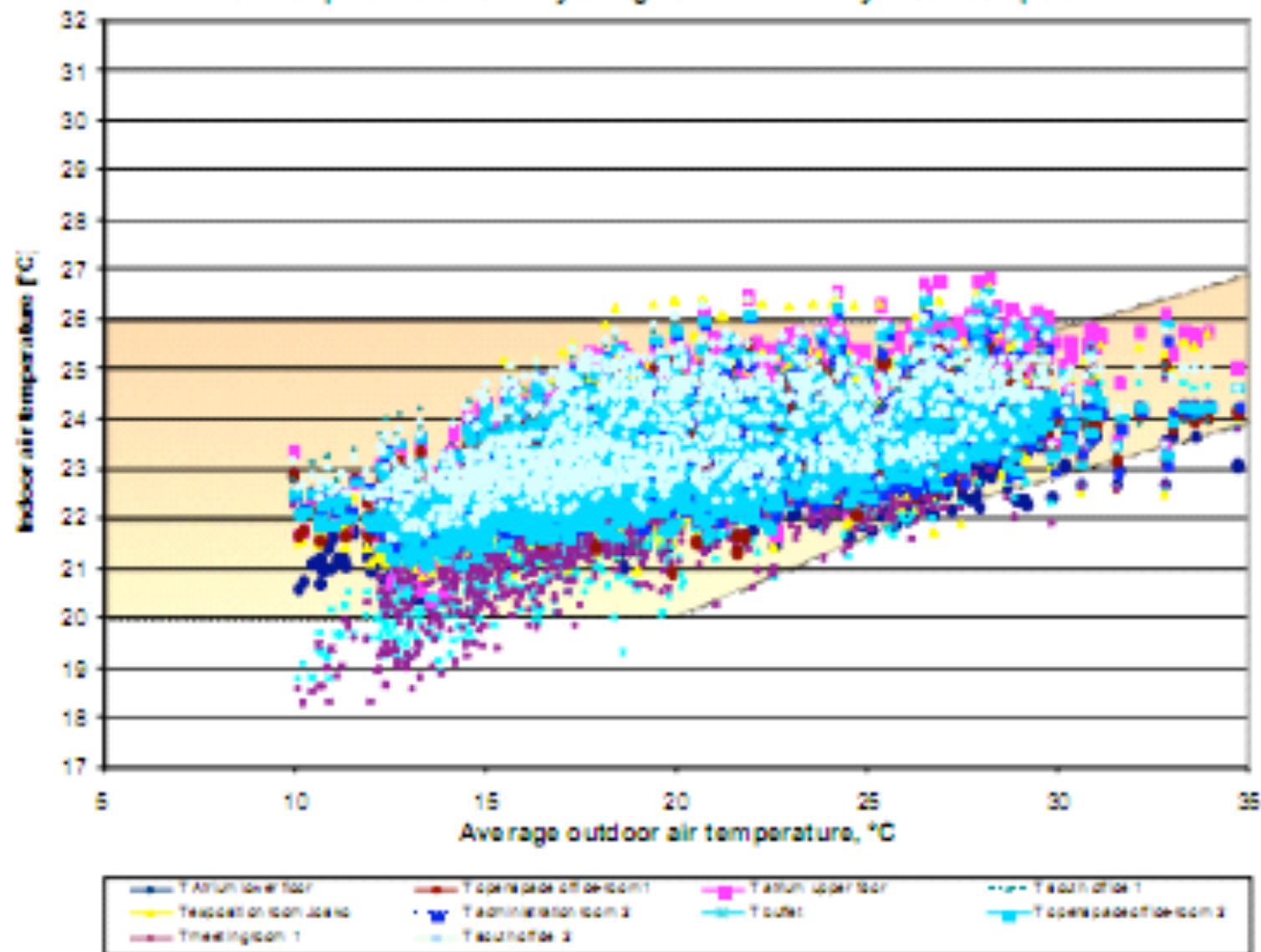


Figure 4. Mean indoor hourly temperature in different areas of the ChristophorusHaus building and the mean outdoor temperature – July / August 2004)

# Allow for local and individual adaptation



**KEEP**  
**COOL**



# “Code of conduct” at Middlebury College (Vermont, USA, 2003 onward)

- the college:
- commits to give **priority to heat load reducing mechanisms** before introducing mechanical cooling;
- encourages **individual adaptation** during heat wave periods (e.g. relaxed dress codes, use of ceiling fans, adaptation of the working schedule to avoid working during hotter hours etc.);
- gives **exact guidance on the use of mechanically cooled spaces**.

# Other “comfort policy” examples

- Sidney University
- Coolbiz in Japan
- United Nations
- ENI and SanPaolo in Italy



## A guideline to sustainable summer comfort in service buildings

What is sustainable summer comfort?

See examples

About cooling

Tools & Experts

Keep Cool

Links

Building Owner

O&M Personnel

Technical Consultant

Building User

Checklist - what to do

Benefits of sustainable cooling

### You are a Building Owner

#### 6 steps to achieve sustainable summer comfort:

The 6 steps include defining thermal comfort needs, reducing internal and external heat loads. Follow the instructions given below:

- ▶ 1. Define the thermal comfort objectives
- ▶ 2. Reduce internal heat loads
- ▼ 3. Reduce external loads
  - ▶ Summary
  - ▼ Detailed info
    - Solar gains
    - Heat transfer
  - ▶ Links/Documents
- ▶ 4. Use passive means to remove energy from the building
- ▶ 5. Consider active solar assisted cooling plants
- ▶ 6. If necessary, consider efficient conventional active cooling systems

[www.keepcool.info](http://www.keepcool.info)

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4. In every site where monthly average solar irradiance on horizontal plane is higher than 290 W/m<sup>2</sup>:

i. External opaque vertical walls, exposed from east to west, must have or a **thermal mass per unit of front area** higher than 230 kg/m<sup>2</sup> **or periodic thermal transmittance** (or transfer admittance)

lower than 0,12 W/m<sup>2</sup>K 
$$Y_{ie} = -\left. \frac{\varphi_i}{\theta_e} \right|_{\theta_i=0}$$

ii. External opaque horizontal component must have **periodic thermal transmittance** (or transfer admittance) lower than 0,20 W/m<sup>2</sup>K

5. It is possible to reach periodic thermal transmittance limits covering roof with vegetation

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6. to favour **natural ventilation** of the whole building using in the best way the external ambient conditions and disposition of indoor spaces. If it is not possible, mechanical ventilation systems can be installed
7. **External shading systems** are compulsory. If they are not cost-effective, they can be **omitted if glazed surfaces** are characterized by a **solar factor** not higher than 0,5

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| TYPE OF BUILDING | MAXIMUM LEGAL VALUE FOR SPACE COOLING | CLIMATIC ZONES |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Residential      | 40 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                 | A - B          |
|                  | 30 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>                 | C - D - E - F  |
| Non residential  | 14 kWh/m <sup>3</sup>                 | A - B          |
|                  | 10 kWh/m <sup>3</sup>                 | C - D - E - F  |

# THANK YOU

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# Aiming at a correct definition of comfort, “avoiding unnecessary energy consumption”

Main changes  
achieved in the new  
standard EN15251



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+European  
Environmental  
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Organisation for  
Standardisation  
(ECOS)



# Subjective Comfort Survey (ASHRAE scale)

Used for interviews and base for both the Fanger and Adaptive Comfort models

***How do you feel?***

+3 Hot

+2 Warm

+1 Slightly warm

0 Neutral

-1 Slightly cool

-2 Cool

-3 Cold

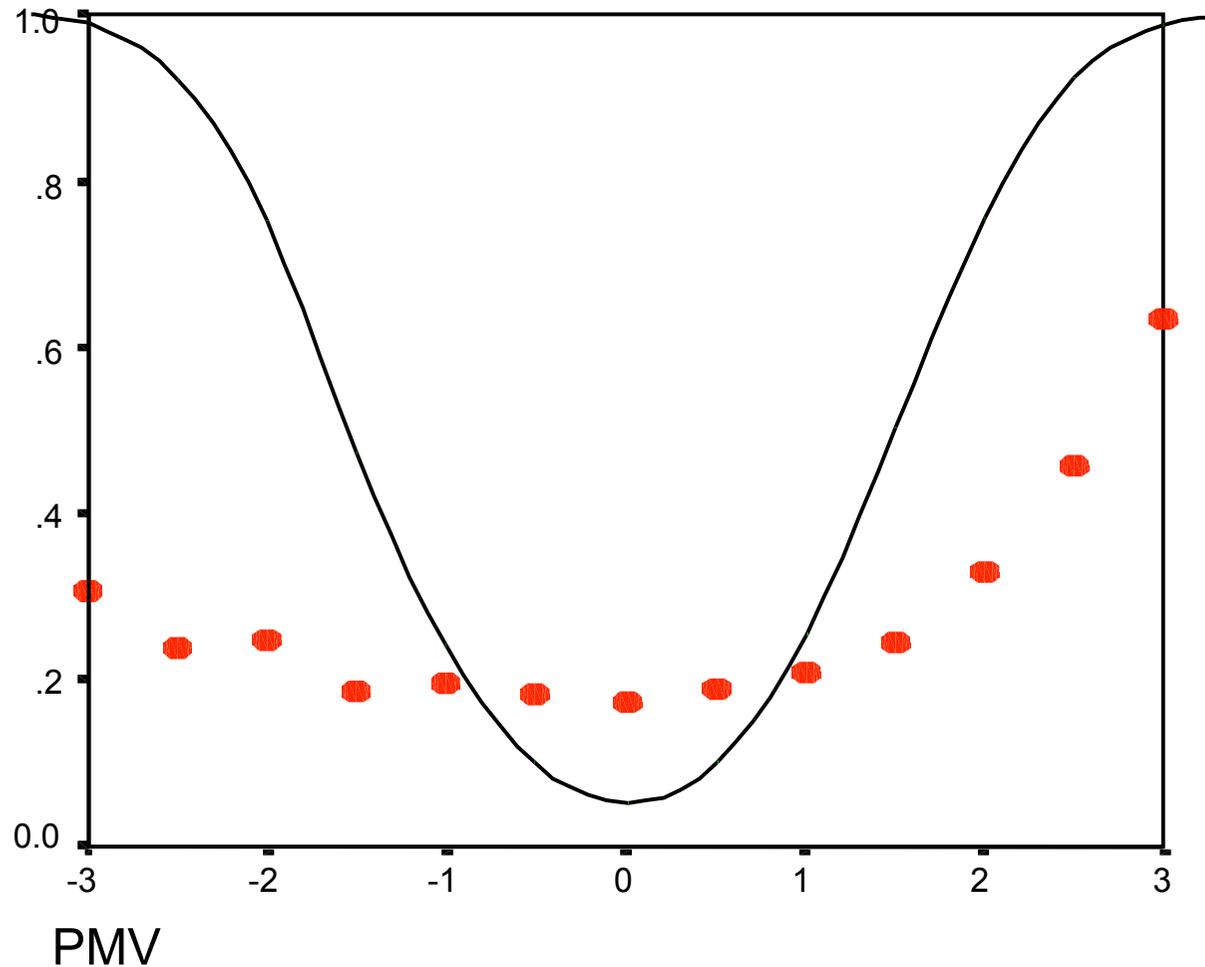
# FANGER Comfort Model

- **interviews in controlled chambers** after 3 hours stay in stationary conditions. and simultaneous measurements of :
  - air temperature,
  - mean radiant temperature,
  - relative air velocity,
  - relative humidity,
  - activity (metabolic rate),
  - clothing (thermal resistance).
- Used to produce a correlation
- which allows to calculate from values of air temperature etc in a given situation the Predicted Mean Vote (on the ASHRAE scale -3 to +3) or PMV
- **The Predicted Mean Vote** can also be reformulated as **Predicted Percentage of Dissatisfied** PPD
- Remember Validity conditions!!!!

# Recommended categories for design of mechanical heated and cooled buildings in ISO 7730 (proposed for prEN13251)

| Category | Thermal state of the body as a whole |  |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--|
|          | PPD<br>%                             | Predicted<br>Mean Vote                       |
| A        | < 6                                  | $-0.2 < PMV < + 0.2$                         |
| B        | < 10                                 | <b><math>-0.5 &lt; PMV &lt; + 0.5</math></b> |
| C        | < 15                                 | $-0.7 < PMV < + 0.7$                         |
| D        | > 15                                 | $PMV < -0.7$ ; or $+0.7 < PMV$               |

# Predicted Percentage of Dissatisfied (PPD) vs Actual Percentage of Dissatisfied (APD) in real buildings



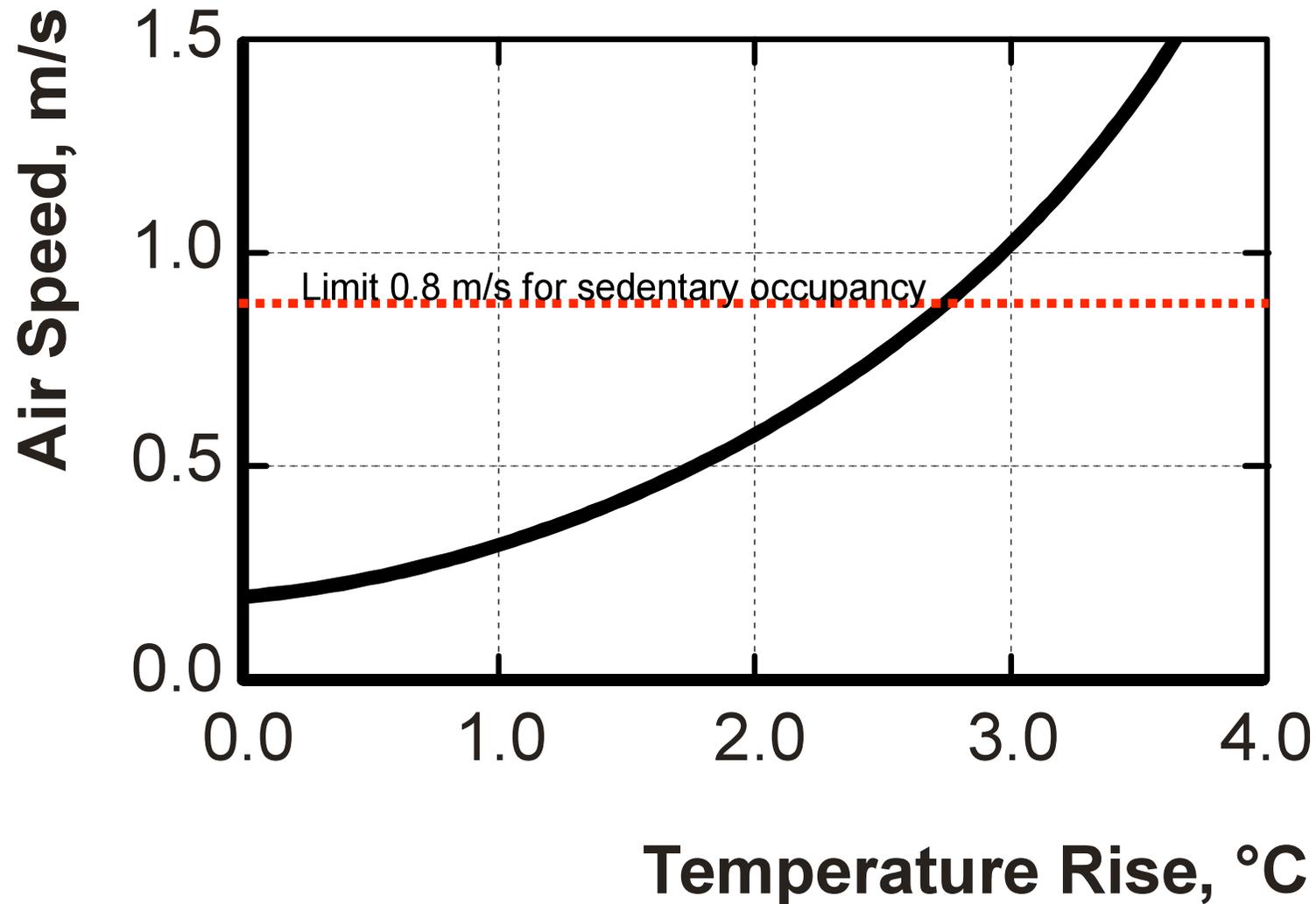
- Based on data of ASHRAE RP-884 database, 15000 interviews in 160 bldngs

— PPD (ISO 7730)

● APD (votes -3,-2,2,3) from ASHRAE database 884

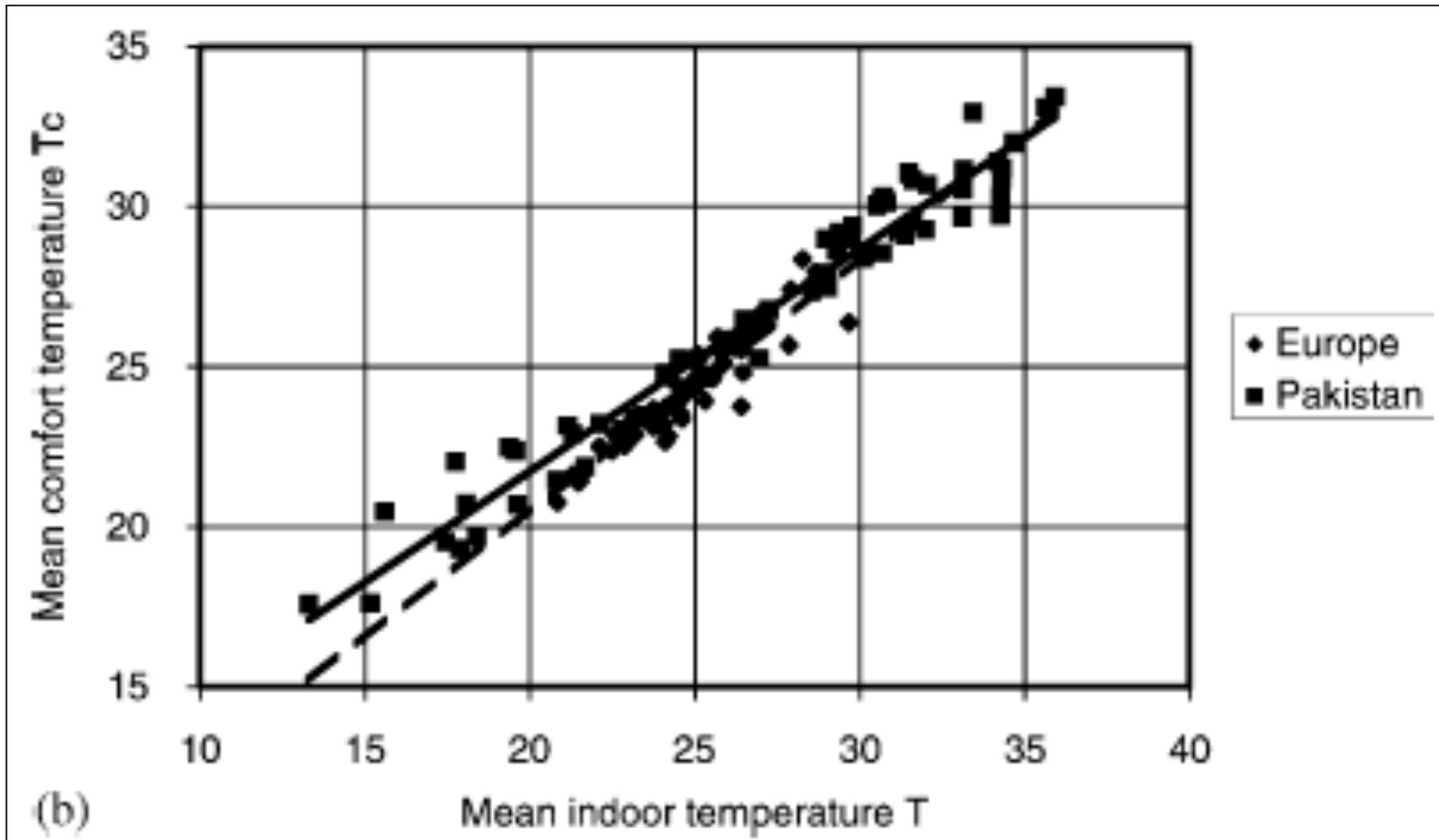
# Allowance for air movement

ASHRAE Standard 55, EN ISO 7730, then also in EN15251:



# Critical issues about PMV

- INDOOR comfort temperature (responses of occupants) vs measured INDOOR comfort temperature

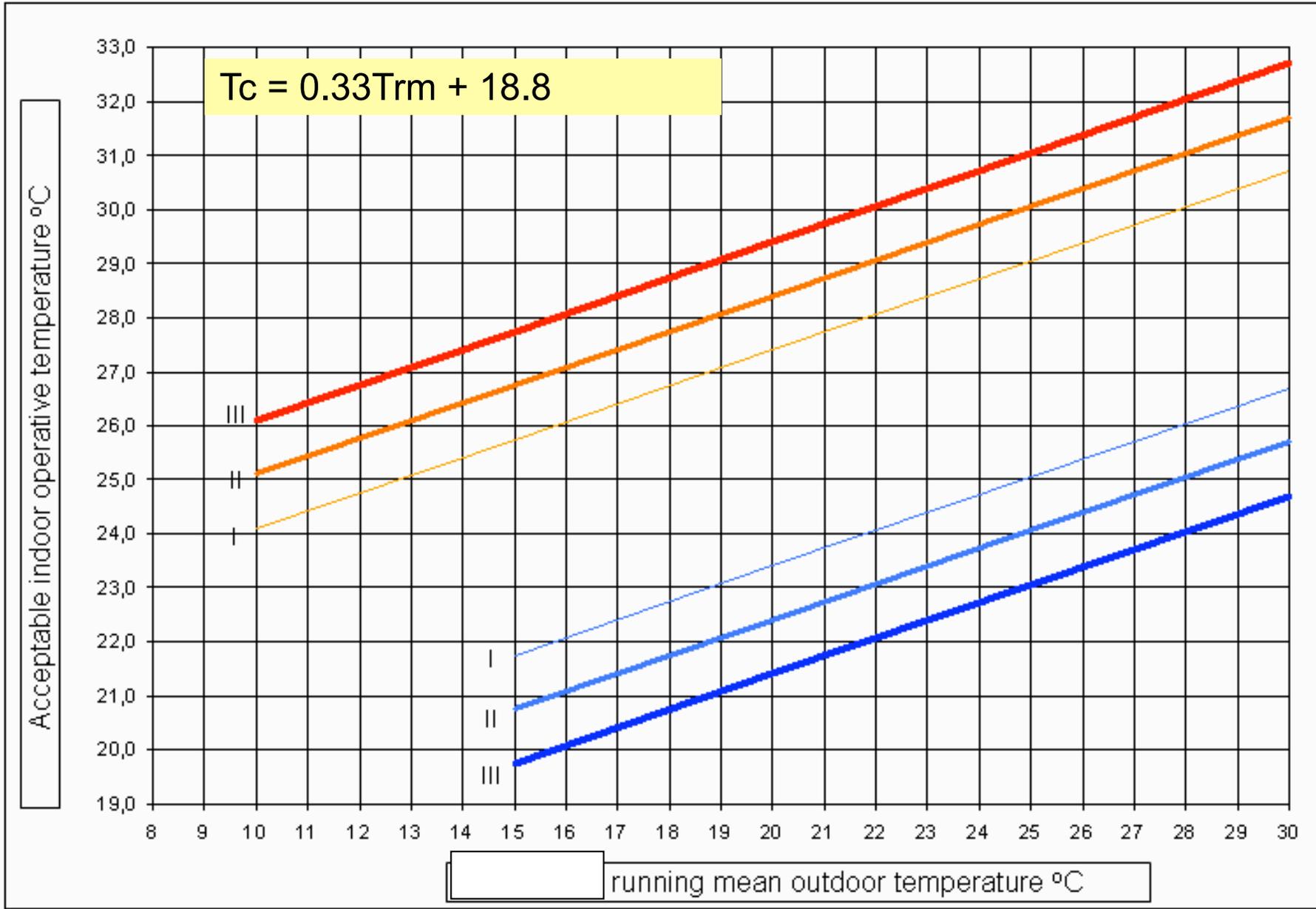


# ADAPTIVE COMFORT MODEL (Humphrey&Nicol 1972) in EN 15251

- The Adaptive Approach has been developed from **field-studies** of people in daily life.
- people in daily life are not passive, but tend to make themselves comfortable, by making adjustments (**adaptations**) to their clothing, activity and posture.
- The ‘adaptive opportunity’ may be provided, for instance, by **fans or openable windows** in summertime ...
- Dress codes will also have consequences for thermal design, ... and ... for **energy consumption**.

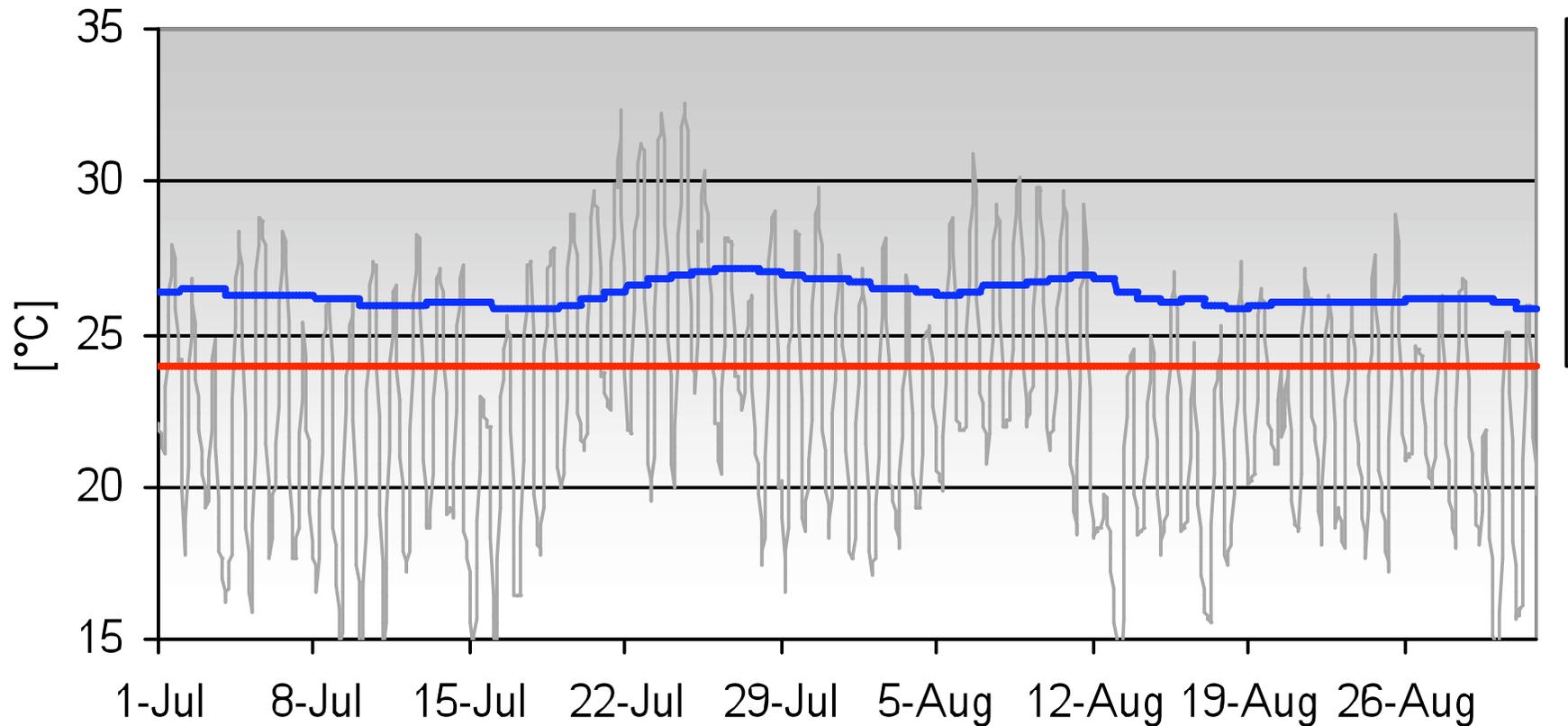


# EN15251: Temperature limits in Free Running Buildings



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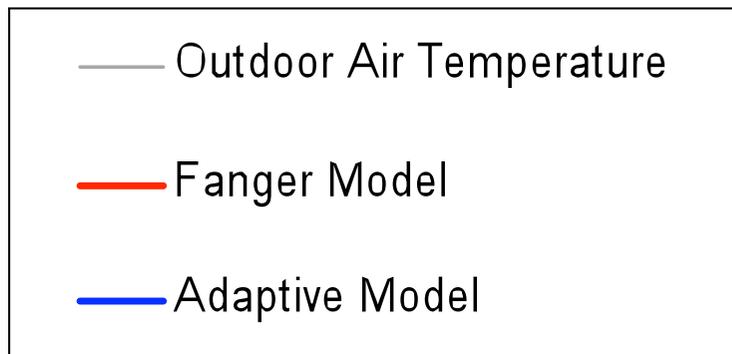
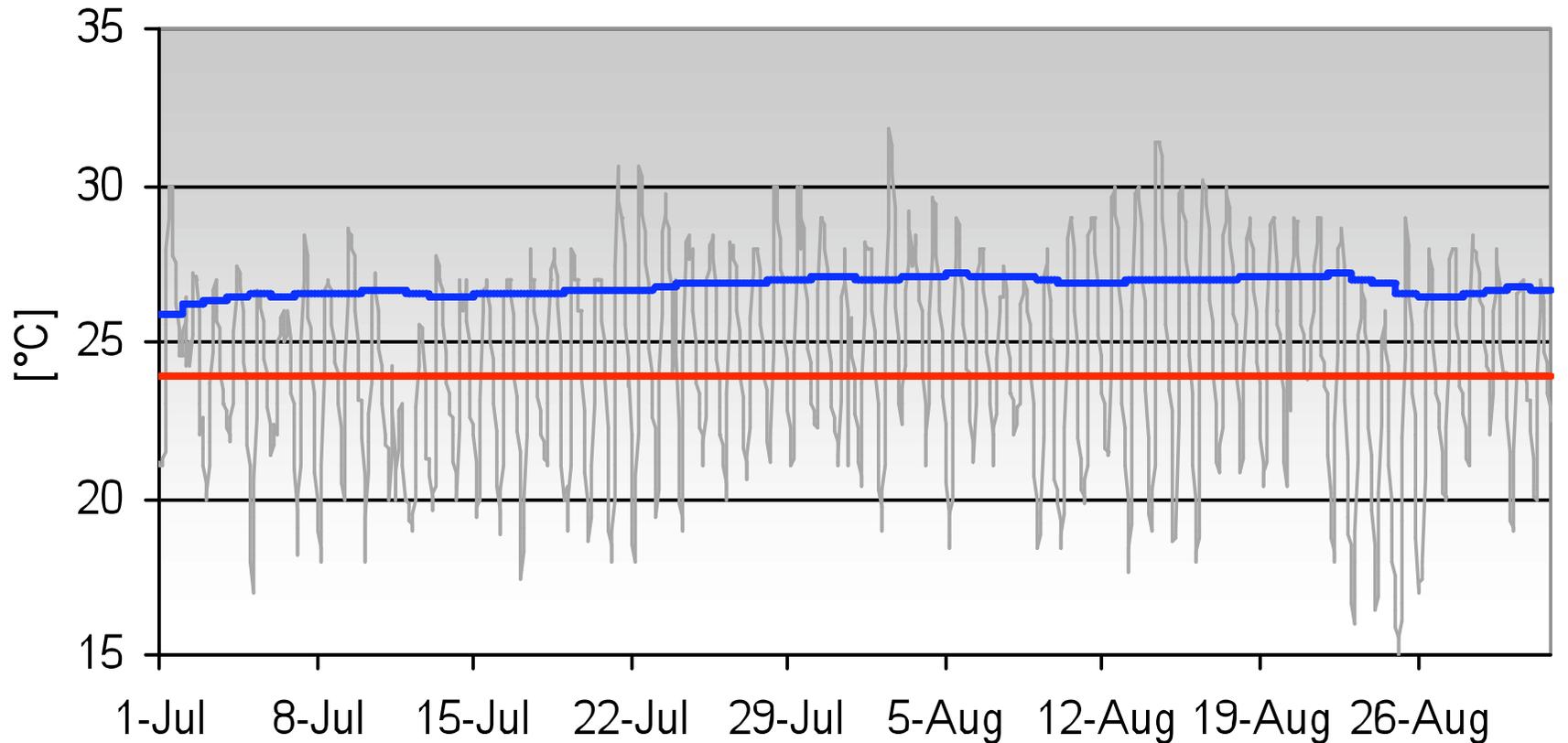


- Outdoor Air Temperature
- Fanger Model
- Adaptive Model

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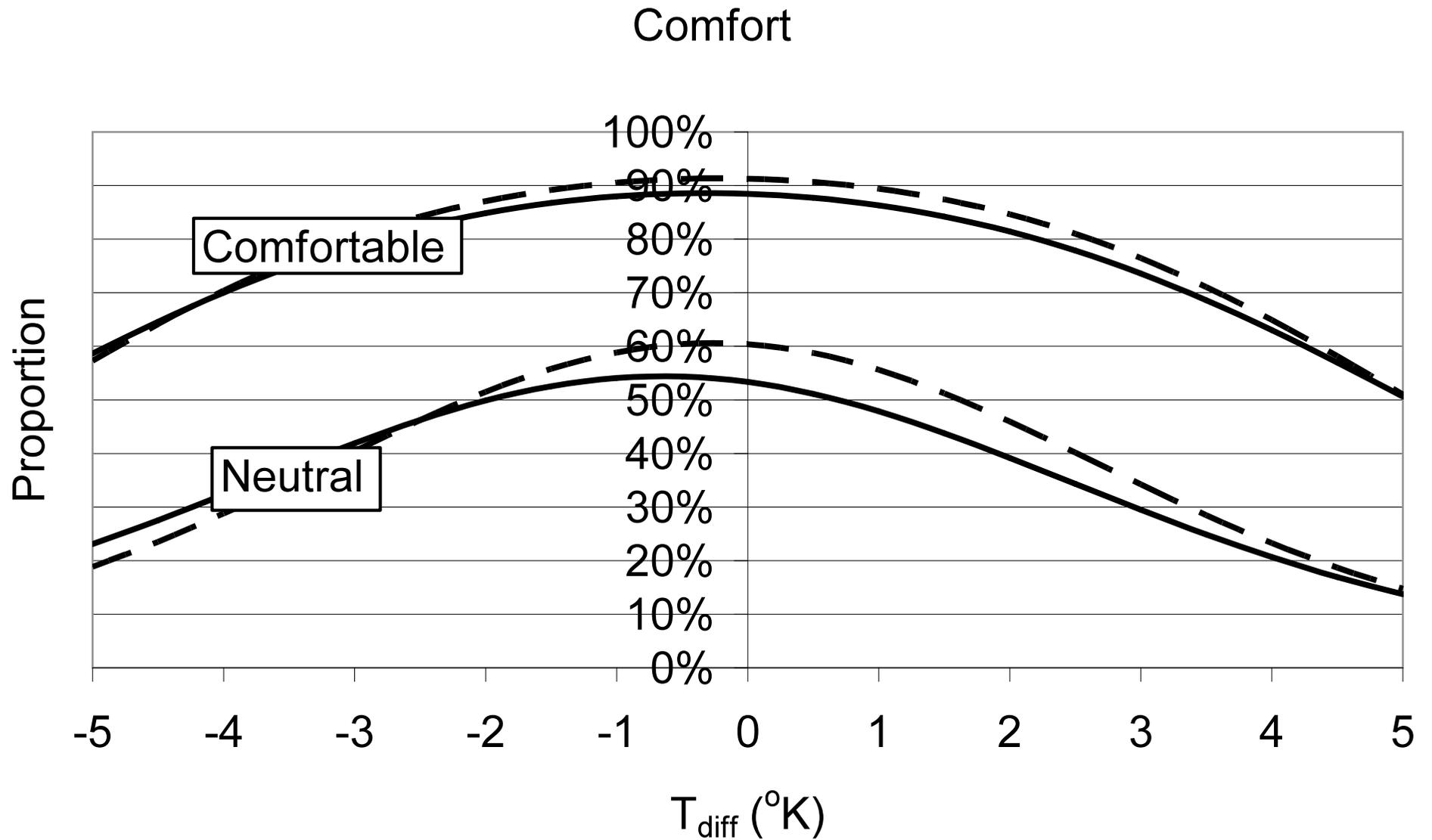
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air velocity = 0.15 m/s  
relative humidity = 50%

# COMFORT IN BUILDINGS



# prEN15251: Temperature limits in Free Running Buildings (1)

| Category | Suggested acceptable range |
|----------|----------------------------|
| I        | $\pm 2\text{K}$            |
| II       | $\pm 3\text{K}$            |
| III      | $\pm 4\text{K}$            |
| IV       |                            |

## Selected policy recommendations (1)

- Building code and Energy certification: they should explicitly deal with **net useful energy demand** for cooling
- **Inspection of AC** systems: energy advice should not relate to the mechanical AC system only but should also include **actions** for the reduction of the **net useful energy demand for cooling**

## Selected policy recommendations (2)

- Enact **legislation and incentives** schemes to **take full stock** of the possibilities offered by the **Adaptive model** in characterising comfort in non-mechanically cooled buildings
- take full stock of the **flexibility** present **in the Fanger model** and its application in ISO 7730 (in mechanically cooled buildings).
- Include a description of **comfort models in the curricula** for designers and training courses for professionals who will be charged of providing the building energy certification.

# Selected policy recommendations (3)

## Research strategy

- Include in the "European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan)" a focus on sustainable summer comfort issues (e.g. through the formation of a **European technology platform for envelope and passive cooling technologies**);
- Increase the share of demonstration, dissemination and monitoring activities. Promote large, well designed **monitoring campaigns**
- Promote **empirical studies on comfort** perception in real, occupied buildings, (mechanically cooled buildings, buildings that apply passive cooling technologies and in hybrid buildings)



# Keepcool 2

- More direct activity in promoting pilots
- More industry networking and market transformation (packaged solutions)
- Evaluation of savings by envelope and passive cooling technologies (library of measures) to be used for implementation of the EEESD
- Integrated solutions for Public Procurement





Comprehensive evaluation of the national EEAP-s with respect to measures that reduce energy consumption for cooling and information exchange between member countries

on this issue;



Development of guidelines for public procurement that take into account energy savings

from sustainable summer solutions and compilation of best practice examples relating to

the integration of energy efficiency issues – in this case of sustainable summer aspects

– into public building administrations;



Making available simplified procedures to evaluate the energy savings related to sustainable

summer comfort (approach for a bottom-up assessment).

# prEN15251: INTRODUCTION

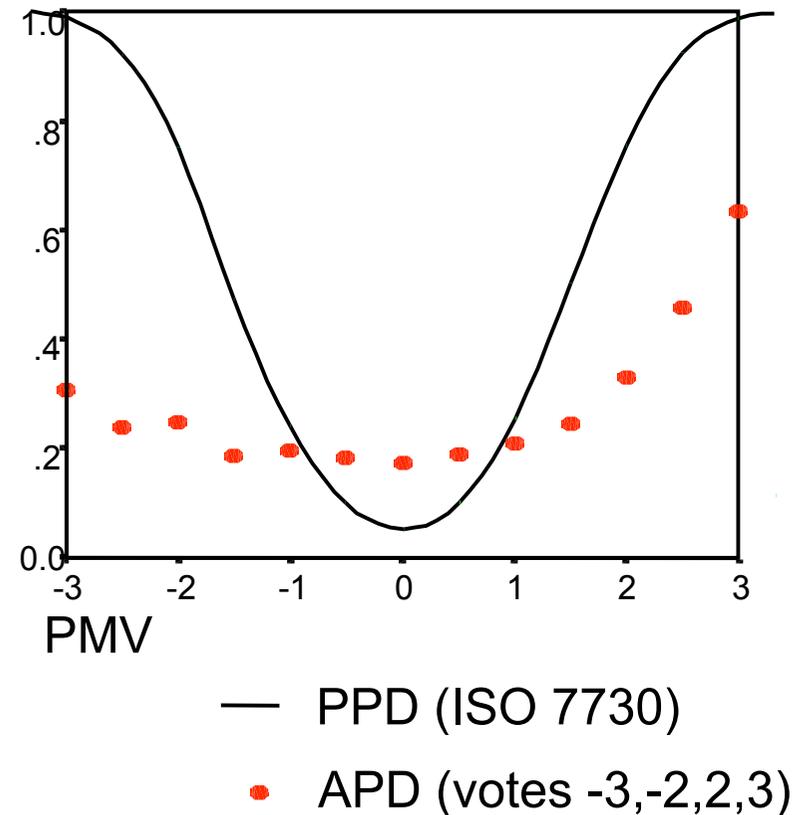
- European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive: *“the displaying of officially recommended indoor temperatures, together with the actual measured temperature, should discourage the misuse of heating, air-conditioning and ventilation systems. This should contribute to avoiding unnecessary use of energy and to safeguarding comfortable indoor climatic conditions (thermal comfort) in relation to the outside temperature”*.
- The European Standard [prEN15251](#) (*Indoor environmental input parameters for design and assessment of energy performance of buildings*) defines **minimum standards** for the internal environment in buildings to complement the EPBD. A major consideration of the prEN is to ensure a correct definition of **thermal comfort**.

# prEN15251: NV and AC Buildings

- International Standard EN ISO 7730 (2006) makes no allowance for differences in comfort conditions in naturally ventilated (NV) and mechanically cooled (AC) buildings.
- prEN15251 makes a distinction between buildings which are **HC and those which are FR**. Thus NV buildings will be HC during the heating season and FR during the summer; AC buildings are HC throughout the year. In Standard prEN15251, the comfort zone for HC buildings is defined as in EN ISO 7730 (2006).

# prEN15251: Examples of recommended categories for design of mechanical heated and cooled buildings

| Category | Thermal state of the body as a whole |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|          | PPD<br>%                             | Predicted<br>Mean Vote         |
| I        | < 6                                  | $-0.2 < PMV < + 0.2$           |
| II       | < 10                                 | $-0.5 < PMV < + 0.5$           |
| III      | < 15                                 | $-0.7 < PMV < + 0.7$           |
| IV       | > 15                                 | $PMV < -0.7$ ; or $+0.7 < PMV$ |



# prEN15251: Evaluation of thermal conditions for compliance

- There are two methods suggested in the prEN for evaluating the thermal comfort conditions:
  - **Percentage outside range**: the proportion of the occupied hours during which the temperature lies outside the acceptable zone.
  - **Degree hours criterion**: The time during which the actual operative temperature exceeds the specified range during occupied hours is weighted by a factor depending on the number of degrees by which the range has been exceeded.
- Acceptability of the space on the 'percentage' criterion is on the basis that the temperature in the rooms representing 95% of the occupied space is not more than 3% (or 5% - to be decided) of the occupied hours a day, week, month or year, outside the limits of the specified category. Acceptability for the degree hours criterion are still to be decided.

# CONCLUSION

- The proposed new European Standard prEN 15251 has been framed to allow the natural variability of the indoor climate in free running buildings to be matched to the natural ability of people in well designed buildings with adequate occupant control, to change their room conditions to suit their needs.
- This will mean that buildings can be designed which are both comfortable and can make full use of passive, low energy cooling and heating technologies.



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# Modification to PMV proposed by Fanger

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In non-air-conditioned buildings in warm climates, occupants may, however, perceive the warmth as being less severe than the PMV predicts. This is mainly caused by low expectations, but a metabolic rate that is estimated too high under warm conditions also contributes to explain the difference.

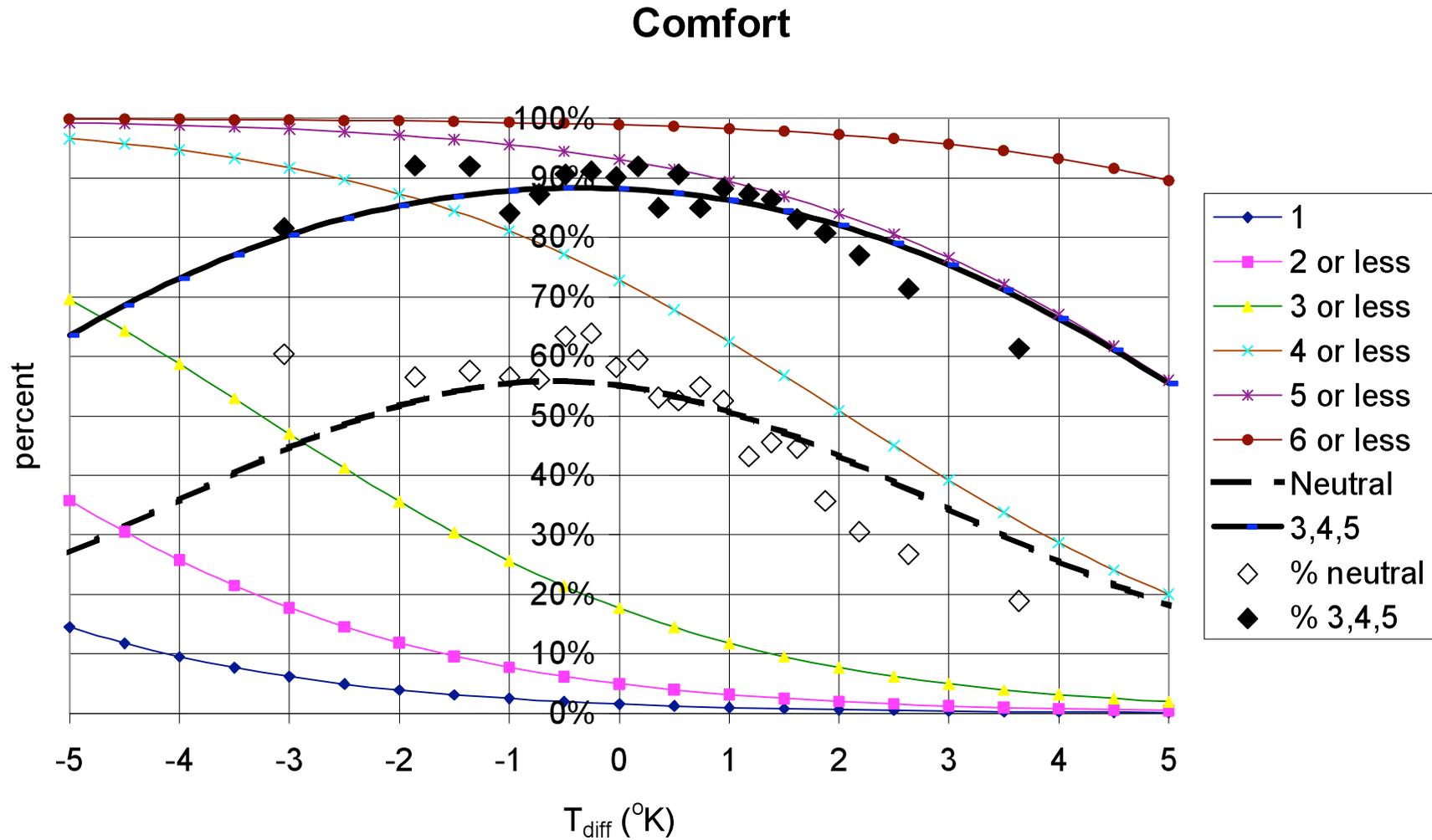
An extension of the PMV model that includes an expectancy factor is proposed for use in non-air-conditioned buildings in warm climates.

Expectancy factor: 0,5 to 1 : a change of a factor two

## ADAPTIVE APPROACH (3)

- Clothing and other adjustments in response to day-on-day changes in temperature, will occur when a building is responding to weather and seasonal changes. These will occur quite gradually and can take a week or so to complete. So it is desirable that the day-to-day change in mean indoor Operative temperature during occupied hours should not occur too quickly for the adaptive processes to keep pace.
- During the summer months many buildings in Europe are free-running. The temperatures in such buildings will change according to the weather outdoors, as will the clothing of the occupants. Even in air-conditioned buildings the clothing has been found to change according to the weather. As a result the temperature people find comfortable indoors also changes with the weather. Thus the temperature people find comfortable can vary quite considerably depending on the climate, but any change should occur sufficiently slowly to give building occupants time to adapt.

# Expected discomfort



# Conclusions

- PrEN15251 allows for a variation in comfort temperature in buildings which are not mechanically cooled.
- The comfort temperature can be calculated from the running mean of the outdoor temperature.
- The level of discomfort is a function of the difference between comfort temperature and operative temperature

# Policy suggestions

# Conclusions

- There is no temperature at which everyone will feel comfortable,
- Minimum discomfort will be experienced within  $2^{\circ}\text{K}$  of the comfort temperature.
- An allowance can be made for air movement



# OUTLINE

EN 15251 (on the base of data from SCATS and other surveys of thermal comfort):

- Defines an adaptive comfort temperature for European office workers in free running buildings.
- Defines comfort categories (in terms of use of the building, and range of PMV or operative temperature).
- Provides examples of adaptive comfort temperatures in different climates.

# ISO 7730: Validity conditions

- The index shall be used only for values of PMV between -2 and +2 and when the six main parameters are within the following intervals.:
  - Air temperature:  $10\text{ °C} < t_a < 30\text{ °C}$ ;
  - Radiant mean temperature:  $10\text{ °C} < t_{mr} < 40\text{ °C}$ ;
  - Air velocity:  $v_a < 1\text{ m/s}$ ;
  - Activity between 0.8 and 4 met (46 to 232 W/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Clothing between 0 and 2 clo (0 m<sup>2</sup> K/W and 0,310 m<sup>2</sup> K/W)