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Combined use of experimental and simulation methods for the assessment of thermal comfort and IAQ: The case of office buildings

The assessment of thermal comfort and indoor air quality (IAQ) in office buildings is pivotal for enhancing occupant health, well-being, and productivity. This study employs a combined approach of experimental measurements and simulations to evaluate these factors in naturally ventilated office environments. The measurement campaign took place in office buildings located in Kozani, Western Macedonia, Greece, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Measurements included thermal comfort parameters and IAQ indicators. Thermal comfort indexes like PMV-PPD where calculated, while identification of volatile organic compounds (VOCS) was implemented to investigate the IAQ. Also, ventilation rates were determined using the tracer gas methods with CO₂ as the tracer gas, and simulation analysis was performed using appropriate software. This integrated methodology demonstrates the value of combining experimental and simulation techniques to establish healthier, more comfortable, and energy-efficient indoor environments. The results can serve as a guide for improving workplace environmental quality and mitigating health risks in office buildings.

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Giannis Papadopoulos is a PhD candidate at the University of Western Macedonia in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. His research activity focuses on thermal comfort and indoor air quality, particularly examining their relationship with ventilation and energy consumption. His research combines experimental and theoretical approaches to achieve a more precise understanding and evaluation of comfort conditions in various types of buildings.

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