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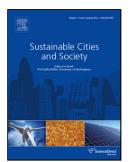
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Evaluation of climatic zones and field study on thermal comfort for underground engineering

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Highlights

- Four climatic zones for underground engineering in China were established.
- Questionnaires and field investigations had been elaborated in the four climatic zones
- Occupants' thermal preference and acceptability in different climate zones are discussed.
- Developed models of neutral temperature were derived for different climatic zones.
- How higher *RH* impact on occupants' thermal acceptability and MTS were explored.

ABSTRACT

The researches on thermal comfort for underground engineering are lacking in China. In this paper, ground temperature (T_g) , ventilating sensible heat ratio (*VSHR*) of fresh air in 249 cities of different areas were calculated, and four climatic zones including Cold, Dry, Humid, Hot&Humid were established. Through field surveys from June 1 to September 30 during the period 2007-2015, larger amounts of measured data and 5862 effective questionnaires were obtained in non-air conditioned defense basement in the four climatic zones. Results showed that the mean thermal sensation (MTS) values did not agree with the values of PMV model. At the same operative temperature of 27 °C, the values of MTS were 0.53, 0.47, 0.32 and 0.0 in Cold, Dry, Humid and Hot&Humid climatic zone, respectively. When T_{op} was more than 26 °C, more than 84% of the occupants expect 'no change' in the four climatic zones, especially 91% in Hot&Humid zone. When relative humidity (*RH*) was more than 80%, most of the occupants' thermal acceptability (*TA*) was less than -0.3. In addition, by using multiple regression techniques, the neutral temperature models were derived using the parameters of average outdoor temperature, T_g , *RH* and clothing value for different climatic zones.

Keywords: climatic zones; thermal comfort; underground engineering; neutral temperature

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