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# Fuzzy control: Indoor Environment Quality (IEQ)

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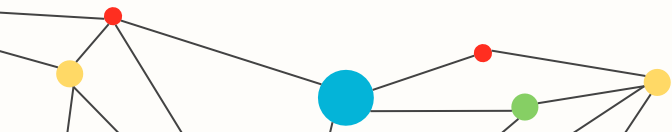
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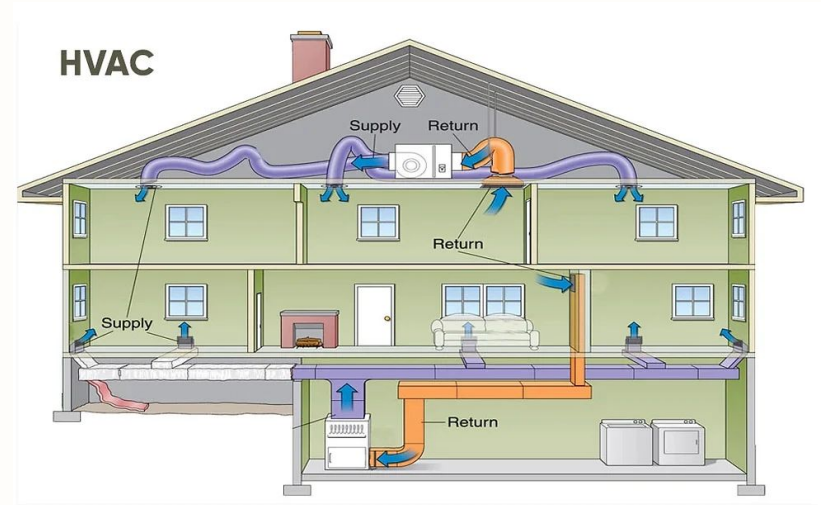
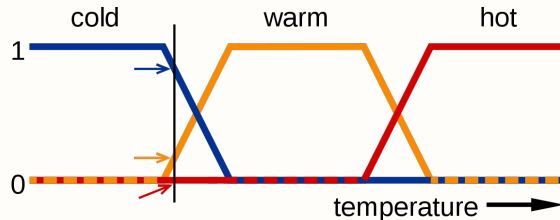
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# Introducción y análisis del problema



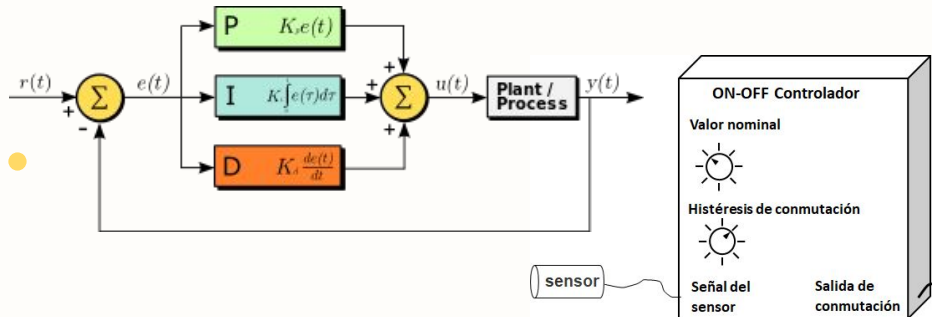
# Introducción: motivación y contexto

- Mejorar el rendimiento de sistemas HVAC
- Abordar esta complejidad con **lógica difusa**.



# Análisis del problema

- IEQ → Interacción de diversos factores.
- Controladores tradicionales operan de forma aislada.



## Importancia:

- Bienestar y salud de los ocupantes.
- Alineación con objetivos climáticos de la UE.



# Objetivos

Diseño de un FLC para optimizar la IEQ, manteniendo **niveles adecuados de confort**.

Optimizar consumo energético	Reducir el consumo energético
Integrar múltiples sensores	Varios datos (temperatura, humedad, CO <sub>2</sub> ...)
Mejorar estabilidad del sistema	Reducir oscilaciones



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# Desarrollo del caso práctico



# Descripción del caso práctico

- Controlador difuso unificado

## Unifying Fuzzy controller for Indoor Environment Quality

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**Abstract**—Optimizing energy consumption while maintaining an appropriate level of comfort is one of the current challenges in the Indoor Environment Quality (IEQ) field. In this paper, we propose an unified fuzzy controller for managing the different aspects involved in IEQ, overcoming the potentially inefficient interactions between several traditional controllers. We also describe the implemented web simulator to test the controller, and the results of applying the controller to a pilot room, measuring the air quality over a period of a month. Even though, further research and experimentation should be done, specially with the experts in order to fine tuning the rules and the controller, initial results are promising enough and the ease of use is quite remarkable by users.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Indoor Environment Quality (IEQ) has lately emerged as an issue of great importance since the presence of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems has been popularized. IEQ tries to go beyond traditional control by introducing the comfort of the users in the game. Energy consumption of those systems, while appropriate comfort level is an issue of great interest that has not yet been fully addressed. Not in vain, energy consumption by the HVAC equipment in residential, commercial and industrial buildings represent about 40%

Although traditional PIDs could provide reasonable solutions, they are not enough to control the uncertainty of the dynamics of HVAC systems, which are more easily characterised using linguistic labels and rules [2], [3]. Fuzzy Logic Controllers (FLCs) appear as a viable alternative to conventional controllers, since they do not require a mathematical modelling [4] and they are prepared to handle different criteria, as they represent the dynamic of the HVAC system according to the knowledge of a human expert. Moreover, their efficiency and lower energy consumption (while satisfying the indoor comfort requirements) comparing to PID controllers, has been completely demonstrated [5].

In the literature, an extensive variety of proposals in this direction can be found. For instance, Calvino et al. [6] focus on the development of a fuzzy controller for the control of the indoor thermal-hygrometry comfort conditions, allowing a better adjustment of the indoor micro-climate conditions.

The focus of the FLC is not only maintaining the thermal environment, but also optimizing other parameters if necessary. Becker et al. [7] propose a fuzzy controller for temperature and relative humidity (RH) in refrigeration systems, by considering their thermodynamic coupling. In [8], authors develop a rule-based fuzzy controller to control and provide thermal comfort

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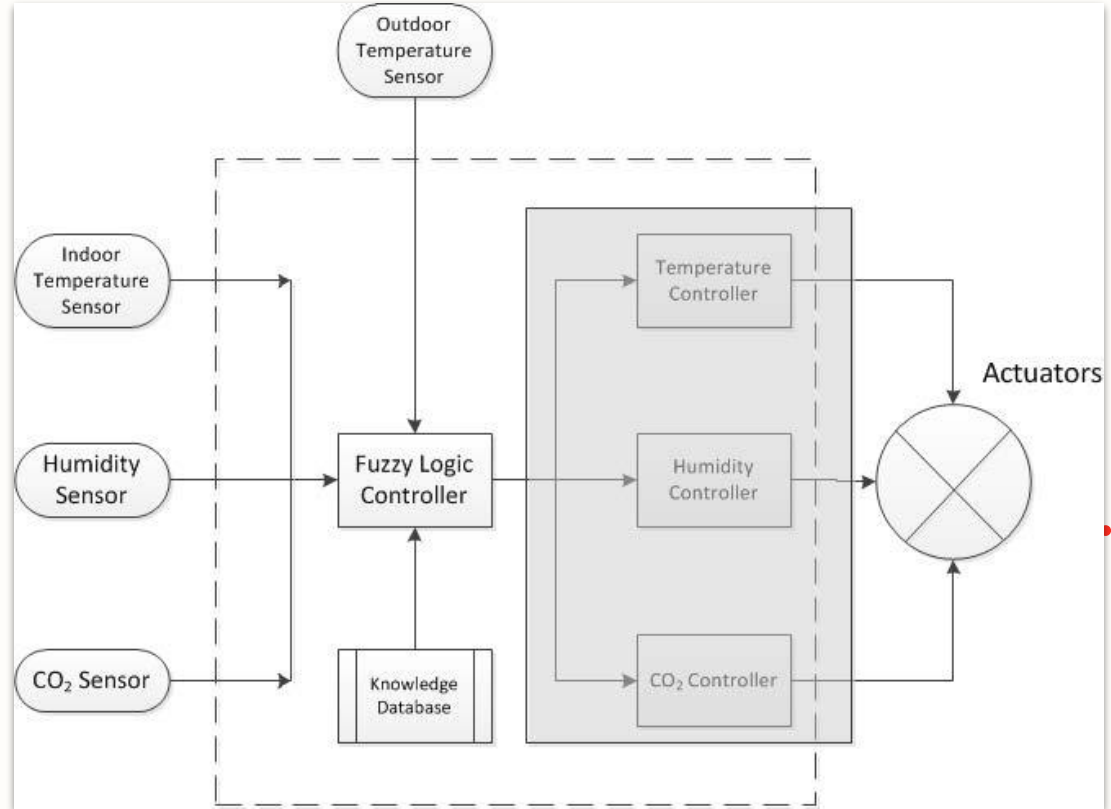
# Diseño del controlador difuso

## Entradas:

- Temp. interna/externa
- Humedad relativa
- Concentración  $\text{CO}_2$
- Iluminación

## Salidas:

- Nivel de temperatura
- Nivel de humedad
- Nivel de iluminación
- Programa de aire acondicionado

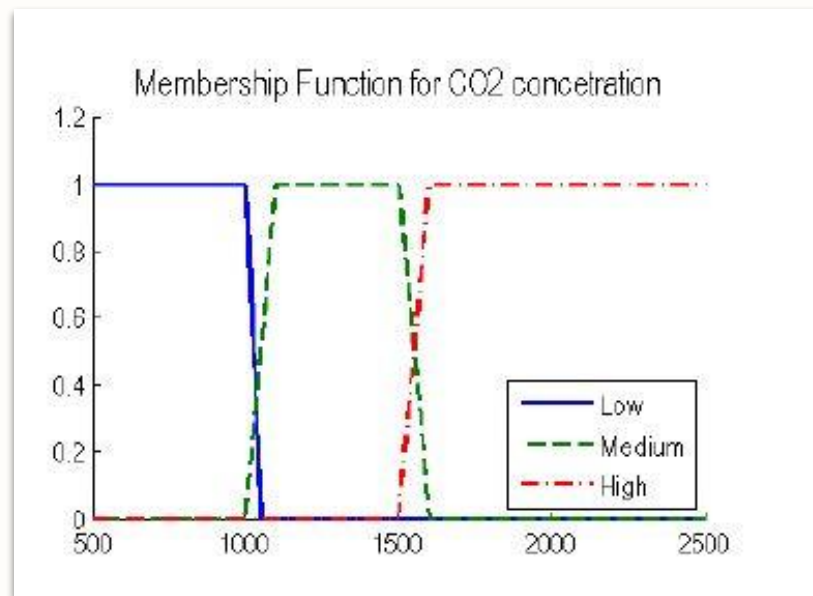


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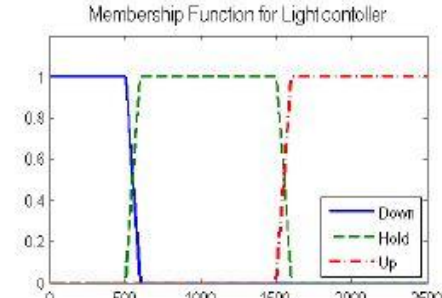
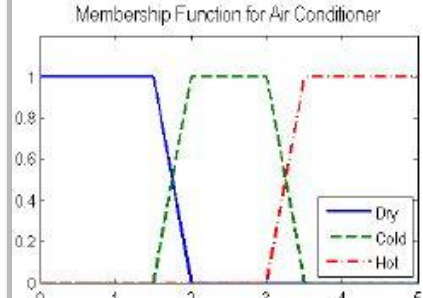
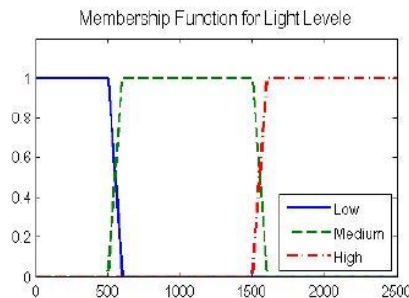
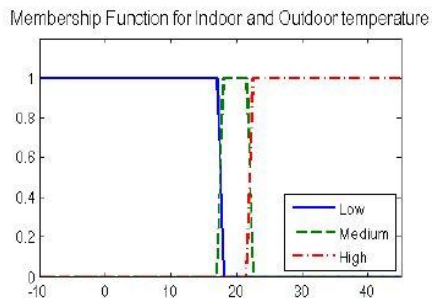
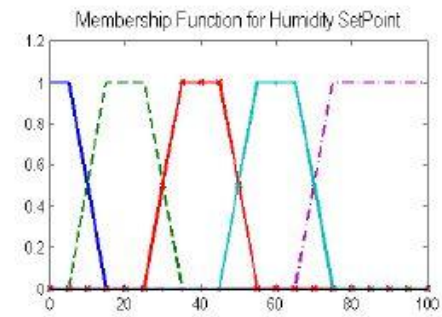
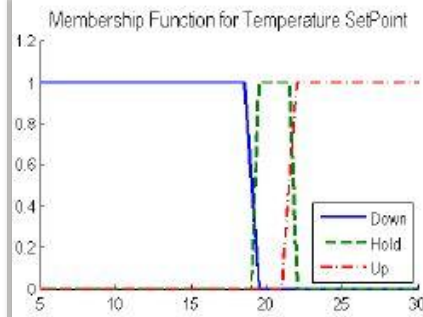
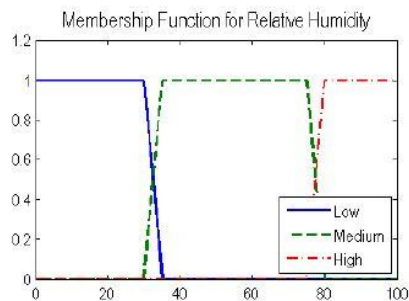
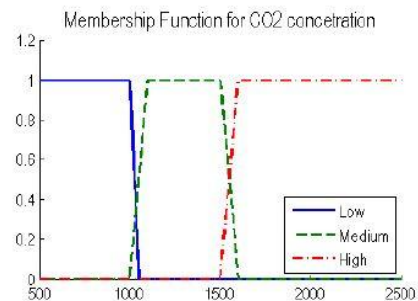
## Base de conocimiento:

- Funciones de pertenencia (trapezoidales)

$$\mu_L(x_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{si } x_i < a \text{ o } x_i > d, \\ \frac{x_i - a}{b - a} & \text{si } a \leq x_i \leq b, \\ 1 & \text{si } b \leq x_i \leq c, \\ \frac{d - x_i}{d - c} & \text{si } c \leq x_i \leq d. \end{cases}$$



# Diseño del controlador difuso



# Diseño del controlador difuso

## Base de conocimiento:

- Conjunto de reglas difusas (*IF-THEN*)

IF  $S_{temp_{indoor}}$  IS Medium AND  $S_{temp_{outdoor}}$  IS High THEN  $A_{temp_{level}}$  IS Hold AND  $A_{h_{level}}$  IS Standard  
IF  $S_{RH}$  IS Low AND  $S_{temp_{indoor}}$  IS Low THEN  $A_{Air}$  IS Hot AND  $A_{h_{level}}$  IS High AND  $A_{temp_{level}}$  IS Up  
IF  $S_{RH}$  IS Medium AND  $S_{temp_{indoor}}$  IS Medium THEN  $A_{h_{level}}$  IS Standard  
IF  $S_{RH}$  IS High AND  $S_{temp_{indoor}}$  IS Medium THEN  $A_{Air}$  IS Dry AND  $A_{h_{level}}$  IS Continuous

# Diseño del controlador difuso

## Motor de inferencia:

- *Mamdani Max-Min*

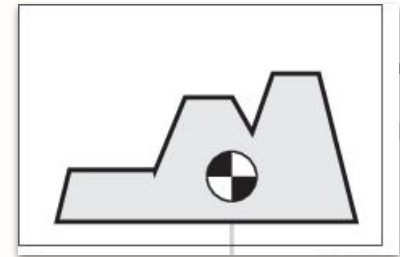
$$\mu_{R_i}(x) = \alpha_{i1} \wedge \alpha_{i2} \wedge \alpha_{i3} \wedge \alpha_{i4} \wedge \alpha_{i5}$$

$$\mu_{Output_i}(x) = \max \mu_{R_1}(x), \mu_{R_2}(x), \dots, \mu_{R_{17}}(x)$$

## Defuzzificación:

- *Modo A - FATI*
- Método del *centroide*

$$d_{CA}(C) = \frac{\int_{-c}^c C(z)z \, dz}{\int_{-c}^c C(z) \, dz}$$



# Pruebas en el simulador

### Definition of comfort parameters


Lighting level (lux): 300 - 1500


CO2 concentration (ppm): 0 - 1000


Relative Humidity (%): 30 - 70


Temperature (°C): 18 - 21

### Actions

 Increase Lighting (65 %)

 Close windows

 Increase Humidifier (83 %)

 Increase Temperature (65 %)

### Inputs

Indoor lighting level (lux): 132

Outdoor lighting level (lux): 257

Indoor CO2 concentration (ppm): 588

Indoor relative humidity (%): 19

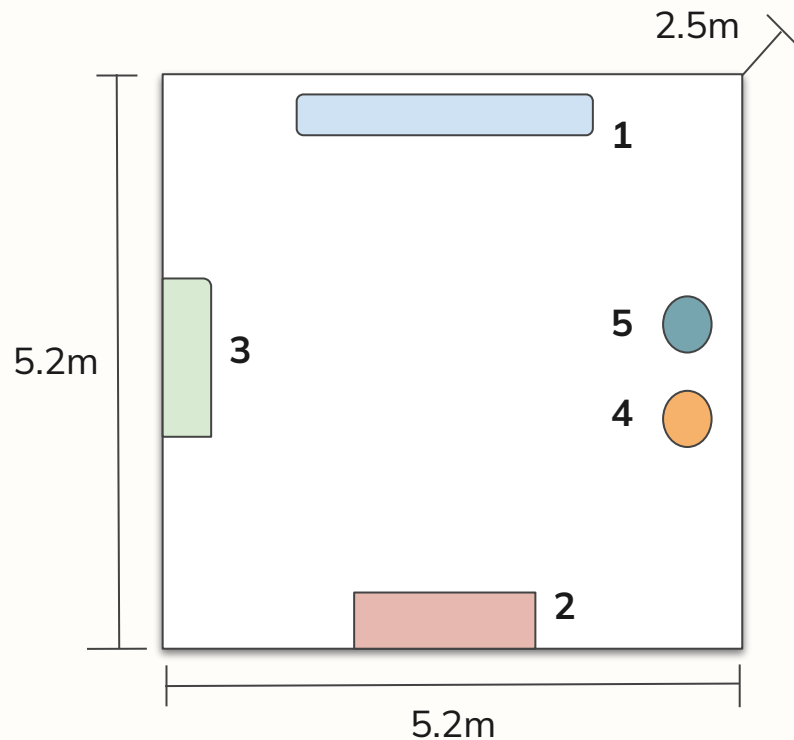
Indoor Temperature (°C): 16

Outdoor Temperature (°C): 12

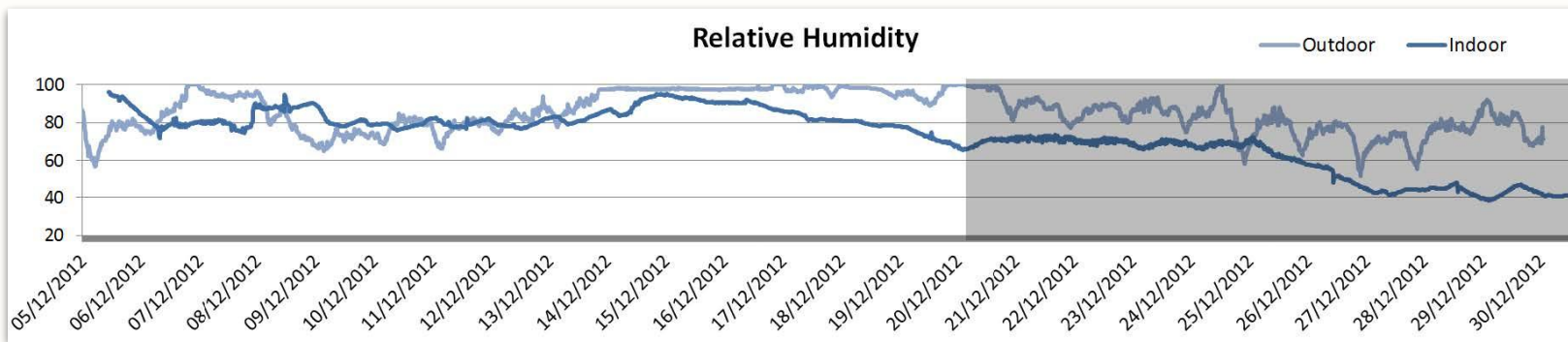
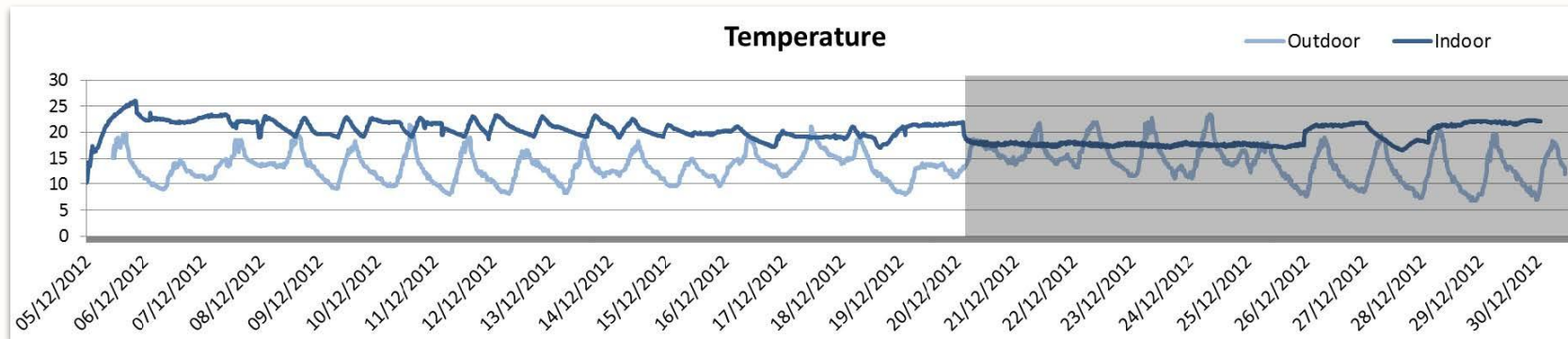


# Pruebas en un entorno real

- 1) Ventana
- 2) Puerta
- 3) Sistema HVAC
- 4) Sensor de temperatura
- 5) Sensor de humedad
- 6) Ausencia de muebles y personas\*



# Resultados y conclusiones







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# Estudios y enfoques alternativos



# FLC optimizado con algoritmos genéticos

- AG para optimizar los parámetros del controlador.

Alcalá, R., Benítez, J. M., Casillas, J., Cordon, O., & Pérez, R. (2003). Fuzzy control of HVAC systems optimized by genetic algorithms. *Applied Intelligence*, 18, 155-177.



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## Fuzzy Control of HVAC Systems Optimized by Genetic Algorithms

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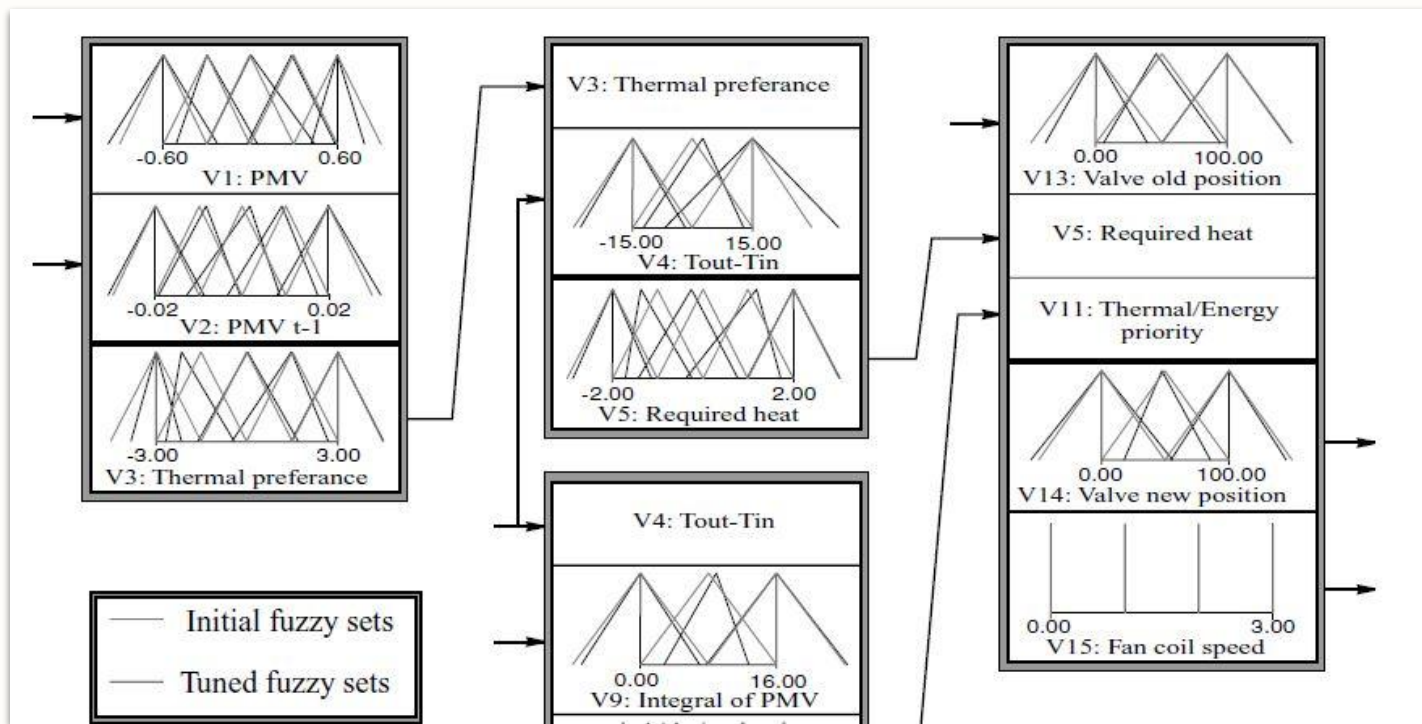
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**Abstract.** This paper presents the use of genetic algorithms to develop smartly tuned fuzzy logic controllers dedicated to the control of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems concerning energy performance and costs. This problem has some specific restrictions that make it very particular and complex requirements existing due to the need of considering multiple criteria (which enlarges the need to the long computation time models require to assess the accuracy of each individual. In this paper, a genetic tuning strategy considering an efficient multicriteria approach has been proposed. Fuzzy logic controllers have been produced and tested in laboratory experiments in order to check the adequacy of the proposed control and tuning technique. To do so, accurate models of the controlled buildings (two real test sites) have been provided by experts. Finally, simulations and real experiments were compared determining the effectiveness of the proposed strategy.

**Keywords:** HVAC systems, fuzzy logic controllers, genetic tuning, multiple criteria

# FLC optimizado con algoritmos genéticos



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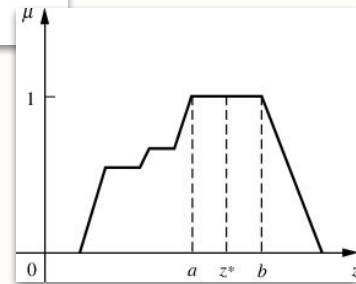
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$$\mu_{Output_i}(x) = \max \mu_{R_1}(x), \mu_{R_2}(x), \dots, \mu_{R_{17}}(x)$$

## Defuzzificación:

- *Modo B - FITA*
- *MOM (Mean of Maxima)*

$$d_{MM}(C) = \frac{\sum_{z_k \in M} z_k}{|M|}$$



# FIS centrado en la evaluación de IEQ

- Qué parámetros constituyen y/o afectan a la IEQ.
- Factor humano.

Original Paper

## Fuzzy inference system for the assessment of indoor environmental quality in a room

Karol Jabłoński and Tomasz Grychowski

### Abstract

The aim of the project presented in this article was to design a system which allows for assessment of indoor environmental conditions, with a special consideration regarding the comfort of occupants. The system consists of two microprocessor devices with numerous sensors, as well as a PC application which includes fuzzy inference module. Fuzzy inference algorithm allows for comfort assessment based on data gathered by sensors. It can also help to analyse the efficiency of HVAC systems. The article includes description of the system's functions and selection criteria for sensors taking into account measurands. Also described in this paper is the construction of knowledge base, based on environmental standards and experts' statements. The constructed system was tested and, to confirm its application in practical comfort assessment and to highlight the advantages of fuzzy logic in the process of analysing measured parameters and inference, which captures the process data.

### Keywords

Fuzzy logic, Indoor air quality, Environmental comfort, Microcontroller systems, Building control system, Knowledge-based systems, Multisensor system, Measurement system, Fuzzy inference

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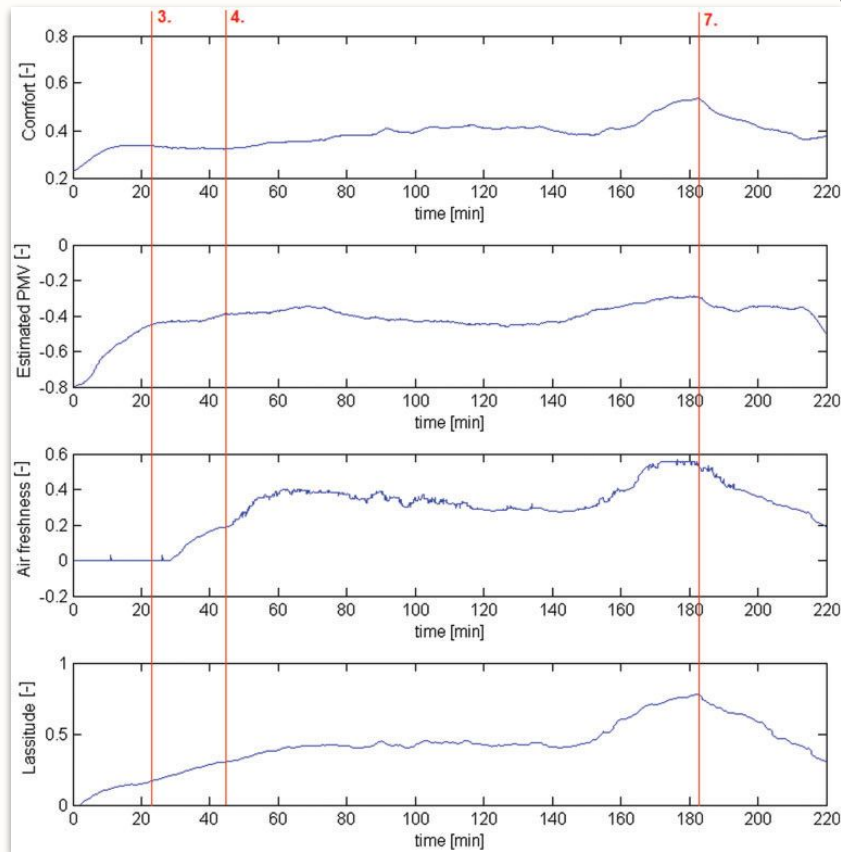
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# FIS centrado en la evaluación de IEQ

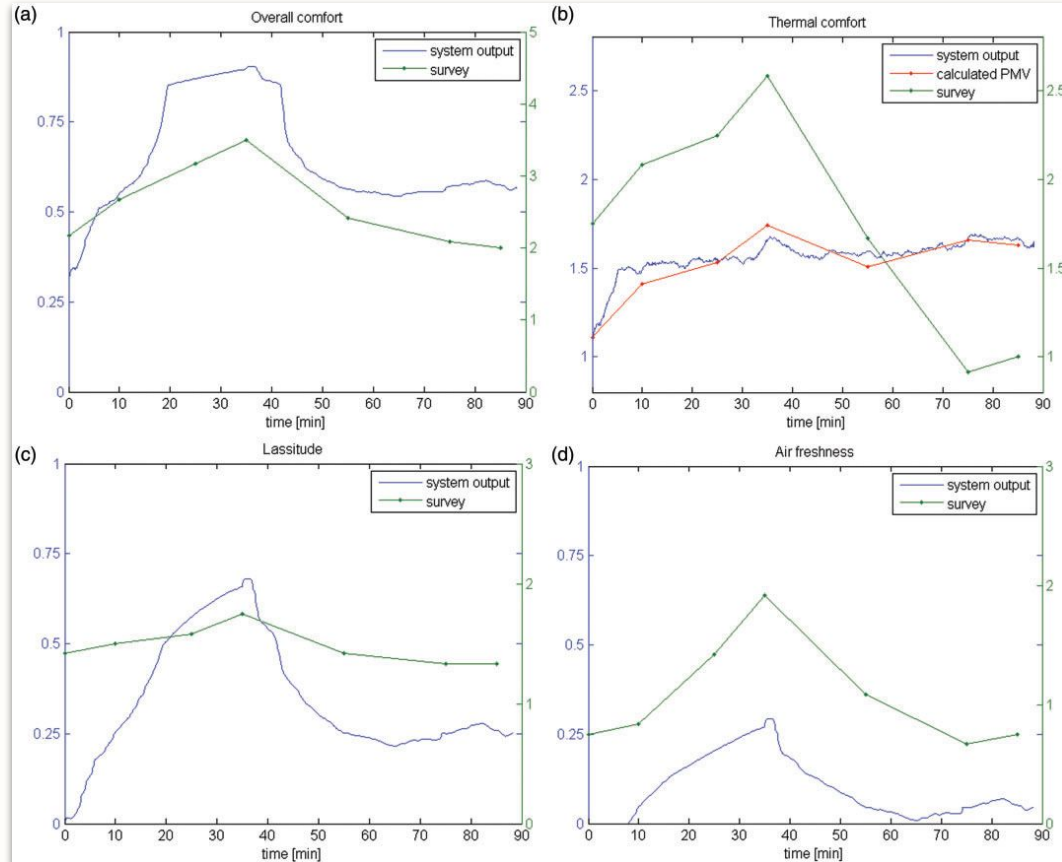
- Pruebas en entornos reales y transitados.

N	Time (min)	Event
0	000	Closing windows after venting and start of measurement
1	006	Leaving room by 1 person
2	020	Return of 1 person
3	022	Beginning of a meal
4	045	End of the meal
5	065	Leaving room by 1 person
6	140	Return of 1 person
7	182	Opening trickle vent in window
8	220	End of measurement



# FIS centrado en la evaluación de IEQ

- Encuestas para la percepción humana del confort.





# Comparaciones

- *¿Qué enfoque es el más adecuado?*

Aspecto	Controlador difuso unificado	Controlador con algoritmos genéticos	Sistema de inferencia difusa
<b>Variables controladas</b>	Temperatura, humedad, CO2, iluminación	Temperatura, humedad, CO2, consumo energético...	Temperatura, humedad, CO2, iluminación, ruido, olores...
<b>Enfoque metodológico</b>	Controlador difuso clásico con reglas definidas por expertos. FLC supervisa PIDs para HVAC	Integración de algoritmos genéticos para optimizar automáticamente reglas y funciones de pertenencia	Arquitectura modular con subsistemas independientes. Implementación en LabVIEW
<b>Pruebas y validación</b>	Pruebas en una habitación piloto controlada, comparando con controlador reactivo	Simulaciones y pruebas en múltiples entornos reales bajo diferentes condiciones estacionales	Pruebas en entornos ocupados reales, correlacionando resultados con encuestas de usuarios
<b>Objetivo principal</b>	Optimizar el confort interior y la eficiencia energética en sistemas HVAC	Equilibrio dinámico entre confort y eficiencia energética	Evaluación integral del confort interior basado en múltiples índices
<b>Aplicación recomendada</b>	Escenarios con reglas de confort bien definidas, simplicidad y robustez	Entornos donde se requiere máxima eficiencia energética y optimización precisa	Edificios donde la percepción humana del confort es crítica





# 04

## Conclusiones y posibles mejoras



# Consecución de objetivos

<b>Optimizar consumo energético</b>	Mejor eficiencia energética del sist. HVAC	✓
<b>Integrar múltiples sensores</b>	Temperatura interior y exterior, humedad...	✓
<b>Mejorar estabilidad del sistema</b>	Reducir oscilaciones (suaviza cambios)	✓

# Posibles mejoras

<b>Flexibilidad y escalabilidad</b>	Ampliar el número de sensores y variables de estudio	🤔
<b>Control predictivo y preventivo</b>	Anticipar cambios y tomar medidas correctivas	🤔
<b>Personalización del confort</b>	Tener en cuenta preferencias y actividades de los usuarios	🤔



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