

R&D THERMAL ENGINEER - INTERNSHIP (M/F) VERSAILLES (78) FRANCE

Topic: Advanced numerical models to predict thermal comfort in car cabins

ABOUT VEDECOM INSTITUTE

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ACTIVITIES

In charge of finding innovative solutions for reducing over-consumption caused by passenger compartment conditioning and improving the occupants' comfort and experience in electric vehicles, VERY-LOW-ENERGY AUXILIARIES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT team is focusing its research efforts on the following topics:

- ✓ Development of coupled models (aero-thermal, radiative, physiological and psycho-sensory aspects of the passenger compartment and occupants) for the analysis or parametric study of passenger compartment thermal comfort.
- ✓ Experimental and numerical investigations to develop and test 'intelligent' driving configurations and strategies designed to deliver high energy efficient and customizable comfort adapted to new forms of mobility.
- ✓ Experimental research into the comfort experienced, supported by human tests in a controlled passenger compartment environment, and modelling.

For the purpose of this activity, our team is looking for a highly motivated student to work on the customization approach of thermal mannikin in order to customize the thermal comfort service.

The goal of this work is to validate our customizing approach of numerical thermal mannikins to represent a typology of people using literature and experimental data.

The internship is scheduled according to the following roadmap:

- ✓ Handle our customized mannikin generator.
- ✓ Implement customized mannikins (young European male and female) using an approach documented in literature.
- ✓ Validate our customization methods against literature.
- ✓ Quantify the improvement potential of this approach to predict thermo-physiological responses compared to the standard approach.
- ✓ Bring useful qualitative indications about people thermal preferences.
- ✓ Validate the customization approach with data collected with experiments on human subjects performed on a test bench located in Vélizy (Stellantis)

Keywords: Thermal comfort, Human thermo-physiology, Heat transfer

REQUIREMENTS

Education:

- Enrolled in a university pursuing an undergraduate or master's degree in Aerospace, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science or a related field

Technical skills:

- Solid background knowledge of fluid mechanics and convective and radiative heat transfer

- Knowledges in thermal comfort and thermo-physiology or previous working experiences on these topics (internship or projects) are welcome.
- Mastering a programming language (Python ideally) and demonstrating strong scripting skills

Personal skills:

- Being a good team player
- Very good analytical and synthesis skills
- High interest for the topic and high level of motivation for the mission
- Willing to bring your own contribution to the project

If you are interested, please send your CV, motivation letter to ilango.thiagalingam@vedecom.fr

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