## Maintaining Thermal Comfort in MURBs under a Changing Climate

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#### **UBC GREEN BUILDING ACTION PLAN**





#### VISION:

By 2035, UBC's buildings will make net positive contributions to human and natural systems.

https://planning.ubc.ca/vancouver/sustainability-operations/green-buildings



## "City of UBC" – Wesbrook Neighbourhood



#### A Changing Climate



#### Cooling Degree Days: Recent Past

#### Cooling Degree Days: 2050s



Source: Metro Vancouver (2016)

## Generating "Future Weather Files" For Building Energy Modelling









Malin Ek Trevor Murdock (PCIC)

- TMY Typical Meteorological Year for building modelling
- "Morphing" future daily temperature to hourly TMY

UBC SEEDS Project: Future weather files to support climate resilient building design in Vancouver. Ek et al. 2018

#### **Designing Climate Resilient MURBs – Partnership Project**

















Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund



#### Unmet Cooling Hours – New Low Rise Archetype





Building Archetype Low Rise New (No Mechanical Cooling)





#### Unmet Cooling Hours: New Low Rise Archetype



Bundle 4: Intrgrated heating and cooling + Reduced SHGC + Operable shading

#### Energy Step Code: Step 4

Energy Step Code: Step 3





#### Resilience to Summer Heating Events: New Low Rise Archetype



# of overheated hours (warmest zone)





### Cooling Energy Demand Intensity (CEDI) – New High Rise Archetype



**Building Archetype** High Rise New (Mechanical Cooling)

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Making Buildings Better



Step 3 Step 4



## Cooling Energy Demand Intensity (CEDI): New High Rise Archetype



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#### Resilience to Power Outage: New High Rise Archetype







### Looking Ahead





Source: Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium

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# Questions?



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