

COOLING LOAD PREDICTION MODEL DURING THE DESIGN OF
MOSQUES IN MADINAH

EMAD AMEEN ALHARBI

A thesis submitted in fulfilment of the
requirements for the award of the degree of
Doctor of Philosophy

School of Civil Engineering
Faculty of Engineering
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

MAY 2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. First of all, I must give thanks to Allah who gave me the ability, patience and has helped me to complete this research. Peace and blessing be upon his Messenger Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him).

I would like to express special thanks and gratitude to my supervisor, Professor. Ir. Dr. Rosli Bin Mohamad Zin, for his valuable guidance, immense patience, continuous encouragement and inspiration during the entire period of this research work. It has been an incredible pleasure to collaborate with him, and I have the highest respect to him and admiration for his generous support and guidance during all stages in my PhD degree.

I would like to thank all the staff at Faculty of Civil Engineering, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) for providing the resources, facilities and instruments required for this research. I would like to give further thanks to my friends and colleagues for their support and encouragement. Without them, I would have not been able to accomplish this goal. I am also grateful to my entire family members.

ABSTRACT

The building sector accounts for almost 40% of the total global energy consumption. Saudi Arabia, along with other developed countries have expressed their concern on the increasing energy demand and established several related policies focusing on the building sector. Mosques are one category of buildings that consume huge amounts of energy above other public sector buildings such as hospitals. An extensive review of literature has revealed that there is an increased demand to build new mosques. The majority of previous research works focused on operational and maintenance stages. In term of energy reduction, not much can be done to existing mosques as the solutions are both costly and time consuming. The importance of making right design at the design stage has been stressed which may save up to 70% of total energy consumption. The literature also revealed that there is a gap and absence of design stage integration for mosque projects, due to the complexity of the stage, the lack of information, and limited support tools. This research aims to develop a prediction model known as the Mosque Cooling Load Prediction Model (MCLPM) to assist designers and local authorities in reducing the energy consumption of mosques during the design stage. The process began by identifying significant structural and architectural design parameters that influence the energy consumption of mosques, using a three rounds of Delphi approach with 33 local experts. Thirteen significant parameters were identified, of which mosque orientation was found to be the most significant. Integration between Rhinoceros/Grasshopper parametric model, EnergyPlus™ simulation of selected medium-sized mosques, and optimization through Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Galapagos were made to generate the dataset required for developing mosque cooling load prediction model based on the Artificial Neural Network (ANN) approach. Two thousand five hundred simulations were performed to achieve the optimum (approximately 58%) of total energy reduction, and 23 non-repetitive design alternatives with the least demand for cooling load were generated. The Mean Square Error (MSE) and correlation coefficient (R) were obtained for the developed ANN prediction model. Based on the findings, the least MSE and R values were at $6.27 * 10^{-9}$ and 0.99888, respectively. Validation of the results revealed that the back-propagation strategy and Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm have the highest accuracies in predicting the exact total cooling load, in comparison to the actual values, and the absolute difference is less than 1%. The comparison with other methods and algorithms showed that the proposed prediction model has the highest accuracy, effectiveness, and least time required, to complete a given task. Hence, the developed prediction model act as a powerful tool to support the decision-making process that helps mosque designers provide a range of lowest cooling load design alternatives, thus facilitating the design process, and easy-quick estimation of total cooling load.

ABSTRAK

Sektor bangunan menyumbang hampir 40% daripada jumlah penggunaan tenaga global. Arab Saudi, bersama dengan negara maju lainnya telah menyatakan keprihatinan mereka terhadap peningkatan permintaan keatas tenaga dan menyediakan sebilangan polisi berkaitan yang memberi fokus terhadap sektor bangunan. Masjid adalah bangunan yang menggunakan jumlah tenaga yang besar mengatasi bangunan lain di sektor awam seperti hospital. Kajian menyeluruh literatur telah menunjukkan bahawa terdapatnya peningkatan permintaan untuk membangun masjid baru. Majoriti kerja penyelidikan terdahulu difokuskan pada peringkat operasi dan penyelenggaraan. Dari segi pengurangan tenaga, tidak banyak yang dapat dilakukan untuk masjid yang sedia ada kerana penyelesaiannya adalah mahal dan memakan masa. Kepentingan membuat keputusan tepat di peringkat rekabentuk telah ditekankan yang mungkin menjimatkan sehingga 70% daripada jumlah penggunaan tenaga. Kajian literatur juga menunjukkan bahawa terdapat jurang dan tiadanya integrasi peringkat rekabentuk untuk projek masjid, disebabkan kerumitan di peringkat ini, kekurangan informasi, dan alat sokongan yang terbatas. Tujuan penyelidikan ini adalah untuk membangunkan model ramalan yang dikenali sebagai Model Ramalan Beban Penyejukan Masjid (MCLPM) untuk membantu perekabentuk dan pihak berkuasa tempatan dalam mengurangkan penggunaan tenaga masjid semasa peringkat rekabentuk. Prosesnya bermula dengan mengenalpasti parameter rekabentuk dan senibina yang mempengaruhi penggunaan tenaga masjid, menggunakan tiga pusingan kaedah Delphi bersama dengan 33 pakar tempatan. Tiga belas parameter penting telah dikenalpasti, yang mana orientasi masjid didapati paling signifikan. Integrasi antara *Rhinoceros/Grasshoper* sebagai model parametrik, simulasi EnergyPlus™ bagi masjid saiz-sederhana terpilih, dan pengoptimuman melalui *Genetic Algorithm* (GA) dan *Galapagos* telah dibuat untuk menghasilkan set data yang diperlukan bagi membangunkan model ramalan berasaskan Rangkaian Neural Buatan (ANN). Dua seribu lima ratus simulasi dilakukan bagi mencapai pengurangan optimum (anggaran 58%) jumlah tenaga, dan 23 rekabentuk alternatif tidak-berulang dengan permintaan paling sedikit untuk beban penyejukan telah dihasilkan. Ralat Min Kuasa Dua (MSE) dan Pekali Korelasi (*R*) diperoleh untuk model ramalan ANN yang telah dibangunkan. Berdasarkan dapatan, nilai terkecil MSE dan *R* masing-masing adalah pada $6.27 * 10^{-9}$ dan 0.99888. Validasi keputusan menunjukkan bahawa strategi Penyebaran-belakang dan algoritma Levenberg–Marquardt menunjukkan ketepatan tertinggi untuk meramalkan jumlah beban penyejukan, berbanding dengan nilai sebenar, dan perbezaan mutlak kurang dari 1%. Perbandingan dengan kaedah dan algoritma lain menunjukkan bahawa model ramalan yang dicadangkan mempunyai ketepatan, keberkesanan, dan memerlukan masa yang paling sedikit untuk menyelesaikan tugas yang diberikan. Oleh itu, model ramalan yang dibangunkan bertindak sebagai alat yang berkuasa untuk menyokong proses membuat keputusan yang membantu perekabentuk masjid menyediakan pelbagai alternatif rekabentuk dengan beban penyejukan terendah, sekaligus memudahkan proses rekabentuk, dan anggaran mudah-cepat jumlah beban penyejukan.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	TITLE	PAGE
	DECLARATION	iii
	DEDICATION	iv
	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	v
	ABSTRACT	vi
	ABSTRAK	vii
	TABLE OF CONTENTS	viii
	LIST OF TABLES	xvii
	LIST OF FIGURES	xx
	LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS	xxiii
	LIST OF SYMBOLS	xxv
	LIST OF APPENDICES	xxvi
CHAPTER 1	INTRODUCTION	1
	1.1 Introduction	1
	1.2 Problem Statement	4
	1.3 Research Questions	6
	1.4 The Aim and Objectives of Research	7
	1.5 Scope of the Research	7
	1.6 Significance of Research	9
	1.7 Chapter Organization	10
CHAPTER 2	LITERATURE REVIEW	13
	2.1 Introduction	13
	2.2 Terminology of Terms	14
	2.3 World of Energy Consumption	14
	2.4 Building Energy Consumption	16
	2.4.1 Building Energy Consumption in Saudi Arabia	18
	2.5 Energy Efficient Design (EED) in Saudi Arabia	20

2.5.1	Barriers to implementation of Energy Efficient Design (EED) in Saudi Arabia	21
2.6	Energy Consumption in Mosque Buildings	23
2.6.1	Mosques in Saudi Arabia and Current Situation	25
2.6.2	Previous Mosque Related Studies Worldwide and in Saudi Arabia	26
2.6.2.1	Implementation of Different Techniques, Framework, and Strategies	28
2.6.2.2	Implementation of Modeling and Simulation Software Tools	33
2.6.2.3	Implementation of Thermal Comfort Assessment Using Prediction Models	37
2.7	Critical Review on the Research Gap	41
2.7.1	Mosque Consume Huge Amount of Energy with Lack of Researches	41
2.7.1.1	Need for the Integration of Design Stage Solutions	42
2.7.1.2	Lack of Design Decision Tools to Support Designers at Design Stage	43
2.7.1.3	Lack of BIM integration and Prediction models for Energy Efficient Design	44
2.7.1.4	Summary of Research Gaps	46
2.8	Parameters Influencing the Energy Consumption of Mosques	47
2.8.1	Related Parameters Influencing the Energy of Mosque at Design Stage	49
2.8.1.1	Building Physical Properties and Materials	51
2.8.1.2	Building Layout	52
2.8.1.3	Building Structural Design	54
2.9	Parametric Design Modeling	61
2.9.1	Limitations and Challenges on Parametric Design Approach	63
2.10	Optimization Design Method	65

2.10.1	Genetic Algorithm (GA)	66
2.10.2	Genetic Algorithms (GA) Limitations and Drawbacks	67
2.11	Potential Combination between Optimization of Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Parametric Model	68
2.12	Comparison between Different Parametric (BIM) Software Packages	71
2.12.1	Rhinoceros and Grasshopper 3D Software Packages	73
2.12.2	Grasshopper (GH)	74
2.12.3	Galapagos for Grasshopper	75
2.13	Applying Energy Analysis Simulation Software Tool	76
2.13.1	EnergyPlus™ Simulation Software Tool	78
2.14	Verification and Validation of Simulation Results	80
2.14.1	Previous Studies on Validation of Simulation Results	81
2.15	Prediction of Cooling Load at Design Stage of Buildings	82
2.15.1	Prediction of Cooling Load at Design Stage of Mosque Buildings	83
2.15.2	Method Selection for Developing Cooling Load Prediction Model	84
2.16	Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Design Stage	86
2.17	Machine Learning (ML)	87
2.17.1	Unsupervised (Hybrid) Learning	89
2.17.2	Supervised Learning	90
2.17.3	Reinforcement Learning	90
2.18	Artificial Neural Network (ANN) in Building Industry	94
2.18.1	Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) at Design Stage of Building Projects	95
2.18.2	Previous Studies of ANN Prediction Models at Design Stage	96
2.18.3	Artificial Neural Network (ANN) Limitation, and Challenges	99
2.19	Selection of ANN Strategies to Develop the Prediction Model	101

2.19.1	Back-Propagation Neural Network (BPNN) to Develop the ANN Model	102
2.20	Evaluation of the Prediction Model Prototype	103
2.20.1	Estimate Accuracy, Effectiveness, Usability of the Prediction Model Prototype	104
2.21	Conceptual Framework of the proposed MCLPM prototype	105
2.22	Summary of Chapter	106
CHAPTER 3	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	109
3.1	Introduction	109
3.2	Significant Parameters Influencing Energy Consumption of Mosques	112
3.2.1	Literature Review to Summarize Related Parameters of Energy Consumption	112
3.2.2	Selection of Research Sampling Technique	113
3.2.2.1	Purposive Sampling	115
3.2.2.2	Delphi Approach to Identify Significant Parameters	117
3.2.2.3	Delphi Related Research at Design Stage	118
3.2.3	Criteria of Expertise and Expert Selection	119
3.2.3.1	Number of Expert Participants	120
3.2.3.2	Selection of Delphi Participants	121
3.2.3.3	Statistical Tools for Data Analysis	122
3.2.4	Delphi Round One	125
3.2.5	Delphi Round Two	125
3.2.6	Delphi Round Three	126
3.3	Generation of Dataset for the Cooling Load Prediction Model	126
3.3.1	Mosque Case Study Selection	127
3.3.1.1	Type, Size, and Shape of Mosque Case Study	127
3.3.1.2	Climate Zone of Al-Madinah City	128
3.3.2	Parametric Modeling and Simulation for Al Walidayn Mosque Case Study	130

3.3.2.1	3D Modeling through Rhinoceros Software	131
3.3.2.2	Parametrizing Al Walidayn Mosque through Grasshopper Software	131
3.3.2.3	Estimating Total Cooling Load through EnergyPlus™ Software	133
3.3.3	Verification and Validation of EnergyPlus™ Simulation Results	134
3.3.3.1	Indoor Air-Temperature through Field Measurements	135
3.3.3.2	Indoor Air-Temperature through EnergyPlus™ Simulation	136
3.3.4	Optimization Process to Generate the Datasets	136
3.3.4.1	Minimum and Maximum Values of Parameters	137
3.3.4.2	Simplifying Parameters Before Optimization Process	138
3.3.4.3	Applying Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Galapagos Component to Run Optimization	139
3.3.5	Generating the Datasets for Cooling Load Prediction Model	139
3.4	Development of Mosque Cooling Load Prediction Model (MCLPM)	141
3.4.1	Back Propagation (Feed-Forward) Neural Network	141
3.4.2	Levenberg–Marquardt Algorithm	142
3.4.3	Data Pre-processing and Normalization	144
3.4.4	Training, Testing, and Validation the Prediction Model	145
3.4.5	Trial and Error to Estimate Level of Model Accuracy and Performance	146
3.5	Evaluation of Mosque Cooling Load Prediction Model (MCLPM)	147
3.5.1	Estimate Level of Accuracy of MCLPM Prototype	147
3.5.2	Estimate the Effectiveness of MCLPM Prototype	147

	3.5.3 Estimate the Usability of MCLPM Prototype through Case Study	148
	3.6 Summary of Chapter	149
CHAPTER 4	SIGNIFICANT DESIGN STAGE PARAMETERS INFLUENCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF MOSQUES	151
4.1	Introduction	151
4.2	Design Stage Parameters Influencing Energy Consumption of Mosques – Literature Review	151
4.3	Design Stage Parameters Influencing Energy Consumption of Mosques – Delphi Approach	152
	4.3.1 Questionnaires Survey	152
4.4	Results of Delphi Round One (Criteria Setting)	157
4.5	Results of Delphi Round Two (Narrowing Down Round)	168
4.6	Results of Delphi Round Three (Rating and Confirmation Round)	171
4.7	Analysis and Discussion of the Results	173
4.8	Summary of Chapter	178
CHAPTER 5	GENERATION OF THE DATASET FOR COOLING LOAD PREDICTION MODEL	179
5.1	Introduction	179
5.2	Parametric Modeling, Simulation, and Validation of the Case Study	180
	5.2.1 A Case Study of Medium-Sized Mosques	180
	5.2.1.1 Characteristics of the Case Study	181
	5.2.2 Parametric Modeling and Simulation of the Case study	183
	5.2.2.1 3D Modelling Using Rhinoceros	184
	5.2.2.2 Parametrizing the Case Study with Grasshopper 3D	184
	5.2.2.3 Estimating Total Cooling Load Using EnergyPlus™	186
	5.2.3 Validation and Verification of EnergyPlus™ Simulation Results	189

5.2.3.1	Indoor Air-Temperature from Field Measurements	190
5.2.3.2	Indoor Air-Temperature from EnergyPlus™ Simulation	191
5.2.3.3	Accuracy and Comparison of Actual and Simulated Results	192
5.3	Optimization Process to Generate Dataset	193
5.3.1	Minimum and Maximum Parameter Values	193
5.3.2	Simplification of Parameters Before Optimization	196
5.3.3	Optimization Using a Genetic Algorithm (GA) and the Galapagos Component	197
5.3.4	Dataset Generation Process for the Cooling Load Prediction Model	198
5.3.4.1	Optimum Design Solutions	201
5.3.4.2	Various Design Explorations	202
5.4	Discussion of Results	209
5.4.1	Efficacy of the Optimization Method	210
5.4.2	Comparison Between Results of Optimization Process and Other Methods	211
5.4.3	Results of Optimum Solutions with Various Design Recommendations	212
5.4.4	Comparison Between Results of Optimization Process and Previous Studies	215
5.5	Summary of Chapter	217
CHAPTER 6	DEVELOPMENT OF MOSQUE COOLING LOAD PREDICTION MODEL	219
6.1	Introduction	219
6.2	Development of Cooling Load Prediction Model for Mosques	219
6.2.1	Purpose of Developing the Prediction Model	220
6.2.2	Significant Parameters Influencing Energy Consumption of Mosques	220
6.2.3	Datasets of Model Development	221
6.3	Artificial Neural Network (ANN) to Develop the Prediction Model	221

6.3.1	Back Propagation (Feed-Forward) Neural Network	222
6.3.2	Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm	223
6.3.3	Dataset Normalization and Filtering	223
6.3.4	Training, Testing, and Validation of the Prediction Model	224
6.3.5	Trial and Error to Estimate Level of Model Accuracy	224
6.4	Performance of ANN Model	226
6.5	Development of the Final MCLPM Prototype Interface	231
6.6	Level of Accuracy, Effectiveness, and Usability of Prediction Model	236
6.6.1	Accuracy	237
6.6.2	Effectiveness	238
6.6.2.1	Comparison with Previous Related Works	239
6.6.2.2	Comparison with Other Algorithms	241
6.6.3	Usability	242
6.7	Discussion of Results	244
6.8	Summary of Chapter	248
CHAPTER 7	CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS	249
7.1	Introduction	249
7.2	Conclusion	249
7.2.1	Objective 1: To identify the significant parameters influencing energy consumption of mosque buildings during the design stage	249
7.2.2	Objective 2: To generate the dataset for the cooling load prediction model	251
7.2.3	Objective 3: To develop the mosque cooling load prediction model (MCLPM) to assist designers during the design stage	252
7.2.4	Objective 4: To evaluate the level of accuracy, effectiveness, and usability of the prediction model prototype	253
7.3	Contribution of Research	255

7.3.1	Contribution to Body of Knowledge	255
7.3.2	Contribution to Nation	257
7.3.3	Contribution to Building Industry	258
7.3.4	Contribution to Mosque Stakeholders	259
7.4	Research Limitations	259
7.5	Recommendations for Future Researches	260
REFERENCES		263
APPENDICES		290

LIST OF TABLES

TABLE NO.	TITLE	PAGE
Table 2.1	Comparison between the scope of current and previous studies	47
Table 2.2	Summary of related parameters influencing the energy consumption of mosques at design stage	56
Table 2.3	Some of the misconceptions and limitations of parametric modelling	64
Table 2.4	Summary of related studies using genetic algorithm (GA)	70
Table 2.5	Comparison between three of most common parametric used programs	72
Table 2.6	Summary of advantages and disadvantages of some simulation tools analysis	77
Table 2.7	Comparison between three supervised regression learning methods	93
Table 2.8	Summary for some of related studies used ANN during the design stage	97
Table 2.9	Some limitations and challenges of ANN models	99
Table 3.1	Summary of advantages and disadvantages of three purposive methods	116
Table 3.2	Delphi related researches at design stage	119
Table 3.3	Flexible point system for expert qualification (Hallowell & Gambatese, 2010)	122
Table 3.4	Common Criteria of medium-sized mosques design in Saudi Arabia	128
Table 3.5	The process of using Ladybug (LB) components	133
Table 3.6	Specification and instruction for the digital record for indoor air temperature	135
Table 3.7	Multiple criteria techniques based on 12 questions (Mohammadi, 2016)	148
Table 4.1	General summary of expert selection survey	153
Table 4.2	Tabulation of responses for expert selection survey	155

Table 4.3	Results of the Delphi round one	158
Table 4.4	Expert responses for each parameter including frequency and percent	160
Table 4.5	Results of the Delphi Round two	169
Table 4.6	Comparison between Ranks from Delphi Rounds One and Two	171
Table 4.7	Results of the Delphi round three	172
Table 4.8	Comparison between the results of Kendall's Coefficient of Concordance (<i>W</i>)	173
Table 4.9	Categorization of each significant design stage parameter	175
Table 5.1	Characteristics and thermal properties of the Al Walidayn Mosque	182
Table 5.2	Monthly breakdown of the total annual cooling load of the Al Walidayn Mosque over a one-year period	186
Table 5.3	Comparison between the EnergyPlus™ simulation results and other similar studies	188
Table 5.4	Minimum, maximum, and average indoor air temperatures recorded during field measurements at the Al Walidayn Mosque over seven days	190
Table 5.5	Minimum, maximum, and average indoor air temperatures recorded during simulations of the Al Walidayn Mosque over seven days	191
Table 5.6	Comparison of field measurements and EnergyPlus™ simulation results	192
Table 5.7	Minimum, maximum, and average parameter values	194
Table 5.8	Combination and simplification of different parameters	196
Table 5.9	Summary of selective of best non-repetitive design solutions for the base model	204
Table 6.1	Summary performance of different number of neurons in hidden layers	225
Table 6.2	Interpretation and standardization of MCLPM for medium size mosques	234
Table 6.3	Comparison between simulated and predicted total cooling load	237
Table 6.4	Summary of related works of ANN prediction model with its level of accuracy	239

Table 6.5	The comparison results between Levenberg–Marquardt and other algorithms	241
Table 6.6	Expert opinions toward MCLPM	243

LIST OF FIGURES

FIGURE NO.	TITLE	PAGE
Figure 1.1	Summary of research gaps support the identification of the research problem	5
Figure 2.1	World Energy Consumption Projection 1990 – 2040 (Alamri, 2018)	15
Figure 2.2	Saudi Arabia Energy Consumption 1990 – 2017 (Alamri, 2018)	19
Figure 2.3	Different classification of optimization techniques (Hassan, 2016)	67
Figure 2.4	Platform of multi-objective optimization framework (Toutou, 2018)	76
Figure 2.5	Simulation software used for building performance (a) for ANNs only, (b) rest of prediction tools (Roman et al., 2020)	79
Figure 2.6	Categorization of (AI) and machine learning algorithms (Luckey et al., 2020)	87
Figure 2.7	Comparison between different supervised and unsupervised machine learning techniques for building energy prediction models (Sadeghifam, 2019)	91
Figure 2.8	Structure of Feed-Forward neural network (Runge & Zmeureanu, 2019)	103
Figure 2.9	Conceptual framework of the research	106
Figure 3.1	Flowchart of research methodology to develop the prediction model prototype	111
Figure 3.2	Sampling Techniques (Taherdoost, 2016)	114
Figure 3.3	Thermal climatic zone for 20 cities in Saudi Arabia (Khabaz, 2018)	129
Figure 3.4	Process of estimating the total cooling load for Al Walidayn Mosque case study	130
Figure 3.5	Digital Temperature Tester Thermometer Clock Hygrometer KT-908	134
Figure 3.6	The optimization process for Al Walidayn Mosque to generate the datasets	137

Figure 3.7	Galapagos divided into four graphical areas (Ercan & Elias-Ozkan, 2015)	140
Figure 4.1	Level of qualification of participants	156
Figure 4.2	Results of significant design stage parameters of mosques	174
Figure 5.1	Sample shop drawing of the Al Walidayn Mosque	181
Figure 5.2	Front view of the Al Walidayn Mosque	183
Figure 5.3	Rendered perspective of the Al Walidayn Mosque in Rhinoceros 3D	184
Figure 5.4	The temperature in Al-Madinah over one-year period	185
Figure 5.5	Total cooling loads of each month during the year	187
Figure 5.6	Comparison between the measured and simulated air-temperatures	193
Figure 5.7	Process of assigning input parameters and the output of the Galapagos component	198
Figure 5.8	Final set of generative outcomes for each iteration through Galapagos	199
Figure 5.9	Sample of the dataset generated by the optimization process in Excel format	200
Figure 5.10	Comparison between the results of optimization via Galapagos and the original base-model of the Al Walidayn Mosque	201
Figure 5.11	Various features of the design solutions	203
Figure 6.1	Structure of ANN model with eleven inputs, hidden layers, and one output	223
Figure 6.2	Performance of designed ANN model with the optimum network structure	226
Figure 6.3	Regression results of the training model include training, validation, testing, and average of all results	227
Figure 6.4	Results of Training State (ST) plot	228
Figure 6.5	The histogram of errors between the target and predicted values	229
Figure 6.6	Written code for ANN prediction model	232
Figure 6.7	Final MCLPM Prototype Interface	232
Figure 6.8	Parameters handled and controlled manually to estimate the total cooling load	233

Figure 6.9	Paper-sheet Form for recording and interpretation of MCLPM results	236
Figure 6.10	Comparison between simulated and predicted total cooling load	238

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AI	- Artificial Intelligence
ANN	- Artificial Neural Networks
ASHRAE	- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers
BIM	- Building Information Modeling
BP	- Back-Propagation
BPS	- Building Performance Simulation
CFD	- Computational Fluid Dynamic
CL	- Cooling Load
CO ₂	- Carbon Dioxide
DT	- Decision Trees
EE	- Energy Efficiency
EED	- Energy Efficiency Design
EPW	- Energy Plus Weather
FFNN	- Feed-Forward of Neural Network
GA	- Genetic Algorithms
GBI	- Green Building Index
GH	- Grasshopper
GHG	- Greenhouse Gas
GUI	- Graphical User Interface
HB	- Honeybee
HL	- Heating Load
HVAC	- Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioned
KACST	- King Abdul-Aziz City for Science and Technology
KFUPM	- King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals
KNN	- K-Nearest Neighbors
LCA	- Life Cycle Assessment
LB	- Ladybug
MAE	- Mean Absolute Error
MIADG	- Ministry of Islamic Affairs Dawah and Guidance

ML	- Machine Learning
MLR	- Multiple Linear Regression
MRE	- Mean Relative Error
MSE	- Mean Squared Error
NEEP	- National Energy Efficiency Program
NN	- Neural Network
PMV	- Prediction of Mean Vote
PPD	- Predicted Percentage of Dissatisfied
RMSE	- Root Mean Squared Error
RNN	- Recurrent Neutral Network
SASO	- Saudi Arabian Standards Organization
SCE	- Saudi Council of Engineers
SCNC	- Saudi Code National Committee
SBC	- Saudi Building Code
SVM	- Support Vector Machines
SVR	- Support Vector Regression
WWR	- Window to Wall Ratio

LIST OF SYMBOLS

L_{vi}	- Likert mean for each parameter
L_v	- The mean value of L_{vi}
P_{vi}	- Likert scale points
C_{vi}	- Corresponding weigh for each parameter
S	- The statistical square sum of L_{vi}
\bar{Y}	- Series numbers correspond to the computed and trained
\bar{T}	- Mean value of total number of trains
T_i	- Mean value of total number of trains prediction model prediction model
Y_i	- Series numbers correspond to the computed and trained prediction model
R	- Correlation Coefficient

LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX	TITLE	PAGE
Appendix A	Expert Selection Survey Questionnaire	290
Appendix B	Delphi Round One	292
Appendix C	Delphi Round Two	295
Appendix D	Delphi Round Three	299
Appendix E	Semi-Structure Interviews to Identify the Most Common Mosque Type, Used, and Recently Designed	301
Appendix F	Semi-Structure Interviews to Identify Minimum and Maximum Values of Parameters	302
Appendix G	Semi-Structure Interviews to Evaluate the Expert Opinions Toward the MCLPM Prototype	303

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Recently, energy consumption in the building sector has become a global concern. It accounts for about 40% of all energy consumption, which has led to the establishment of several pieces of legislation worldwide that aim to reduce this form of energy consumption (Moayedi & Mosavi, 2021; Al-Homoud & Krarti, 2021; Tran et al., 2020). Saudi Arabia, along with other developed countries, has expressed its concern and established a number of related policies, as well as expressing the urgent need to achieve environmental sustainability and energy efficiency criteria, especially within the building sector (Almushaikh & Almasri, 2020). Currently, the building sector in Saudi Arabia, including mosque building, accounts for about 80% of the total energy used (Al-Tamimi et al., 2020). As a result, there is an urgent need to lower the energy consumption within the building sector, which requires immediate improvements in order to achieve energy efficiency and avoid future negative economic consequences (Felimban et al., 2019).

Recent studies show that buildings in Saudi Arabia consume large amounts of energy, and it has been discovered that mosques are some of the highest energy consumers, consuming more energy than many other building types, such as hospitals and educational buildings (Shohan & Gadi, 2020; Alabdullatief & Omer, 2017; Alabdullatief et al., 2016). In addition, very little research has been conducted with regard to mosque buildings when compared to research into other building types, such as residential buildings (Shohan & Gadi, 2020). According to the results of a literature review, the most common problem in mosque buildings is wasted energy, while reductions in energy consumption and improvements to thermal comfort are areas that

have clearly been neglected by researchers (Al-Tamimi et al., 2020; Samiuddin & Budaiwi, 2018; Al-Tamimi & Qahtan, 2018).

Thermal systems and air-conditioning play a vital role in increasing the energy consumption of mosques (Samiuddin & Budaiwi et al., 2018; Al-Tamimi & Qahtan, 2018; Al-Shaalan et al. 2017). This happens for several reasons, such as poorly designed buildings, improperly operated A/C systems, frequent overcooling load demand and a major lack of research (Shohan & Gadi, 2020; Elshurafa et al., 2019; Al-Tamimi & Qahtan, 2018). Numerous studies, worldwide and in Saudi Arabia, stress the need for additional support to bridge the knowledge gap, as the potential for energy conservation in mosque buildings is significant (Harsritanto et al., 2021; Azmi et al., 2021; El Fouih et al., 2020). Some crucial issues need further investigation, such as energy efficiency, sustainable design, low energy criteria, indoor thermal performance, passive strategies and guidelines for design criteria (Azmi et al., 2021; Al-Tamimi et al., 2020; Azmi & Kandar, 2019).

Recently, there has been a global increase in the demand for new mosques to be established, including in many parts of Saudi Arabia, due to increased urbanization and the growing Muslim population (Azmi & Kandar, 2019; Alabdullatief & Omer 2017; Alabdullatief et al., 2016). The rate of mosque growth in general is estimated to be 1.3% per year and the number of mosques increased from 3.6 million in 2015 to about 3.85 million in 2019 (El Fouih et al., 2020; Al-Tamimi & Qahtan, 2018). In particular, Saudi Arabia is experiencing one of the largest expansions in the number of mosques around the country, and the number of mosques significantly increased, from about 55,266 in 2008 to about 102,580 in 2015 (Al-Tamimi & Qahtan, 2018; Alabdullatief & Omer, 2017). In addition, the study of Al-shamrani et al. (2016) indicated that Saudi Arabia is the largest Muslim country to witness such a huge demand to establish new mosque buildings.

Regarding existing mosque buildings, the study by Elshurafa et al. (2019) in Saudi Arabia found that there is a lack of policy support for such a model system and results indicate that nothing more can be done for existing mosques. In addition, Khan (2019) stated that one of the most time-consuming and costly stages is that of

operation and maintenance. Similarly, the study of Alshibani & Alshamrani (2017) revealed that resolving the deficiencies of existing buildings or constructed facilities is costly and time-consuming, while the study of Azmi et al. (2021) concluded that for mosques already at the operation stage, changing the building structure appears to be impossible and economically infeasible.

As a result, the design stage integration is necessary due to increase demand for establishing new mosques and difficulty in retrofitting existing mosques. It is widely believed that the design stage is the most promising and critical stage at which to support the decision-making process in order to reduce energy consumption by up to 70% (Al-Saggaf et al., 2020; Li et al., 2019). Several researchers have concluded that the design stage decision appears to be the most important step in reducing the demand for energy consumption (Almushaikah & Almasri, 2020; Al-Saggaf et al., 2020; Ahmed et al., 2019). In recent years, energy-efficient design has become a major topic, receiving increased attention from governments, policymakers, developers and researchers (Li et al., 2019). During the design stage, an efficient design is critical, and it is estimated that proper design solutions can reduce a significant quantity of energy and save millions of dollars in annual costs and this is applicable for Saudi Arabia (Al-Saggaf et al., 2020).

The need to improve energy-efficient design and minimize energy consumption in buildings has become very clear to designers and engineers, and several studies in Saudi Arabia have highlighted the challenges due to the lack of information and adequate tools to assist designers, especially at the design stage (Almushaikah & Almasri, 2020; Ahmed et al., 2019). Although it is the responsibility of designers to design sustainable mosques with the lowest energy demands, they suffer from a lack of design information and the limited support tools available, so they consider only a few design solutions but ignore many others (Azmi et al., 2021; Azmi & Kandar, 2019). Consequently, limited design-decision supporting tools are available to allow designers to quickly estimate energy performance (Al-Saggaf et al., 2020). There is also a need for tools and techniques to help designers, along with other professionals and stakeholders in the building industry, by providing multiple

design options so that wise decisions and informed choices can be made during the design stage (Al-Saggaf et al., 2020; Ngo, 2019; Batish et al., 2019).

1.2 Problem Statement

Mosque buildings are unique and they operate five times a day and 365 days a year, with a varying number of people each time (Al-Tamimi & Qahtan, 2018). However, compared with other types of buildings, very little research has been found in regard to mosque buildings. Only in the last 20 years has research highlighted the issue of energy consumption of mosques (Harsritanto et al., 2021; Azmi et al., 2021; El Fouih et al., 2020). The literature review identifies a gap in this regard, that is, the absence of design stage integration for mosque projects. This is due to several reasons, such as the complexity of the stage, lack of information, limited support tools and high level of designer subjectivity at this stage (Al-Saggaf et al., 2020; Batish et al., 2019). In Saudi Arabia, the software market lacks the appropriate tools that can assist designers to find the optimum design solutions to minimize energy consumption and cost (Al-Yami & Sanni-Anibire, 2019). The main limitations of the existing software are complex, inaccuracy, highly time-consuming, based on the scenario-by-scenario approach, and fail to meet the requirements of engineers and designers, especially at the design stage (Bui et al., 2020; Pereira, 2020; Al-Yami & Sanni-Anibire, 2019; Alshibani & Alshamrani, 2017).

In addition, the design parameters that allow mosques to be more sustainable are similar to those of any other buildings that contribute to energy consumption and need to be identified (Azmi & Kandar 2019). Similarly, the study of Aljofi (2018) in Saudi Arabia revealed that one of the ways for achieving the target of sustainable mosques is to explore the potential environmental architectural parameters of mosques. This notion is in line with several research findings in Saudi Arabia indicating that little consideration has been given to the architectural design parameters, the diversity of building forms and the significant parameters that have a great impact on energy consumption need to be addressed, especially at the design stage (Al-Saggaf et al., 2020; Almushaikah & Almasri, 2020; Ahmed et al., 2019;

Ghabra et al., 2017). Figure 1.1 illustrates a summary of the research gaps that support the identification of the research problem.

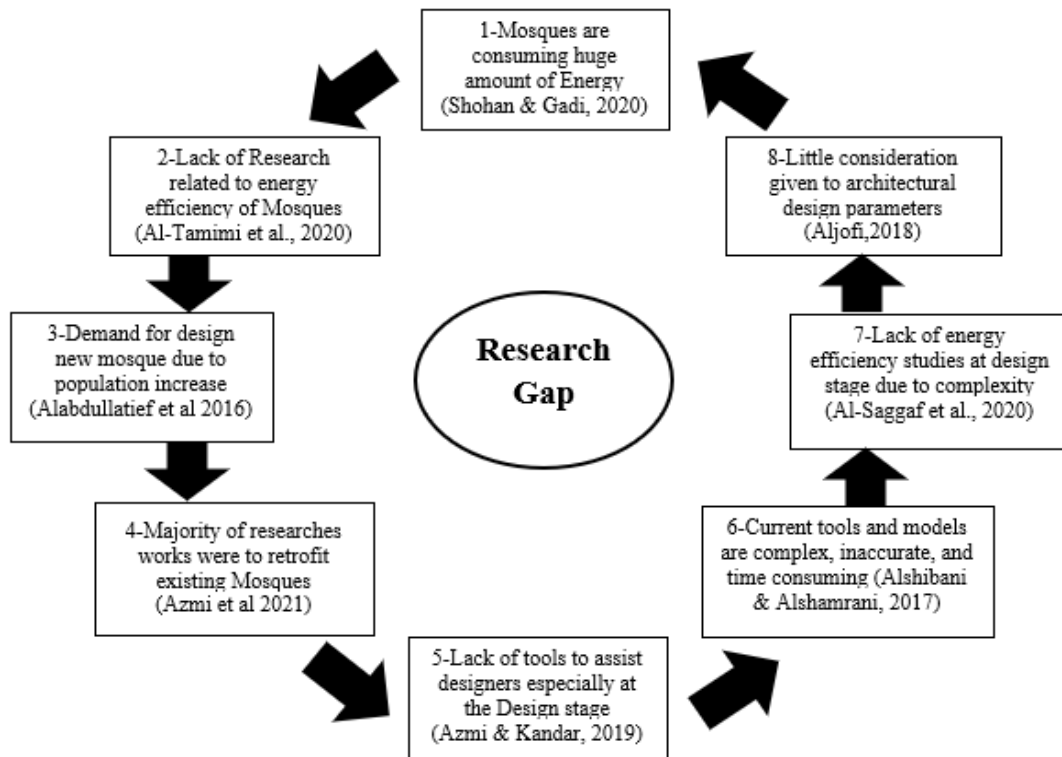


Figure 1.1 Summary of research gaps support the identification of the research problem

Based on Figure 1.1, several gaps and the lack of research are demonstrated. It is clear that the potential for energy saving in mosque buildings is substantial (Harsritanto et al.,2021). There is a major opportunity to improve the performance of mosque buildings and reduce their energy consumption by properly designing mosques at the design stage. This can be achieved by integrating different elements and software tools, such as parametric modelling and the optimization of buildings, along with the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods such as Genetic Algorithms (GA) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to predict the energy consumption of mosques during the design stage. This integration of different elements into one frame usually demonstrates the best approach to achieving both success and an accurate and fast calculation method for predicting the energy consumption of mosques (Ilbeigi et al., 2020; Li et al., 2019). To address the issues and problems that have been highlighted, a new cooling load prediction model needs

to be developed to enable designers and local authorities to generate, explore and design sustainable mosques that demand far less cooling load energy.

1.3 Research Questions

The research question that arose from the problem statement is:

“How is it possible to assist designers and local authorities in the decision-making process to promote energy efficiency and to design sustainable mosques with the lowest demand for cooling load during the design stage?”

In order to answer the main research question, six sub-questions were devised and are listed as follows:

1. How can new mosques be constructed to be sustainable and obtain the best energy efficiency levels to support future government policies?
2. Which significant parameters influence the energy consumption of mosques at the design stage?
3. How can the best design approach be developed that assist, facilitates and enables designers to predict the energy consumption of mosques at the design stage?
4. What is the best way to generate a dataset that is sufficient for use in a prediction model?
5. Can energy consumption be reduced significantly if a prediction model is proposed?
6. To what extent is the developed cooling load prediction model accurate, effective and efficient?

1.4 The Aim and Objectives of Research

This research basically aims to develop a mosque cooling load prediction model (MCLPM) to assist designers during the design stage and allow them to generate, explore, and design sustainable mosques with least demand for cooling loads energy.

To achieve the above aim the following objectives are identified:

- 1- To identify the significant parameters influencing the energy consumption of mosque buildings during the design stage.
- 2- To generate the dataset for the cooling load prediction model.
- 3- To develop the mosque cooling load prediction model (MCLPM) to assist designers during the design stage.
- 4- To evaluate level of accuracy, effectiveness, and usability of the prediction model prototype.

1.5 Scope of the Research

The scope of this research focuses on the development of cooling load prediction model during the design stage of mosque buildings. There are several estimation methods and simulation tools are existed to calculate the energy consumption. However, these methods and tools are not-friendly, time consuming, and required experience and knowledge to complete such a task, whereas prediction model based on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques recently approved its applicability to provide accurate, quick estimation, and solve complicated problems (Das et al., 2020; Bourdeau et al., 2019; Wei et al., 2018).

Due to the fact that Saudi Arabia is along with other developed countries, consume huge quantity of energy in building sector with increase demand for energy, which expected to be double at 2025 (Al-Tamimi et al., 2020). However, the focus of this research is on mosque building because literature proves that mosque consume energy above many public building sectors in Saudi Arabia, with clear gap and lack of researches. Besides that, the data collection for this research is limited for mosques located in Al-Madinah, Saudi Arabia, with specific climate zone number one among other three climate zones. As per the literature review, semi-structure interviews, and mosque design regulations by MIADG, mosque designs are divided into three main types small, medium, and large. Therefore, the literature review indicated that there is an increased demand for establishing medium-sized mosques especially in urban areas with high demographic populations, and these medium-sized mosques are including both Jumah prayers and women prayers zone.

The central focus of this research is on the design stage to reduce the energy consumption for new mosque projects, and not for retrofitting an existing mosque during the operational and maintenance stages, which approved to be costly, time consuming, and structurally impossible. The estimation of energy consumption and life cycle of mosque project are limited to only architectural and structural design parameters of mosque envelope, where the electrical and mechanical parameters are out of this research scope.

In addition, criteria related to this research are gathered from all available references; however, for refining the significant parameters, purposive sampling and Delphi approach are applied to extract information from experienced and experts in the field. The experts are selected from the construction industry, academic field, and the Ministry of Islamic Affairs Dawah and Guidance (MIADG) in Al-Madinah.

1.6 Significance of Research

The building sector in Saudi Arabia, which includes mosques, currently accounts for about 80% of all the electrical energy used in the country (Al-Tamimi et al., 2020). In addition, due to its extremely hot climate, Saudi Arabia has expressed concern about the dramatic increase in energy consumption levels, which are expected to double by 2025, compared to levels in 2011 (AlHashmi et al., 2021). This situation has become an increasingly pressing challenge, causing the government to establish a number of policies and express the urgent need to achieve environmental sustainability and energy efficiency criteria, especially in the building sector (Almushaikah & Almasri, 2020).

The importance of this research effort is substantial, since designers, the government and local authorities, such as MIADG, need a way to focus and prioritize their efforts when establishing new mosques. These efforts can have a significant impact on reducing total energy consumption. There is a clear absence of the design stage integration and nothing more can be done for existing mosques. In the design stage, only basic information and fundamental decisions about the mosques tend to be made, and it is the responsibility of architects to design sustainable mosques with the lowest demand for cooling load. However, this lack of mitigation tools has been challenged, and a need has been recognized for an alternative technique, rather than traditional methods, to assist them with their future projects.

It is necessary to develop a design approach with fewer computational processes that can predict the energy consumption for a whole construction project. However, the impact of this research entails the integration of energy-efficient design solutions during the design stage through the combination of parametric modelling of (BIM), EnergyPlus™ simulation analysis, the optimization of buildings through Genetic Algorithm (GA) method and the development of a prediction model, using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve the sustainability and energy performance of mosques. Moreover, this research supports the aim of predicting accruable energy consumption at the design stage in order to improve the energy efficiency of future mosques. This research has the potential to bridge the gap between determining

accurate levels of energy performance during the design stage and the actual energy performance during service life.

The findings from this research will contribute to the body of knowledge by providing a better energy-efficient design solution that contributes to the construction industry. The integration of the prediction model for initial estimations to minimize the total energy consumption will serve as a green assessment tool that fills the gap in the area of research coverage. A clear gap and a lack of work in this area are evident, especially concerning the design stage. The prediction model has several advantages over the traditional methods. It can create an estimation of energy consumption based on historical data, solve complicated problems, assist designers and local authorities to select the best design form with the lowest demand for cooling load and illustrate the impact of significant parameters. Its use can be extended to other countries with similar climate conditions.

The finding of the prediction model acts as a powerful tool to support the decision-making process and benefits several mosque stakeholders such as designers, the government, local authorities such as MIADG, society in general and mosque occupants. The proposed MCLPM prototype provides a range of design alternatives that offer the lowest demand for cooling load. The proposed prototype is an easy, user-friendly and quick decision-making method, which can be used by non-experts without much knowledge of simulation scenarios or complex calculations. This allows the respective mosque stakeholders to explore and understand the performance of their new mosque project after running the proposed prototype.

1.7 Chapter Organization

This research consists of seven chapters, which mainly considering energy consumption of mosque building and rational behind the research objectives as follow:

Chapter 1 entails introduction, background, and highlights the problem statement of the research. Then, the raised research question with six sub-questions, aim, and the objectives of the research. After that, scope, significance, and brief summary of research chapters.

Chapter 2 provides a literature review on related studies of building industry, energy consumption of mosque building, energy efficiency and key parameters, parametric modeling of (BIM) and simulation tools, optimization process through genetic algorithm (GA), machine learning technique through artificial neural network (ANN) to predict the total cooling load, and summary of the chapter.

Chapter 3 presents the research methodology and explain the steps required to fulfill the research aim, objectives, and justification behind the selection of research techniques such as sampling technique, data collection, modeling and simulation software, techniques for optimization process, strategy for developing the prediction model, validation of research instruments, and summary of the chapter.

Chapter 4 corresponds to first objective in this research and illustrates the process to identify the significant parameters influencing energy consumption of mosque building at the design stage. Experienced and experts in the field were qualified and selected to participate in sequence of three rounds of Delphi approach by adopting the criteria of flexible points. Significant parameters were identified at end of chapter and the results were moved to next chapter to use as a material to generate the required dataset for developing the prediction model.

Chapter 5 describes the process for generating the dataset for the cooling load prediction model, which begins by modeling, simulation, and validation for the simulation results. Followed by identifying the minimum and maximum range of parameters that used for optimizing the building geometry. Various design alternatives are generated and manually select for optimum results with least demand for cooling load.

Chapter 6 illustrates the process of developing the prediction model prototype through artificial neural network (ANN) strategies, Back-propagation technique, and Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm. In addition, estimate level of accuracy and performance of proposed model through trial-and-error technique, and through correlation coefficient (R) and mean square error (MSE). After that, the evaluating of the proposed production model prototype was presented by estimating level of accuracy, effectiveness, usability of the proposed prototype.

Chapter 7 describes the conclusion derived from the research, objectives achieved, contribution to body of knowledge, limitations, and recommendations for future researches.

REFERENCES

- Abanda, F. H., & Byers, L. (2016). An investigation of the impact of building orientation on energy consumption in a domestic building using emerging BIM (Building Information Modelling). *Energy*, 97, 517-527.
- Abasnezhad, S., Soltani, N., Markarian, E., Fakhim, H. A., & Khezerloo, H. (2019). Impact of building design parameters precision on heating and cooling load calculations. *Environmental Progress & Sustainable Energy*, 38(2), 741-749.
- Abdou, A. A., Al-Homoud, M. S., & Budaiwi, I. M. (2005). Mosque energy performance, part I: energy audit and use trends based on the analysis of utility billing data. *Engineering Sciences*, 16(1).
- Abuhussain, M. A., Chow, D. H. C., & Sharples, S. T. E. V. E. (2018, January). Assessing the adaptability of the Saudi residential building's energy code for future climate change scenarios. In *PLEA 2018-Smart and Healthy within the Two-Degree Limit: Proceedings of the 34th International Conference on Passive and Low Energy Architecture* (Vol. 1, pp. 74-79).
- Ahmad, M., Malik, T., Lamit, H., Keyvanfar, A., & Shafaghat, A. (2012). A Social Sustainable Assessment Model for Mosque Development in Malaysia. *OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development*, 4(09), 29-34.
- Ahmed, W., & Asif, M. (2020). BIM-based techno-economic assessment of energy retrofitting residential buildings in hot humid climate. *Energy and Buildings*, 227, 110406.
- Ahmed, W., Asif, M., & Alrashed, F. (2019). Application of building performance simulation to design energy-efficient homes: Case study from Saudi Arabia. *Sustainability*, 11(21), 6048.
- Akadiri, P. O., Chinyio, E. A., and Olomolaiye, P. O. (2012). Design of a sustainable building: A conceptual framework for implementing sustainability in the building sector. *Buildings*, 2(2), 126-152.
- Akbari, H., & Hosseini Nezhad, F. S. (2020). Optimum Form, Aspect Ratio and Orientation of Building Based on Solar Energy Receiving in Hot-Dry Climate; Case Studies of Isfahan, Semnan, Kashan and Kerman Cities, Iran. *Journal of Solar Energy Research*, 5(1), 341-350.

- Al Touma, A., & Ouahrani, D. (2017, December). Enhanced Thermal Performance of Mosques in Qatar. In *IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science* (Vol. 104, No. 1, p. 012012). IOP Publishing.
- Alabdullatief, A., & Omer, S. (2017). Sustainable techniques for thermal comfort in buildings designed used by worshipers.
- Alabdullatief, A., Omer, S., Elabdein, R. Z., & Alfraidi, S. (2016). Green roof and louvers shading for sustainable mosque buildings in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Al-ajmi, F. F. (2010). Thermal comfort in air-conditioned mosques in the dry desert climate. *Building and Environment*, 45(11), 2407-2413.
- Alamri, U. A. (2018). Energy Conservation Techniques in Mid-Rise Residential Buildings that Contribute to Mitigate Urban Heat Island in Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Alaoui, J., & Tahiri, M. (2016). Analysis of Canyon Aspect Ratio Impact on Urban Heat Island and Buildings Energy Construction in FEZ Climatic Zone, Morocco. *ARPJN Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences*, 11, 3059-3073.
- Alardhi, A., S Alaboodi, A., & Almasri, R. (2020). Impact of the new Saudi energy conservation code on Saudi Arabia residential buildings. *Australian Journal of Mechanical Engineering*, 1-15.
- Alashaab, A. A. N., & Alamery, M. S. (2018, December). Investigation And Improvement the Thermal Comfort of The Air Conditioning Mosque at Hot-Dry Climate in Baghdad. In *IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering* (Vol. 454, No. 1, p. 012154). IOP Publishing.
- Al-Ashwal, N. T., & Hassan, A. S. (2017). The Impact of Window to Wall Ratio (WWR) and Glazing Type on Energy Consumption in Air-Conditioned Office Buildings. *INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTION JOURNAL OF ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT & APPLIED SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGIES*, 8(3), 197-207.
- Aldossary, N. (2015). *Domestic sustainable and low energy design in hot climatic regions*. Doctoral dissertation, Cardiff University.
- AlHashmi, M., Chhipi-Shrestha, G., Ruparathna, R., Nahiduzzaman, K. M., Hewage, K., & Sadiq, R. (2021). Energy Performance Assessment Framework for Residential Buildings in Saudi Arabia. *Sustainability*, 13(4), 2232.

- Al-Homoud, M. S., & Krarti, M. (2021). Energy efficiency of residential buildings in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia: review of status and future roadmap. *Journal of Building Engineering*, 102143.
- Al-Homoud, M. S., Abdou, A. A., & Budaiwi, I. M. (2005). Mosque energy performance, part II: monitoring of energy end use in a hot-humid climate. *Engineering Sciences*, 16(1).
- Al-Homoud, M. S., Abdou, A. A., & Budaiwi, I. M. (2009). Assessment of monitored energy use and thermal comfort conditions in mosques in hot-humid climates. *Energy and Buildings*, 41(6), 607-614.
- Alhuwayil, W. K., Mujeebu, M. A., & Algarny, A. M. M. (2019). Impact of external shading strategy on energy performance of multi-story hotel building in hot-humid climate. *Energy*, 169, 1166-1174.
- Aljofi, E. K. (2018). The Potentiality of Domes on Provision of Daylight in Mosques. *International Journal of Applied Engineering Research ISSN*, 13(7), 5103-5112.
- Allahyari, F., Behbahaninia, A., Rahami, H., Farahani, M., & Khadivi, S. (2020). Development of a model for energy management in office buildings by neural networks (case study: Bandar Abbas). *International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology*, 17(6), 3279-3288.
- Allard, I., Olofsson, T., & Nair, G. (2017). Energy performance indicators in the swedish building procurement process. *Sustainability*, 9(10), 1877.
- Almasri, R. A., Alardhi, A. A., & Dilshad, S. (2021). Investigating the Impact of Integration, the Saudi Code of Energy Conservation with the Solar PV Systems in Residential Buildings. *Sustainability*, 13(6), 3384.
- Almushaikah, A. S., & Almasri, R. A. (2020). Evaluating the potential energy savings of residential buildings and utilizing solar energy in the middle region of Saudi Arabia—Case study. *Energy Exploration & Exploitation*, 0144598720975144.
- Alotaibi, A. M. (2020). Evaluating Worker Performance Using the Energy Concept. (Master dissertation, University of Oregon State).
- Alqahtani, A., & Whyte, A. (2013). Artificial neural networks incorporating cost significant items towards enhancing estimation for (life-cycle) costing of construction projects. *Construction Economics and Building*, 13(3), 51-64.

- Al-Saggaf, A., Nasir, H., & Taha, M. (2020). Quantitative approach for evaluating the building design features impact on cooling energy consumption in hot climates. *Energy and Buildings*, 211, 109802.
- Al-Sanea, S. A., Zedan, M. F., Al-Mujahid, A. M., & Al-Suhaibani, Z. A. (2016). Optimum R-values of building walls under different climatic conditions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. *Applied Thermal Engineering*, 96, 92-106.
- Al-Shaalan, A. M., Alohal, A. H. A., & Ko, W. (2017, July). Design strategies for a Big Mosque to reduce electricity consumption in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In *Proceedings of the 21st World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics, Orlando, FL, USA* (pp. 8-11).
- Al-Shaalan, A. M., Wakeel, A., & Alohal, A. (2014). Appropriate electric energy conservation measures for big mosques in Riyadh City. In *Applied Mechanics and Materials* (Vol. 492, pp. 24-30). Trans Tech Publications Ltd.
- Al-Shaalan, A., Ahmed, W., & Alohal, A. (2014). Design guidelines for buildings in Saudi Arabia considering energy conservation requirements. In *Applied Mechanics and Materials* (Vol. 548, pp. 1601-1606). Trans Tech Publications Ltd.
- Al-shamrani, O., Shaawat, M. E., Ashraf, N. & Alsudiari, A. (2016). Minimizing the environmental emissions associated with energy consumption of mosque buildings in Saudi Arabia. *Proceedings of The First International Conference on Mosque Architecture, Dammam, Saudi Arabia*. Al Fozan Award, 17-30.
- Alshehri, S. A., Rezgui, Y., & Li, H. (2015). Delphi-based consensus study into a framework of community resilience to disaster. *Natural Hazards*, 75(3), 2221-2245.
- Alshibani, A., & Alshamrani, O. S. (2017). ANN/BIM-based model for predicting the energy cost of residential buildings in Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Taibah University for Science*, 11(6), 1317-1329.
- Al-Sudani, S., & Palaniappan, R. (2019). Predicting students' final degree classification using an extended profile. *Education and Information Technologies*, 24(4), 2357-2369.
- Al-Tamimi, N., & Qahtan, A. (2016). Influence of Glazing Types on the Indoor Thermal Performance of Tropical High-Rise Residential Buildings. Paper presented at the Key Engineering Materials, 27-37.

- Al-Tamimi, N., & Qahtan, A. (2018). Assessment of Thermal Behaviour and Energy Consumption of Small Mosques in Hot-arid Climate of Najran City, KSA.
- Al-Tamimi, N., Qahtan, A., & Abuelzein, O. (2020). Rear zone for energy efficiency in large mosques in Saudi Arabia. *Energy and Buildings*, 223, 110148.
- Al-Tawal, D. R., Arafah, M., & Sweis, G. J. (2020). A model utilizing the artificial neural network in cost estimation of construction projects in Jordan. *Engineering, Construction and Architectural Management*.
- ALTUN, M., ERSOZ, A., TEKE, T., KURT, T., AKCAMETE-GUNGOR, A., & PEKCAN, O. (2017). Application of Artificial Neural Networks on Building Energy Estimation.
- Al-Yami, A., & Sanni-Anibire, M. O. (2019). BIM in the Saudi Arabian construction industry: state of the art, benefit and barriers. *International Journal of Building Pathology and Adaptation*.
- Amasyali, K., & El-Gohary, N. M. (2018). A review of data-driven building energy consumption prediction studies. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 81, 1192-1205.
- Ameyaw, E. E., Hu, Y., Shan, M., Chan, A. P., & Le, Y. (2016). Application of Delphi method in construction engineering and management research: a quantitative perspective. *Journal of Civil Engineering and Management*, 22(8), 991-1000.
- Antosiewicz, M. (2020). Parametric Architectural Design in Geological Engineering Based on Optimization Algorithm. *Geological Behavior (GBR)*, 3(2), 25-28.
- Arafa, M., & Alqedra, M. (2011). Early-stage cost estimation of buildings construction projects using artificial neural networks. *Journal of Artificial Intelligence*, 4(1).
- Asadi, S., Amiri, S. S., & Mottahedi, M. (2014). On the development of multi-linear regression analysis to assess energy consumption in the early stages of building design. *Energy and Buildings*, 85, 246-255.
- Asif, N., Utaberta, N., Sarram, A., & Ismail, S. (2018). Design framework for urban mosque in the city of Kuala Lumpur: A qualitative approach. *ArchNet-IJAR: International Journal of Architectural Research*, 12(3), 170.
- Atmaca, A. B., & Gedik, G. Z. (2019). Evaluation of mosques in terms of thermal comfort and energy consumption in a temperate-humid climate. *Energy and Buildings*, 195, 195-204.

- Attia, S., & De Herde, A. (2011). Design decision tool for zero energy buildings. In *Proceedings of 27th Conference on Passive and Low Energy Architecture (PLEA 2011)*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (pp. 77-82).
- Attia, S., Gratia, E., De Herde, A., & Hensen, J. L. (2012). Simulation-based decision support tool for early stages of zero-energy building design. *Energy and buildings*, 49, 2-15.
- Attia, S., Hamdy, M., O'Brien, W., & Carlucci, S. (2013). Computational optimisation for zero energy buildings design interviews results with twenty eight international expert. In *Proceedings of the 13th Conference of International Building Performance Simulation Association*. Chambery.
- Awwad, B. A., Suliman, M. O., & Safran, M. (2018). Study of different pitched roof types. *Civil and environmental research*, 10(3), 98-113.
- Ayoub, M. (2020). A review on machine learning algorithms to predict daylighting inside buildings. *Solar Energy*, 202, 249-275.
- Azari, R., Garshasbi, S., Amini, P., Rashed-Ali, H., & Mohammadi, Y. (2016). Multi-objective optimization of building envelope design for life cycle environmental performance. *Energy and Buildings*, 126, 524-534.
- Azmi, N. A., & Kandar, M. Z. (2019). Factors contributing in the design of environmentally sustainable mosques. *Journal of Building Engineering*, 23, 27-37.
- Azmi, N. A., Arıcı, M., & Baharun, A. (2021). A review on the factors influencing energy efficiency of mosque buildings. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 126010.
- Bakri, A., Zakaria, I. H., Kassim, R., & Ahmad, A. N. A. (2018). Adoption of the Systematic Facilities Management Approach to the Sustainable Performance of Mosques. *International Journal of Technology*, 9(8), 1542-1550.
- Banawi, A. (2017, July). Barriers to implement building information modeling (BIM) in public projects in Saudi Arabia. In *International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics* (pp. 119-125). Springer, Cham.
- Baniassadi, A., Heusinger, J., & Sailor, D. J. (2018). Energy efficiency vs resiliency to extreme heat and power outages: The role of evolving building energy codes. *Building and Environment*, 139, 86-94.

- Banihashemi Namini, S. S. (2017). Active BIM with artificial intelligence for energy optimisation in buildings. Doctoral dissertation, University of Technology Sydney.
- Banihashemi, S., Ding, G., & Wang, J. (2016). Identification of BIM-compatible variables for energy optimization of buildings—a Delphi study. *40th AUBEA*, 281-291.
- Banihashemi, S., Golizadeh, H., Hosseini, M. R., & Shakouri, M. (2015). Climatic, parametric and non-parametric analysis of energy performance of double-glazed windows in different climates. *International Journal of Sustainable Built Environment*, 4(2), 307-322.
- Batish, A., Agrawal, A., Corrado, V., Fabrizio, E., & Gasparella, A. (2019). Building Energy Prediction for Early-Design-Stage Decision Support: A Review of Data-driven Techniques. In *Proceedings of the 16th IBPSA Conference. Rome: International Building Performance Association (IBPSA)* (pp. 1514-1521).
- Bourdeau, M., qiang Zhai, X., Nefzaoui, E., Guo, X., & Chatellier, P. (2019). Modeling and forecasting building energy consumption: A review of data-driven techniques. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 48, 101533.
- Brown, N. C. (2019). *Early building design using multi-objective data approaches*. Doctoral dissertation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Brown, N. C., & Mueller, C. T. (2019). Design variable analysis and generation for performance-based parametric modeling in architecture. *International Journal of Architectural Computing*, 17(1), 36-52.
- Budaiwi, I. M., Abdou, A. A., & Al-Homoud, M. S. (2013, March). Envelope retrofit and air-conditioning operational strategies for reduced energy consumption in mosques in hot climates. In *Building Simulation* (Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 33-50). Tsinghua Press.
- Bui, D. K., Nguyen, T. N., Ngo, T. D., & Nguyen-Xuan, H. (2020). An artificial neural network (ANN) expert system enhanced with the electromagnetism-based firefly algorithm (EFA) for predicting the energy consumption in buildings. *Energy*, 190, 116370.
- Calis, G., Alt, B., & Kuru, M. (2015). Thermal Comfort and occupant Satisfaction of a Mosque in a Hot and Humid Climate. In *Computing in Civil Engineering 2015* (pp. 139-147).

- Cao, J., Metzmacher, H., O'Donnell, J., Frisch, J., Bazjanac, V., Kobbelt, L., & van Treeck, C. (2017). Facade geometry generation from low-resolution aerial photographs for building energy modeling. *Building and Environment*, *123*, 601-624.
- Chan, A. P., Yung, E. H., Lam, P. T., Tam, C. M., & Cheung, S. (2001). Application of Delphi method in selection of procurement systems for construction projects. *Construction management and economics*, *19*(7), 699-718.
- Chari, A., & Christodoulou, S. (2017). Building energy performance prediction using neural networks. *Energy Efficiency*, *10*(5), 1315-1327.
- Chiesa, G., Acquaviva, A., Grosso, M., Bottaccioli, L., Florida, M., Pristeri, E., & Sanna, E. M. (2019). Parametric optimization of window-to-wall ratio for passive buildings adopting a scripting methodology to dynamic-energy simulation. *Sustainability*, *11*(11), 3078.
- Cichocka, J. M., Browne, W. N., & Rodriguez, E. (2017). Optimization in the architectural practice-An International Survey.
- Clayton, M. J. 1997. Delphi: a technique to harness expert opinion for critical decision-making tasks in education. *Educational Psychology*, *17*, 373-386.
- Coffelt, D. P., Hendrickson, C. T., & Healey, S. T. (2010). Inspection, condition assessment, and management decisions for commercial roof systems. *Journal of Architectural Engineering*, *16*(3), 94-99.
- Cubukcuoglu, C., Ekici, B., Tasgetiren, M. F., & Sariyildiz, S. (2019). Optimus: self-adaptive differential evolution with ensemble of mutation strategies for grasshopper algorithmic modeling. *Algorithms*, *12*(7), 141.
- Das, S., Swetapadma, A., Panigrahi, C., & Abdelaziz, A. Y. (2020). Improved method for approximation of heating and cooling load in urban buildings for energy performance enhancement. *Electric Power Components and Systems*, *48*(4-5), 436-446.
- Deb, C., Zhang, F., Yang, J., Lee, S. E., & Shah, K. W. (2017). A review on time series forecasting techniques for building energy consumption. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, *74*, 902-924.
- Djenouri, D., Laidi, R., Djenouri, Y., & Balasingham, I. (2019). Machine learning for smart building applications: Review and taxonomy. *ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)*, *52*(2), 1-36.

- Dong, Q., Xing, K., & Zhang, H. (2018). Artificial neural network for assessment of energy consumption and cost for cross laminated timber office building in severe cold regions. *Sustainability*, *10*(1), 84.
- Du, P., Wood, A., Stephens, B., & Song, X. (2015). Life-cycle energy implications of downtown high-rise vs. suburban low-rise living: An overview and quantitative case study for Chicago. *Buildings*, *5*(3), 1003-1024.
- El Fouih, Y., Allouhi, A., Abdelmajid, J., Kousksou, T., & Mourad, Y. (2020). Post Energy Audit of Two Mosques as a Case Study of Intermittent Occupancy Buildings: Toward more Sustainable Mosques. *Sustainability*, *12*(23), 10111.
- El Zafarany, A., Sherif, A., El-Deeb, K., & Aly, M. (2012). Improving buildings' energy performance by defining optimum shape geometry of sun-breakers window shading. In *ICSDC 2011: Integrating Sustainability Practices in the Construction Industry* (pp. 324-334).
- Elbeltagi, E., Wefki, H., Abdrabou, S., Dawood, M., and Ramzy, A. (2017). Visualized strategy for predicting buildings energy consumption during early design stage using parametric analysis. *Journal of Building Engineering*, *13*, 127-136.
- ElShennawy, T., & Abdallah, L. (2017). An initiative toward transforming mosques in Egypt to be environment-friendly and energy saving.
- Elshurafa, A. M., Alsubaie, A. M., Alabduljabbar, A. A., & Al-Hsaien, S. A. (2019). Solar PV on mosque rooftops: Results from a pilot study in Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Building Engineering*, *25*, 100809.
- Eltaweel, A., & Yuehong, S. U. (2017). Parametric design and daylighting: A literature review. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, *73*, 1086-1103.
- Ercan, B., & Elias-Ozkan, S. T. (2015). Performance-based parametric design explorations: A method for generating appropriate building components. *Design Studies*, *38*, 33-53.
- Eromobor, S. O., Das, D. K., & Emuze, F. (2020). Influence of building and indoor environmental parameters on designing energy-efficient buildings. *International Journal of Building Pathology and Adaptation*.
- Essam, A. A., Kinnane, O., & O'Hegarty, R. (2020, September). Analysis of thermal bridging in Arabian houses: Investigation of residential buildings in the

- Riyadh area. In *The 35th Passive and Low Energy Architecture (PLEA) Conference, Coruña, Spain, 1-3 September 2020*.
- Evans, M., Farrell, P., Mashali, A., & Zewein, W. (2020). Critical success factors for adopting building information modelling (BIM) and lean construction practices on construction mega-projects: a Delphi survey. *Journal of Engineering, Design and Technology*.
- Evin, D., & Ucar, A. (2019). Energy impact and eco-efficiency of the envelope insulation in residential buildings in Turkey. *Applied Thermal Engineering, 154*, 573-584.
- Fallahtafti, R., & Mahdavejad, M. (2015). Optimisation of building shape and orientation for better energy efficient architecture. *International Journal of Energy Sector Management*, <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJESM-09-2014-0001>.
- Fan, C., Liao, Y., & Ding, Y. (2019). Development of a cooling load prediction model for air-conditioning system control of office buildings. *International Journal of Low-Carbon Technologies, 14*(1), 70-75.
- Felimban, Ahmed & Prieto, Alejandro & Knaack, Ulrich & Klein, Tillmann & Qaffas, Yasser. (2019). Assessment of Current Energy Consumption in Residential Buildings in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. *Buildings, 9*. 10.3390/buildings9070163.
- Felkner, J., Schwartz, J., & Chatzi, E. (2019). Framework for Balancing Structural Efficiency and Operational Energy in Tall Buildings. *Journal of Architectural Engineering, 25*(3), 04019018.
- Foundation, A. S. (2019, December 22). Continuing The Mosque Building Codes Workshops at the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. *Abdullatif Al Fozan Award*.
- Ge, J., Wu, J., Chen, S., & Wu, J. (2018). Energy efficiency optimization strategies for university research buildings with hot summer and cold winter climate of China based on the adaptive thermal comfort. *Journal of Building Engineering, 18*, 321-330.
- Gerbo, E. J., & Saliklis, E. P. (2014, September). Optimizing a Trussed Frame Subjected to Wind Using Rhino, Grasshopper, Karamba and Galapagos. In *Proceedings of IASS Annual Symposia* (Vol. 2014, No. 13, pp. 1-7). International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS).

- Ghabra, N., Rodrigues, L., & Oldfield, P. (2017). The impact of the building envelope on the energy efficiency of residential tall buildings in Saudi Arabia. *International Journal of Low-Carbon Technologies*, 12(4), 411-419.
- Ghaleb, F. A., (2017) Effect of ventilation fan on thermal comfort in a medium size mosque. PhD thesis, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.
- González, J., & Fiorito, F. (2015). Daylight design of office buildings: optimisation of external solar shadings by using combined simulation methods. *Buildings*, 5(2), 560-580.
- Günaydın, H. M., & Doğan, S. Z. (2004). A neural network approach for early cost estimation of structural systems of buildings. *International journal of project management*, 22(7), 595-602.
- Guyot, D., Giraud, F., Simon, F., Corgier, D., Marvillet, C., & Tremeac, B. (2019). Overview of the use of artificial neural networks for energy-related applications in the building sector. *International Journal of Energy Research*, 43(13), 6680-6720.
- Halim, N. H. A., Ahmed, A. Z., and Zakaria, N. Z. (2011). *Thermal and energy analysis of ceiling and pitch insulation for buildings in Malaysia*. Paper presented at the Sustainable Energy & Environment (ISESEE), 2011 3rd International Symposium & Exhibition in, 214-220.
- Hallowell, M. R., & Gambatese, J. A. (2010). Qualitative research: Application of the Delphi method to CEM research. *Journal of construction engineering and management*, 136(1), 99-107.
- Hammad, A. W. (2019). Minimising the deviation between predicted and actual building performance via use of neural networks and BIM. *Buildings*, 9(5), 131.
- Harsritanto, B. I. R., Nugroho, S., Dewanta, F., & Prabowo, A. R. (2021). Mosque design strategy for energy and water saving. *Open Engineering*, 11(1), 723-733.
- Harter, H., Singh, M. M., Schneider-Marin, P., Lang, W., & Geyer, P. (2020). Uncertainty analysis of life cycle energy assessment in early stages of design. *Energy and Buildings*, 208, 109635.
- Hashemi, A. (2018, October). Assessment of solar shading strategies in low-income tropical housing: the case of Uganda. In *Proceedings of the Institution of*

Civil Engineers-Engineering Sustainability (Vol. 172, No. 6, pp. 293-301).
Thomas Telford Ltd.

- Hashemi, A., & Khatami, N. (2017). Effects of solar shading on thermal comfort in low-income tropical housing. *Energy Procedia*, *111*, 235-244.
- Hassan, A. G. (2016). Parametric Design Optimization for Solar Screens: An Approach for Balancing Thermal and Daylight Performance for Office Buildings in Egypt. (Master dissertation, University of Cairo).
- Hiyama, K., Kato, S., Kubota, M., & Zhang, J. (2014). A new method for reusing building information models of past projects to optimize the default configuration for performance simulations. *Energy and Buildings*, *73*, 83-91.
- Hong, T., Wang, Z., Luo, X., & Zhang, W. (2020). State-of-the-art on research and applications of machine learning in the building life cycle. *Energy and Buildings*, *212*, 109831.
- Hurmekoski, E., Pykäläinen, J., & Hetemäki, L. (2018). Long-term targets for green building: Explorative Delphi backcasting study on wood-frame multi-story construction in Finland. *Journal of cleaner production*, *172*, 3644-3654.
- Hussin, A., Haw, L. C., Mat, S., Fazlizan, A., & Salleh, E. (2018). Indoor Thermal Performance of a Retrofitted Air-Conditioned Mosque: Case Study for Penang State Mosque. *JURNAL KEJURUTERAAN*, *1*(3), 37-45.
- Hussin, A., Salleh, E., Chan, H. Y., & Mat, S. (2015). The reliability of Predicted Mean Vote model predictions in an air-conditioned mosque during daily prayer times in Malaysia. *Architectural Science Review*, *58*(1), 67-76.
- Hwang, J. K., Yun, G. Y., Lee, S., Seo, H., & Santamouris, M. (2020). Using deep learning approaches with variable selection process to predict the energy performance of a heating and cooling system. *Renewable Energy*, *149*, 1227-1245.
- Ibrahim, A. D. (2007). Effect of changes in layout shape on unit construction cost of residential buildings. *Samaru Journal of Information Studies*, *7*(1), 24-31, <http://doi.org/10.4314/sjis.v7i1.40600>.
- Ibrahim, S. H., Baharun, A., Nawi, M. N. M., & Junaidi, E. (2014). Assessment of thermal comfort in the mosque in Sarawak, Malaysia. *International Journal of Energy and Environment*, *5*(3), 327-334.
- Ilbeigi, M., Ghomeishi, M., & Dehghanbanadaki, A. (2020). Prediction and optimization of energy consumption in an office building using artificial

- neural network and a genetic algorithm. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 61, 102325.
- Irwan, S. S., Ahmed, A. Z., Ibrahim, N., & Zakaria, N. Z. (2009, December). Roof angle for optimum thermal and energy performance of insulated roof. In *2009 3rd International Conference on Energy and Environment (ICEE)* (pp. 145-150). IEEE.
- Ismail, A. S. (2018). Representation of National Identity in Malaysian State Mosque Built Form as a Socio-cultural Product. *International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability*, 5(1).
- Jaber, A. A., Saleh, A. A., & Ali, H. F. M. (2019). Prediction of hourly cooling energy consumption of educational buildings using artificial neural network. *Space*, 10137, m3.
- Jamil, R. (2017). Role of a Dome-Less Mosque in Conserving the Religious and Traditional Values of Muslims: An Innovative Architecture of Shah Faisal Mosque, Islamabad. *International Journal of Architecture, Engineering and Construction*, 6(2), 40-45.
- Jaryani, F., (2016). *Decision support system model for student majoring selection supported by e-portfolio*. Doctoral dissertation, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.
- Jazayeri, A., & Aliabadi, M. (2018). The effect of building aspect ratio on the energy performance of dormitory buildings in cold and semi-arid climates of Iran. In *International Conference on Sustainability, Green Buildings, Environmental Engineering and Renewable Energy, (SGER 2018), Malaysia*.
- Jelle, B. P., Hynd, A., Gustavsen, A., Arasteh, D., Goudey, H., & Hart, R. (2012). Fenestration of today and tomorrow: A state-of-the-art review and future research opportunities. *Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells*, 96, 1-28, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.solmat.2011.08.010>
- Kamar, H. M., Kamsah, N. B., Ghaleb, F. A., & Alhamid, M. I. (2019). Enhancement of thermal comfort in a large space building. *Alexandria Engineering Journal*, 58(1), 49-65.
- Kamaruzzaman, S. N., Lou, E. C. W., Wong, P. F., Edwards, R., Hamzah, N., & Ghani, M. K. (2019). Development of a non-domestic building refurbishment scheme for Malaysia: A Delphi approach. *Energy*, 167, 804-818.

- Khabaz, A. (2018). Construction and design requirements of green buildings' roofs in Saudi Arabia depending on thermal conductivity principle. *Construction and Building Materials*, 186, 1119-1131.
- Khairi, O. (2016). Model of Prediction of Trihalomethanes (THMs) formation in chlorinated water in water treatment plant using Artificial Neural Network. *Journal of Zankoy Sulaimani - Part A*. 19. 79-90. 10.17656/jzs.10587.
- Khan, J. S., (2019). Automation of integrated system of MyCREST and life cycle cost analysis. PhD thesis, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Faculty of Engineering.
- Khoshfetrat, R., Sarvari, H., Chan, D. W., & Rakhshanifar, M. (2020). Critical risk factors for implementing building information modelling (BIM): a Delphi-based survey. *International Journal of Construction Management*, 1-10.
- Koehrsen, J. (2021). Muslims and climate change: How Islam, Muslim organizations, and religious leaders influence climate change perceptions and mitigation activities. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change*, 12(3), e702.
- Konis, K., Gamas, A., & Kensek, K. (2016). Passive performance and building form: An optimization framework for early-stage design support. *Solar Energy*, 125, 161-179.
- Koo, C., Park, S., Hong, T., and Park, H. S. (2014). An estimation model for the heating and cooling demand of a residential building with a different envelope design using the finite element method. *Applied Energy*, 115, 205-215.
- Krem, M., Hoque, S. T., Arwade, S. R., and Brena, S. F. (2013). Structural configuration and building energy performance. *Journal of Architectural Engineering*, 19(1), 29-40.
- Kulkarni, P. S., Londhe, S. N., & Deo, M. C. (2017) Artificial Neural Networks for Construction Management: A Review. *Journal of Soft Computing in Civil Engineering*, 1-2 (2017) 70-88.
- Kumar, G. S., & Rajasekhar, K. (2017). Performance analysis of Levenberg-Marquardt and Steepest Descent algorithms-based ANN to predict compressive strength of SIFCON using manufactured sand. *Engineering science and technology, an international journal*, 20(4), 1396-1405.

- Kumari, R. (2021, June). Impact of Aspect Ratio of Floor Plan on the Energy Performance of Office Rooms in New Delhi, India. In *IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science* (Vol. 795, No. 1, p. 012035). IOP Publishing.
- Lababede, M. A. A., Blasi, A. H., & Alsuwaiket, M. A. (2020). Mosques Smart Domes System using Machine Learning Algorithms. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2009.10616*.
- Laghmich, N., Khouya, A., Romani, Z., & Draoui, A. (2018, December). The reduction of energy requirement by adapting the mosques building envelope for the six climatic zones of Morocco. In *AIP Conference Proceedings* (Vol. 2056, No. 1, p. 020016). AIP Publishing LLC.
- Lam, J. C., Wan, K. K., Liu, D., & Tsang, C. L. (2010). Multiple regression models for energy use in air-conditioned office buildings in different climates. *Energy Conversion and Management*, *51*(12), 2692-2697.
- Lee, S., & Lee, K. S. (2020). Optimization of Apartment-Complex Layout Planning for Daylight Accessibility in a High-Density City with a Temperate Climate. *Energies*, *13*(16), 4172.
- Lera, G., & Pinzolas, M. (2002). Neighborhood based Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm for neural network training. *IEEE transactions on neural networks*, *13*(5), 1200-1203.
- Li, Z., Dai, J., Chen, H., & Lin, B. (2019, August). An ANN-based fast building energy consumption prediction method for complex architectural form at the early design stage. In *Building Simulation* (Vol. 12, No. 4, pp. 665-681). Tsinghua University Press.
- Li, X., Zhou, Y., Yu, S., Jia, G., Li, H., & Li, W. (2019). Urban heat island impacts on building energy consumption: A review of approaches and findings. *Energy*, *174*, 407-419.
- Lin, C. J. (2018). The STG-framework: a pattern-based algorithmic framework for developing generative models of parametric architectural design at the conceptual design stage. *Computer-Aided Design and Applications*, *15*(5), 653-660.
- Liu, L., Wu, D., Li, X., Hou, S., Liu, C., & Jones, P. J. (2017, October). Effect of geometric factors on the energy performance of high-rise office towers in

- Tianjin, China. In *Building Simulation* (Vol. 10, No. 5, pp. 625-641). Springer Verlag.
- Liu, X., Chen, X., & Shahrestani, M. (2020). Optimization of Insulation Thickness of External Walls of Residential Buildings in Hot Summer and Cold Winter Zone of China. *Sustainability*, 12(4), 1574.
- Liu, Z., Wu, D., Liu, Y., Han, Z., Lun, L., Gao, J., ... & Cao, G. (2019). Accuracy analyses and model comparison of machine learning adopted in building energy consumption prediction. *Energy Exploration & Exploitation*, 37(4), 1426-1451.
- Lu, S., Li, J., & Lin, B. (2020). Reliability analysis of an energy-based form optimization of office buildings under uncertainties in envelope and occupant parameters. *Energy and Buildings*, 209, 109707.
- Lucarelli, C. D., & Carlo, J. C. (2020). Parametric modeling simulation for an origami shaped canopy. *Frontiers of Architectural Research*, 9(1), 67-81.
- Luckey, D., Fritz, H., Legatiuk, D., Dragos, K., & Smarsly, K. (2020, August). Artificial intelligence techniques for smart city applications. In *International Conference on Computing in Civil and Building Engineering* (pp. 3-15). Springer, Cham.
- Mahdiyar, A., Tabatabaee, S., Abdullah, A., & Marto, A. (2018). Identifying and assessing the critical criteria affecting decision-making for green roof type selection. *Sustainable cities and society*, 39, 772-783.
- Mandalaki, M., & Tsoutsos, T. (2020). Shading Systems: Their Relation to Thermal Conditions. In *Solar Shading Systems: Design, Performance, and Integrated Photovoltaics* (pp. 23-66). Springer, Cham.
- Mansour, H., Aminudin, E., Omar, B., & Al-Sarayreh, A. (2020). Development of an impact-on-performance index (IPI) for construction projects in Malaysia: a Delphi study. *International Journal of Construction Management*, 1-10.
- Massaroli, A., Martini, J. G., Lino, M. M., Spenassato, D., & Massaroli, R. (2018). THE DELPHI METHOD AS A METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR RESEARCH IN NURSING1. *Texto & Contexto-Enfermagem*, 26.
- Maynard, S., Burstein, F., & Arnott, D. (2001). A multi-faceted decision support system evaluation approach. *Journal of decision systems*, 10(3-4), 395-428.
- McKeen, P., Fung, S. (2014). "The Effect of Building Aspect Ratio on Energy Efficiency: A Case Study for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings in

Canada" *Buildings* 4, no. 3: 336-354.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/buildings4030336>.

- McLeod, S. A., 2017. Qualitative vs. quantitative research. [Online] Available at: <https://www.simplypsychology.org/qualitative-quantitative.html>.
- Mendis, T., Huang, Z., Xu, S., & Zhang, W. (2020). Economic potential analysis of photovoltaic integrated shading strategies on commercial building facades in urban blocks: A case study of Colombo, Sri Lanka. *Energy*, 116908.
- Miller, C., Nagy, Z., & Schlueter, A. (2018). A review of unsupervised statistical learning and visual analytics techniques applied to performance analysis of non-residential buildings. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 81, 1365-1377.
- Minghat, A. D., Yasin, R. M., & Udin, A. (2012). The application of the Delphi technique in technical and vocational education in Malaysia. *Internafional Proceedings of Economics Development and Research*, 30(1), 259-264.
- Moayedi, H., & Mosavi, A. (2021). Suggesting a Stochastic Fractal Search Paradigm in Combination with Artificial Neural Network for Early Prediction of Cooling Load in Residential Buildings.
- Moayedi, H., Bui, D. T., Dounis, A., Lyu, Z., & Foong, L. K. (2019). Predicting Heating Load in Energy-Efficient Buildings Through Machine Learning Techniques. *Applied Sciences*, 9(20), 4338.
- Mohammadi, F., (2016). Development of a Decision Support System for Demolition Safety Risk Assessment. PhD thesis, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Faculty of Civil Engineering.
- Mokhtar, A. (2009). Design standards for Muslim prayer facilities within public buildings.
- Mokhtar, A. (2015). Comparison of Energy Efficiency Strategies for Mosques in the United Arab Emirates. In *AEI 2015* (pp. 43-53).
- Morais, A., Simão, M., Cossa, M., Come, J., Selemene, C., Tivane, A., ... & Santos, L. L. (2021). Designing a national curriculum to advance surgical oncology in Mozambique: a Delphi Consensus Study. *Journal of Surgical Education*, 78(1), 140-147.
- Morales-Beltran, M., Turan, G., Dursun, O., & Nijse, R. (2019). Energy dissipation and performance assessment of double damped outriggers in tall buildings

- under strong earthquakes. *The Structural Design of Tall and Special Buildings*, 28(1), e1554.
- Mushtaha, E., & Helmy, O. (2017). Impact of building forms on thermal performance and thermal comfort conditions in religious buildings in hot climates: a case study in Sharjah city. *International Journal of Sustainable Energy*, 36(10), 926-944.
- Nadiri, P., Mahdavinejad, M., & Pilechiha, P. (2019). Optimization of Building Façade to Control Daylight Excessiveness and View to Outside. *Journal of Applied Engineering Sciences*, 90(2).
- Nashir, I. M., Mustapha, R., & Yusoff, A. (2015). Delphi technique: Enhancing research in technical and vocational education. *Journal of Technical Education and Training*, 7(2).
- Nazir, A., Wajahat, A., Akhtar, F., Ullah, F., Qureshi, S., Malik, S. A., & Shakeel, A. (2020, January). Evaluating Energy Efficiency of Buildings using Artificial Neural Networks and K-means Clustering Techniques. In *2020 3rd International Conference on Computing, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies (iCoMET)* (pp. 1-7). IEEE.
- Nedhal, A. T., Syed, F. S. F., & Adel, A. (2016). Relationship between window-to-floor area ratio and single-point daylight factor in varied residential rooms in Malaysia. *Indian journal of science and technology*, 9(33), 22-30.
- Ngo, N. T. (2019). Early predicting cooling loads for energy-efficient design in office buildings by machine learning. *Energy and Buildings*, 182, 264-273.
- Nguyen, A. T., Reiter, S., & Rigo, P. (2014). A review on simulation-based optimization methods applied to building performance analysis. *Applied Energy*, 113, 1043-1058.
- Nii, A. M., Emmanuel, A., & Joshua, A. (2017). Developing a building energy efficiency assessment tool for office buildings in Ghana: Delphic consultation approach. *Energy Procedia*, 111, 629-638.
- Nordin, N. I., & Misni, A. (2018, February). Evaluating the interior thermal performance of mosques in the tropical environment. In *IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science* (Vol. 117, No. 1, p. 012014). IOP Publishing.
- Ogbeifun, E., Agwa-Ejon, J., Mbohwa, C., & Pretorius, J. H. (2016). The Delphi technique: A credible research methodology.

- Okoli, C. & Pawlowski, S. D. (2004). The Delphi method as a research tool: an example, design considerations and applications. *Information & Management*, 42, 15-29.
- Onazi, O., Gaiya, N. S., Ola-Adisa, E. O., & Yilme, D. G. (2018). An appraisal of shading devices in institutional buildings. *Journal of Physical Science and Innovation*, 10(2), 2018.
- Oree, V., & Anatah, H. K. (2017). Investigating the feasibility of positive energy residential buildings in tropical climates. *Energy Efficiency*, 10(2), 383-404.
- Othman, F. Z., Ahmad, S. S., & Hanapi, N. L. (2019). THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VENTILATION AND OPENING STRATEGIES OF DOMED MOSQUE FOR INDOOR COMFORT. *Academia Special Issue GraCe*,
- Pacheco, R., Ordonez, J., and Martinez, G. (2012). Energy efficient design of building: A review. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 16(6), 3559-3573.
- Paliwoda, S. J. 1983. Predicting the future using Delphi. *Management Decision*, 21, 31-38
- Panya, D. S., Kim, T., & Choo, S. (2020). A methodology of interactive motion facades design through parametric strategies. *Applied Sciences*, 10(4), 1218.
- Pereira, I. (2020). Escaping Evolution-A Study on Multi-Objective Optimization. In *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference of the Association for Computer-Aided Architectural Design Research in Asia (CAADRIA) 2020*, Volume 1, 295-304.
- Perera, B., Rameezdeen, R., Chileshe, N. & Hosseini, M.R. 2014, 'Enhancing the effectiveness of risk management practices in Sri Lankan Road construction projects: A Delphi approach', *International Journal of Construction Management*, vol. 14, no. 1, pp. 1-14. 10.1080/15623599.2013.875271.
- Petrovski, A., Zileska-Pancovska, V., & Zujo, V. (2014). Improving building sustainability by optimizing facade shape and solar insolation use. In *Proceedings* (pp. 374-83).
- Pineda-Jaramillo, J., Salvador-Zuriaga, P., Martínez-Fernández, P., & Insa-Franco, R. (2020). Impact of symmetric vertical sinusoid alignments on infrastructure construction costs: optimizing energy consumption in metropolitan railway lines using artificial neural networks. *Urban Rail Transit*, 6(3), 145-156.

- Pombeiro H, Santos R, Carreira P, Silva C, Sousa JMC (2017). Comparative assessment of low-complexity models to predict electricity consumption in an institutional building: Linear regression vs. fuzzy modeling vs. neural networks. *Energy and Buildings*, 146: 141–151.
- Purisari, R., Safitri, R., Permanasari, E., & Hendola, F. (2017, June). Green Architecture Approach on Mosque Design in Cipendawa Village, Cianjur, West Java, Indonesia. In *IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering* (Vol. 216, No. 1, p. 012059). IOP Publishing.
- Purup, P. B., & Petersen, S. (2020). Research framework for development of building performance simulation tools for early design stages. *Automation in Construction*, 109, 102966.
- Rahman, A., Srikumar, V., & Smith, A. D. (2018). Predicting electricity consumption for commercial and residential buildings using deep recurrent neural networks. *Applied energy*, 212, 372-385.
- Ranganathan, A. (2004). The Levenberg Marquardt algorithm. *Tutorial on LM algorithm*, 11(1), 101-110.
- Ridwana, I., Nassif, N., & Choi, W. (2020). Modeling of building energy consumption by integrating regression analysis and artificial neural network with data classification. *Buildings*, 10(11), 198.
- Robati, M., Kokogiannakis, G., and McCarthy, T. J. (2017). Impact of structural design solutions on the energy and thermal performance of an Australian office building. *Building and Environment*, 124, 258-282.
- Roman, N. D., Bre, F., Fachinotti, V. D., & Lamberts, R. (2020). Application and characterization of metamodels based on artificial neural networks for building performance simulation: A systematic review. *Energy and Buildings*, 217, 109972.
- Rosti, B., Omidvar, A., & Monghasemi, N. (2020). Optimal insulation thickness of common classic and modern exterior walls in different climate zones of Iran. *Journal of Building Engineering*, 27, 100954.
- Roudsari, M. S., Pak, M., & Smith, A. (2013, August). Ladybug: a parametric environmental plugin for grasshopper to help designers create an environmentally-conscious design. In *Proceedings of the 13th international IBPSA conference held in Lyon, France Aug* (pp. 3128-3135).

- Roy, S. S., Samui, P., Nagtode, I., Jain, H., Shivaramakrishnan, V., & Mohammadi-Ivatloo, B. (2020). Forecasting heating and cooling loads of buildings: A comparative performance analysis. *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing*, *11*(3), 1253-1264.
- Ruiz, L. G. B., Rueda, R., Cuéllar, M. P., & Pegalajar, M. C. (2018). Energy consumption forecasting based on Elman neural networks with evolutive optimization. *Expert Systems with Applications*, *92*, 380-389.
- Runge, J., & Zmeureanu, R. (2019). Forecasting energy use in buildings using artificial neural networks: A review. *Energies*, *12*(17), 3254.
- Sabbagh, M., & Almalti, A. (2018). Level of Façade Design Response to Solar Orientation for Buildings in Al-Madina Al-Munawara Central District Using WWR Environmental Designs -Architecture.
- Sadeghifam, A, N. (2019). *Development of cooling load prediction prototype for low-rise residential buildings*. Doctoral dissertation, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.
- Saguinsin, A. (2019). Design to Optimized. *Ensuring Multi Residential Buildings meet Solar Access Compliance through Genetic Algorithms*, 1-120.
- Samiuddin, S., & Budaiwi, I. M. (2018). Assessment of thermal comfort in high-occupancy spaces with relevance to air distribution schemes: A case study of mosques. *Building Services Engineering Research and Technology*, *39*(5), 572-589.
- Sanni-Anibire, M. O., Zin, R. M., & Olatunji, S. O. (2021). Machine learning-based framework for construction delay mitigation. *Journal of Information Technology in Construction (ITcon)*, *26*(17), 303-318.
- Santamouris, M., & Vasilakopoulou, K. (2021). Present and future energy consumption of buildings: Challenges and opportunities towards decarbonisation. *e-Prime-Advances in Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Energy*, *1*, 100002.
- Sapna, S., Tamilarasi, A., & Kumar, M. P. (2012). Backpropagation learning algorithm based on Levenberg Marquardt Algorithm. *Comp Sci Inform Technol (CS and IT)*, *2*, 393-398.
- Scharf, B., & Zluwa, I. (2017). Case study investigation of the building physical properties of seven different green roof systems. *Energy and buildings*, *151*, 564-573.

- Sedki, A., Hamza, N., & Zaffagnini, T. (2013, June). Field Measurements to Validate Simulated Indoor Air Temperature Predictions: A case study of a residential building in a hot arid climate. In *1st conference about Building Simulation Contributions in Built Environment in Egypt, Cairo, Egypt* (pp. 338-347).
- Sekayi, D., & Kennedy, A. (2017). Qualitative Delphi method: A four round process with a worked example. *The Qualitative Report*, 22(10), 2755-2763.
- Shan, R. (2014). Optimization for heating, cooling and lighting load in building façade design. *Energy Procedia*, 57, 1716-1725.
- Sharif, Z. M., Jalil, N. J., & Bekhet, H. A. (2019). Green Building, Sustainability and Mosques Design in Kuala Terengganu. *International Journal of Engineering & Technology*, 8(1.1), 228-234.
- Shohan, A. A. A. (2015). Thermal Comfort and Energy Demand of Small and Large Mosque Buildings in Saudi Arabia.
- Shohan, A. A. A., & Gadi, M. B. (2020). Evaluation of Thermal and Energy Performance in Mosque Buildings for Current Situation (Simulation Study) in Mountainous Climate of Abha City. *Sustainability*, 12(10), 4014.
- Sicola, M. (2017). Commercial Real Estate Terms and Definitions. *NAIOP Research Foundation*, 30-31.
- Sourani, A., & Sohail, M. (2015). The Delphi method: Review and use in construction management research. *International journal of construction education and research*, 11(1), 54-76.
- SPA,. (2019, August 31). More than 150 specialists discuss proposed Saudi mosque construction code. *Arab News*.
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1547681/saudi-arabia>
- Stamenković, M. G., Miletić, M. J., Kosanović, S. M., Vučković, G. D., & Glišović, S. M. (2018). Impact of a building shape factor on space cooling energy performance in the green roof concept implementation. *Thermal Science*, 22(1 Part B), 687-698.
- Sun, Y., Haghghat, F., & Fung, B. C. (2020). A review of the-state-of-the-art in data-driven approaches for building energy prediction. *Energy and Buildings*, 110022.
- Suratkon, A., Chan, C. M., & Ab Rahman, T. S. T. (2014). SmartWUDHU': Recycling Ablution Water for Sustainable Living in Malaysia. *Journal of Sustainable Development*, 7(6), 150.

- Taherdoost, H. (2016). Sampling methods in research methodology; how to choose a sampling technique for research. *How to Choose a Sampling Technique for Research* (April 10, 2016).
- Taherdoost, H., & Madanchian, M. (2020). Prioritization of Leadership Effectiveness Dimensions Improving Organizational Performance via Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) Technique: A Case Study for Malaysia's Digital Service SMEs. In *Digital Transformation and Innovative Services for Business and Learning* (pp. 1-21). IGI Global.
- Taleb, H. M., & Sharples, S. (2011). Developing sustainable residential buildings in Saudi Arabia: A case study. *Applied Energy*, 88(1), 383-391.
- Than, S. J. (2017). Determination of building shape for energy efficiency using simulation and particle swarm optimization. Doctoral dissertation, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.
- Tian, W., Zhu, C., Sun, Y., Li, Z., & Yin, B. (2020, March). Energy characteristics of urban buildings: Assessment by machine learning. In *Building Simulation* (pp. 1-15). Tsinghua University Press. 10.1007/s12273-020-0608-3.
- Touloupaki, E., & Theodosiou, T. (2017). Performance simulation integrated in parametric 3D modeling as a method for early stage design optimization—A review. *Energies*, 10(5), 637.
- Toutou, A. M. Y. (2018). A Parametric Approach for Achieving Optimum Residential Building Performance in Hot Arid Zone. In *Faculty of Engineering Department of Architectural Engineering, Alexandria University*.
- Toutou, A. M. Y. (2019). Parametric Approach for Multi-Objective Optimization for Daylighting and Energy Consumption in Early Stage Design of Office Tower in New Administrative Capital City of Egypt. *The Academic Research Community publication*, 3(1), 1-13.
- Toutou, A., Fikry, M., & Mohamed, W. (2018). The parametric based optimization framework daylighting and energy performance in residential buildings in hot arid zone. *Alexandria engineering journal*, 57(4), 3595-3608.
- Tran, D. H., Luong, D. L., & Chou, J. S. (2020). Nature-inspired metaheuristic ensemble model for forecasting energy consumption in residential buildings. *Energy*, 191, 116552.

- Trisha, S. H. (2015). Assessment of HVAC load in light zones to determine energy efficient shading for tall office buildings of Dhaka.
- Troup, L., Phillips, R., Eckelman, M. J., & Fannon, D. (2019). Effect of window-to-wall ratio on measured energy consumption in US office buildings. *Energy and Buildings*, 203, 109434.
- Turhan C, Kazanasmaz T, Uygun IE, Ekmen KE, Akkurt GG (2014). Comparative study of a building energy performance software (KEP-IYTE-ESS) and ANN-based building heat load estimation. *Energy and Buildings*, 85: 115–125.
- Vatandoost, M., Ekhlasi, A., & Yazdanfar, S. A. (2020). Computer-Aided Architectural Design: Classification and Application of Optimization Algorithms.
- Vukadinović, A., Radosavljević, J., Đorđević, A., & Petrović, N. (2019). Effects of the geometry of residential buildings with a sunspace on their energy performance. *Facta universitatis-series: Architecture and Civil Engineering*, 17(1), 105-118.
- Wang, Z., Hong, T., & Piette, M. A. (2020). Building thermal load prediction through shallow machine learning and deep learning. *Applied Energy*, 263, 114683.
- Wei, Y., Zhang, X., Shi, Y., Xia, L., Pan, S., Wu, J., ... & Zhao, X. (2018). A review of data-driven approaches for prediction and classification of building energy consumption. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 82, 1027-1047.
- Wurzer, G., Pont, U., Lorenz, W. E., & Mahdavi, A. (2016). Coupling Building Morphology Optimization and Energy Efficiency—a Proof of Concept. *Proceedings of BauSim 2016*.
- Xu, X., Feng, G., Chi, D., Liu, M., & Dou, B. (2018). Optimization of performance parameter design and energy use prediction for nearly zero energy buildings. *Energies*, 11(12), 3252.
- Yan, D., O'Brien, W., Hong, T., Feng, X., Gunay, H. B., Tahmasebi, F., & Mahdavi, A. (2015). Occupant behavior modeling for building performance simulation: Current state and future challenges. *Energy and buildings*, 107, 264-278.
- Yeang, K. (1999) *The green skyscraper: the basis for designing sustainable intensive buildings*. Prestel Verlag, Munich.

- Yildiz, B., Bilbao, J. I., & Sproul, A. B. (2017). A review and analysis of regression and machine learning models on commercial building electricity load forecasting. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 73, 1104-1122.
- Yuan, J., Farnham, C., Azuma, C., & Emura, K. (2018). Predictive artificial neural network models to forecast the seasonal hourly electricity consumption for a University Campus. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 42, 82-92.
- Zeiler, W. (2018). Morphology in conceptual building design. *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, 126, 102-115.
- Zengin, D. G., & Kontoleon, K. J. (2018). Influence of orientation, glazing proportion and zone aspect ratio on the thermal performance of buildings during the winter period. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 25(27), 26736-26746.
- Zhang, C., Zhao, Y., Fan, C., Li, T., Zhang, X., & Li, J. (2020). A generic prediction interval estimation method for quantifying the uncertainties in ultra-short-term building cooling load prediction. *Applied Thermal Engineering*, 173, 115261.
- Zingre, K., Srinivasan, S., & Marzband, M. (2019). Cooling load estimation using machine learning techniques.