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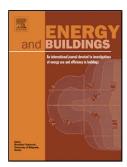
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Investigation on the Cooling Performance of Green Roof with a

**Radiant Cooling System** 

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**ABSTRACT** 

This study investigated the cooling potential of a green roof paired with a radiant cooling

system in a hot and dry environment in southern California. The green roof had pipes

embedded in it which were connected to a radiator inside the test cell. The radiator absorbs

heat from the interior of the cells which is dissipated through the green roof and the

evaporative cooling that occurs during the irrigation process. Excess water that is not

absorbed is recollected and reused. Experiments demonstrate the potential for a system such

as this one that combines water based cooling and green roofs, demonstrating to improve

thermal comfort and reduce energy consumption. The test cell with the green roof and radiant

cooling system was monitored and compared with other cells in over 40 tests conducted over

the summers of 2015 and 2016. The results demonstrated that this test cell maintained lower

indoor temperatures than the other test cells, including other cells with green roofs. The best

performance occurred when the radiant system pump was operating continuously, with the

irrigation sprinkler working 20 minutes per hour from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An equation to

predict indoor maximum temperature as a function of the daily temperature swing was derived.

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