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Courtyard outdoor solar energy



Overview

Do courtyards improve thermal comfort & reduce energy consumption?

Although the courtyards are considered as an efficient solution to improve thermal comfort and reduce energy consumption by regulating the microclimate , , they are facing enormous challenges in meeting the increasing comfort demands of the occupants , , .

What is a courtyard building?

Courtyard building is an important type of vernacular architecture, widely distributed in different climate zones around the world. Traditionally, courtyards are characterized by opening to the sky, providing buffer spaces for ventilation and light for the surrounding buildings.

Are courtyard buildings undergoing a spontaneous evolution?

Courtyard buildings are undergoing a spontaneous evolution, characterized by courtyards being roofed (CBR). The CBR phenomenon is diverse and has a positive effect on the energy efficiency of existing buildings. By harvesting solar energy and storing heat, CBR can reduce heat dissipation and shorten the heating period.

How to improve the EE of a courtyard building?

The integration of the courtyard with the wind tower greatly improves the EE of the building. Trees play an important role in regulating the thermal effect of courtyards. The water feature can modulate the thermal performance of the courtyard. Shading in summer is essential for improving the EE of courtyard buildings.

Can open courtyards regulate microclimate?

Open courtyards can regulate the microclimate to a certain extent, but this ability is very limited . CBRT can transform the courtyard into a greenhouse space, making its temperature higher than that of an open courtyard (Fig. 9) .

Can CBRT improve existing courtyard buildings?

Moreover, the EE improvement of existing courtyard buildings by CBR is mainly attributed to the effective collection of solar energy and the provision of thermal storage space to slow down heat dissipation. 3.4. Optimization exploration of different CBRTs

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