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## Abstract

Free-hanging horizontal and vertical sound absorbers are commonly used in buildings for room acoustic control; however, when these sound absorbers are used in combination with Thermally Active Building Systems, they will decrease the cooling performance of Thermally Active Building Systems and this will affect the thermal indoor environment in that space. Therefore, it is crucial to be able to quantify and model these effects in the design phase.

This study quantifies experimentally the effects of horizontal and vertical free-hanging sound absorbers on the cooling performance of Thermally Active Building Systems and on the thermal indoor environment. The experiments were carried out in a climate chamber configured as a two-person office room. Different ceiling coverage ratios were tested. In addition, a commercially available dynamic building simulation software was

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