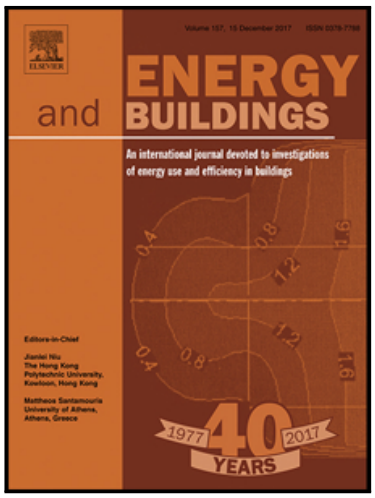

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Highlights

- Cool roofs can improve thermal comfort of low income households near the equator
- Experimental results in Jamaica confirm improvements
- Energy models were developed for Jamaica, Ghana and Recife-Brazil
- Internal ceiling surface temperatures are reduced on average by 3.2 - 5.5 ^{o}C

Cooling demand reduction is similar at 190 kWh/m^2/year