Industrialized Sunspace Prototype with Solar Heat Storage. Assessment of Post-Occupational Behaviour in Adaptive Facades.

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The thermal performance of two passive solar components has been investigated. An attached sunspace with horizontal heat storage and another one with vertical thermal storage were designed in order to optimize the use of solar gains and its storage and distribution in an industrialized component. These sunspaces have been tested under real conditions, comparing their thermal performance with two commonly used components in residential buildings in Spain: a window and a double window making up an attached sunspace. Different series of experimental measurements were conducted in two test-cells exposed to outdoor conditions in Pamplona (Northern Spain). As a result, nine scenarios during winter 2011 and six during summer 2012 have been carried out, comparing all of the prototypes two by two with different use modes.

Results show that a sunspace with heat storage takes advantage of the solar energy and improves the indoor thermal performance of the adjacent room during winter in a better way than a window or a simple sunspace, and that it also offers better performance in summer. The best results in winter and summer were obtained when an appropriate use of the component was performed, in concordance with outdoor conditions. Several thermal control keys for the use of these components are suggested.

Assessment of post-occupational behaviour in adaptive facades

Research in adaptive facades located in Spain and in Southern Mediterranean areas, looking for truly efficient energy and thermal performance, and for occupants evaluation (through comfort and use surveys), to validate the design and optimization of adaptive facades. Collaborators: María Martinez Ruidiaz, Miren Juaristi

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Fig. 1: P4 Prototype. Sunspace with vertical solar heat storage. Images of University Campus in Pamplona (Spain).





Fig. 2: P1 Prototype. Sunspace with horizontal solar heat storage. Images of University Campus in Pamplona (Spain)

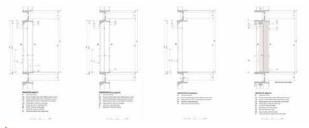


Fig. 3: Vertical sections of the prototypes monitored, including a window and a double façade to be compared with P1 and P4 prototypes.



Fig. 4: Barcelona Growth Centre in Barcelona (Spain), previously named MediaTIC. Case study in Post-Occupational Behaviour Research in Adaptive Facades.