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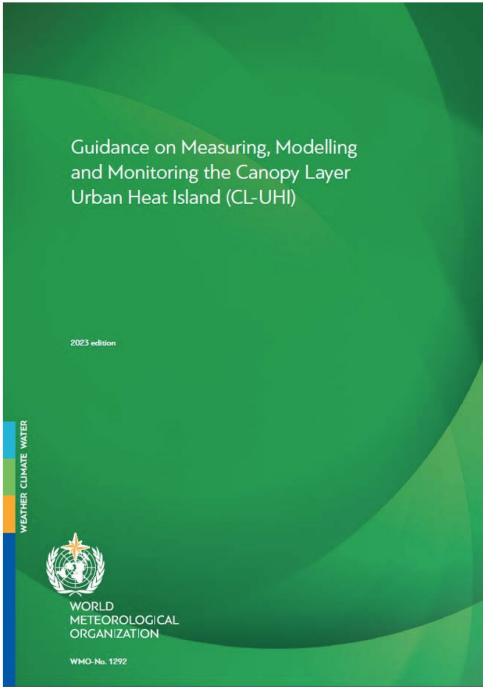
Urban

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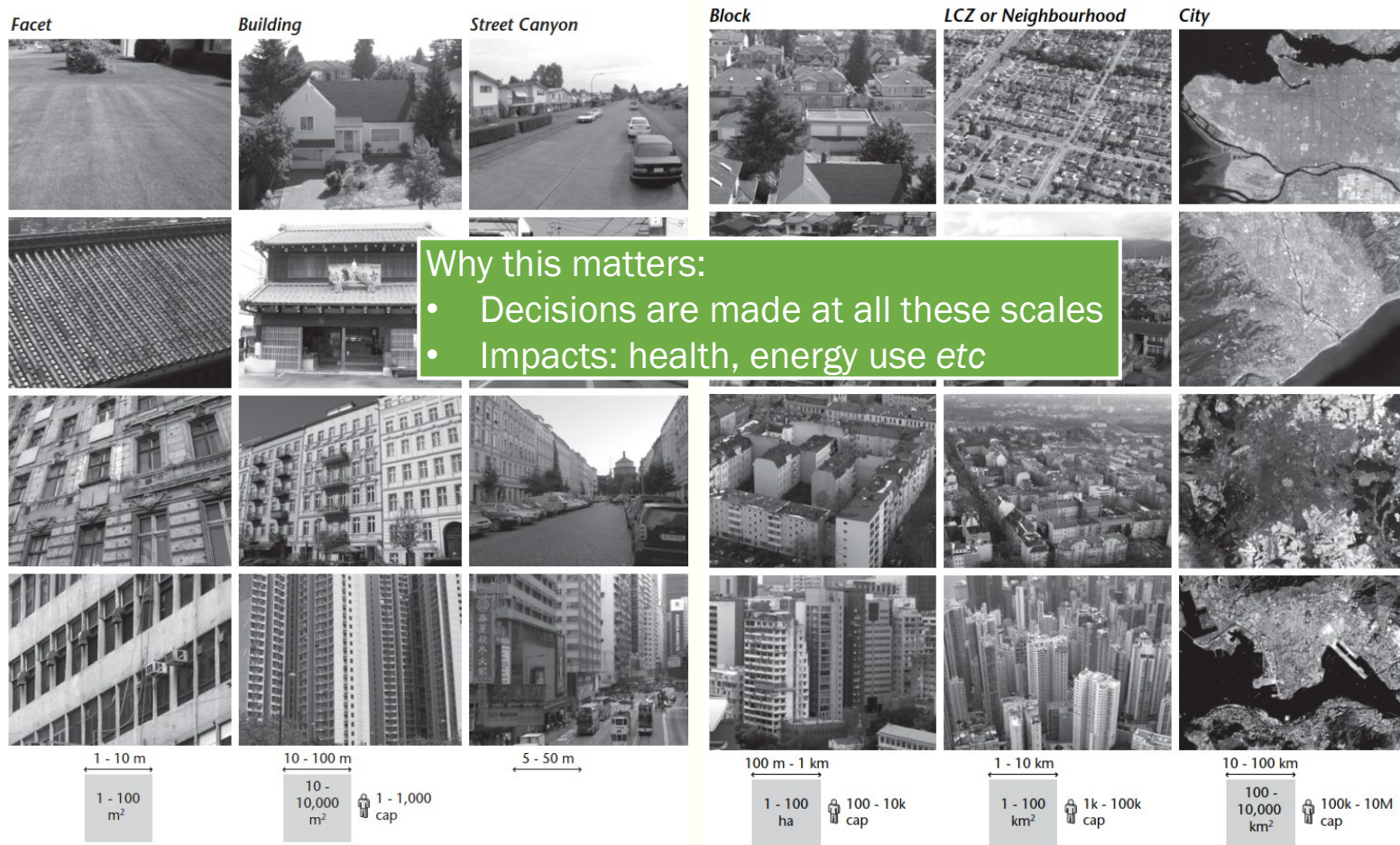
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Challenges of the urban environment

- Scale of the urban form
- Viewing the facets of the urban
- Variability of the urban form
- Urban materials
- Urban activities
- Complexity – these are combined and dynamic
- Applications

Scale of the urban form



Oke et al. 2017: Fig. 2.3

Scale and the urban form

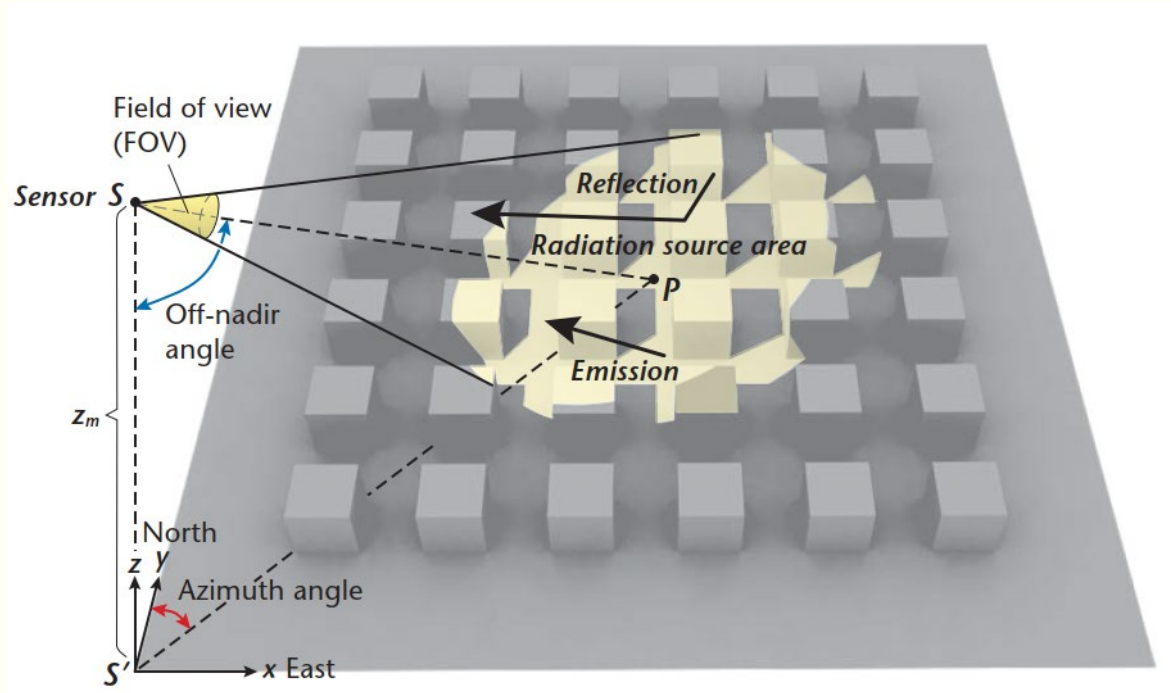
- Satellite considerations relative to urban form

Spatial resolution	4-5 km	100 m
Temporal Frequency	< 1 h	10 - 14 days/ 1 time of day
Urban Feature		
City and surroundings	100 pixels	10000 pixels
Neighbourhood	1 – 20 /pixel	100 pixels
Block	10 -100 /pixel	10-20 pixels
Streets	10 -100 /pixel	1/pixel
Buildings	1000 /pixel	1-10/pixel
Facets	10000 /pixel	[10 /pixel]

Why this matters:

- Hard to get information at the right scale for many applications
- Need to think carefully about what a satellite/sensor is seeing relative to the application needs

Viewing the facets of the urban surface

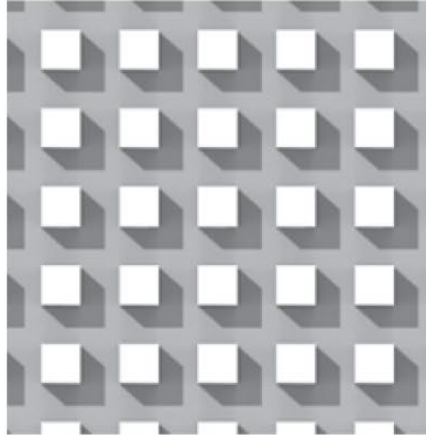


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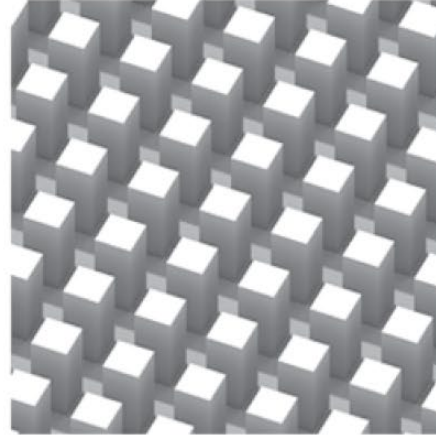
- Nadir – roofs and streets seen
- Off-Nadir: some wall, roofs and some streets seen

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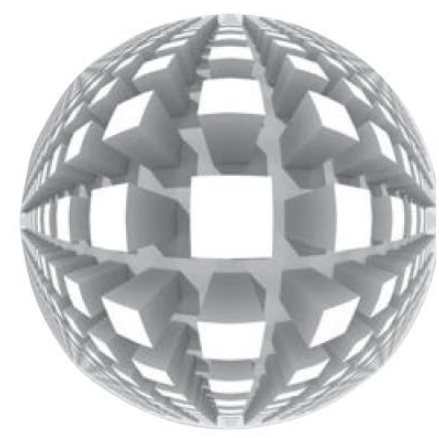
(a) Plan view



(b) Oblique view



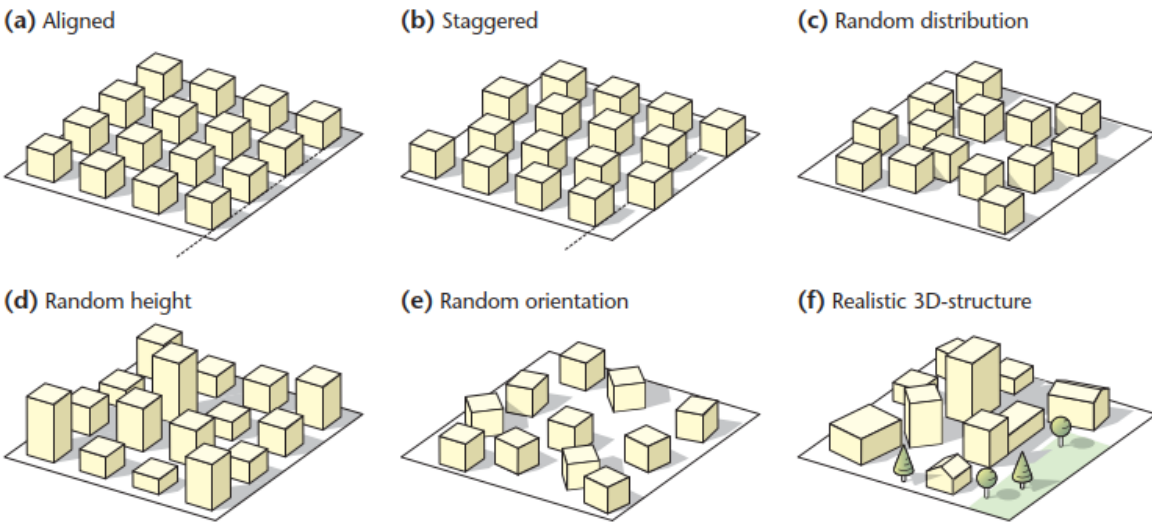
(c) Hemispherical view

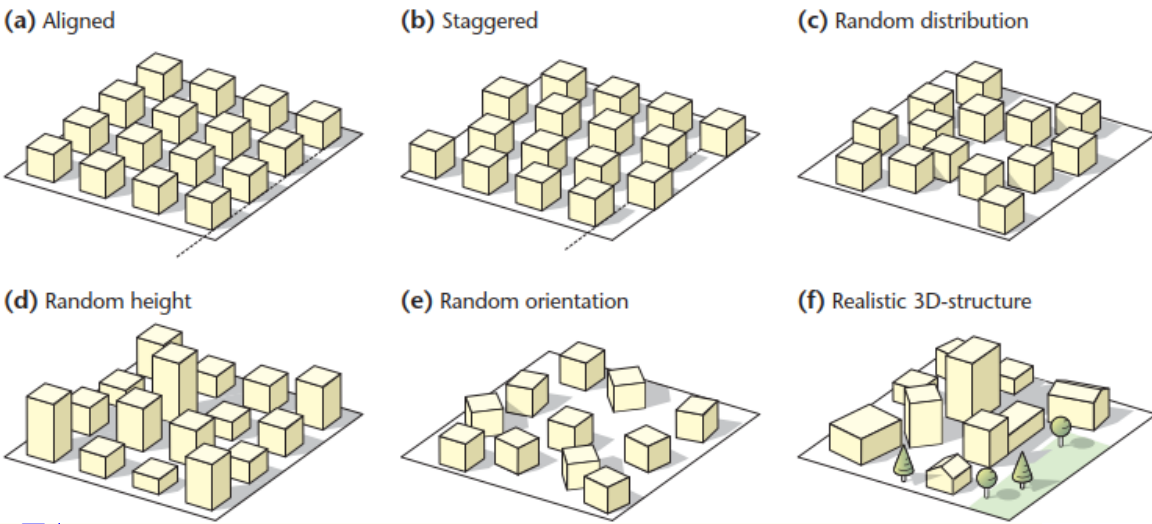


Why this matters:

- Nadir – roofs and streets seen
- Off-Nadir: some parts of some walls, roofs and some of parts streets
- Not seeing: all wall orientations, all parts of the wall
- Hemispherical view: small sample

Variability of the urban form

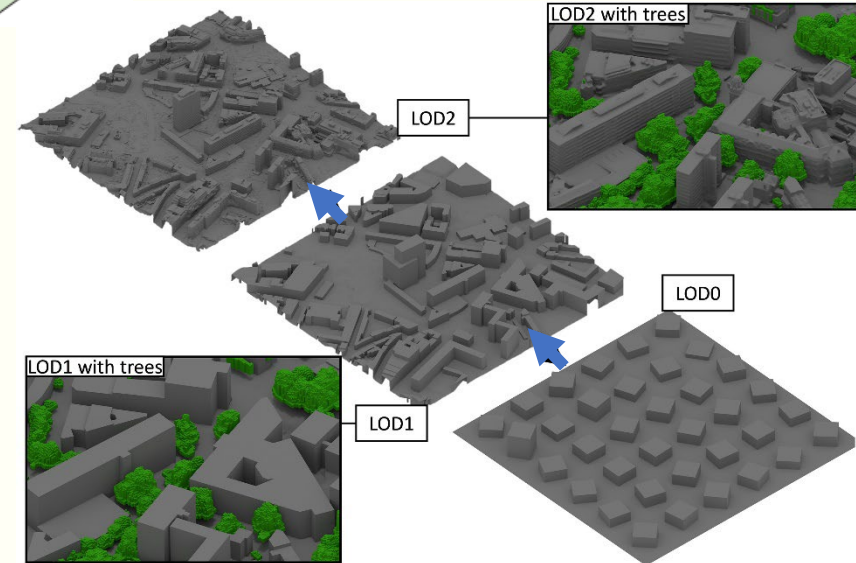




Variability of the urban form

Why this matters:

- Cities are much more complex than cuboids



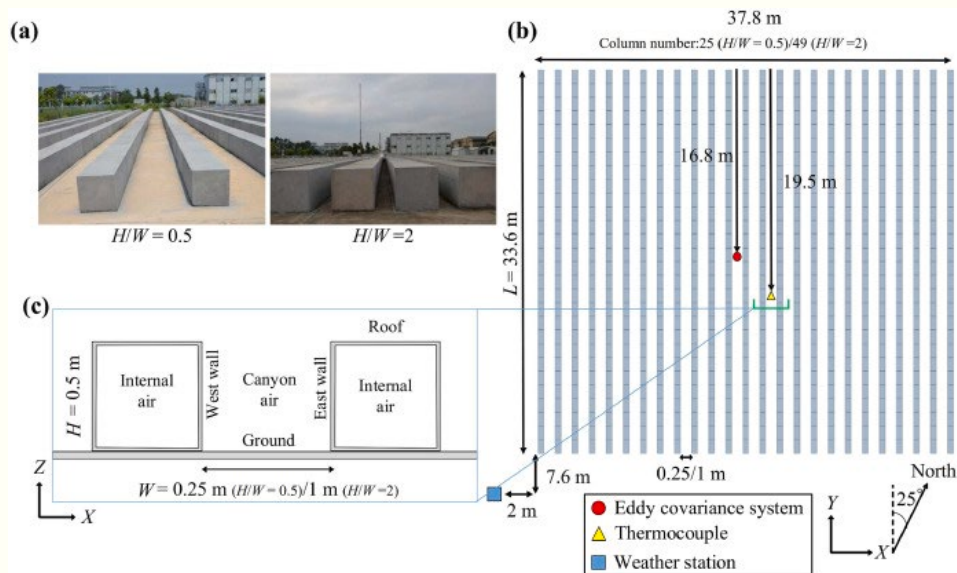


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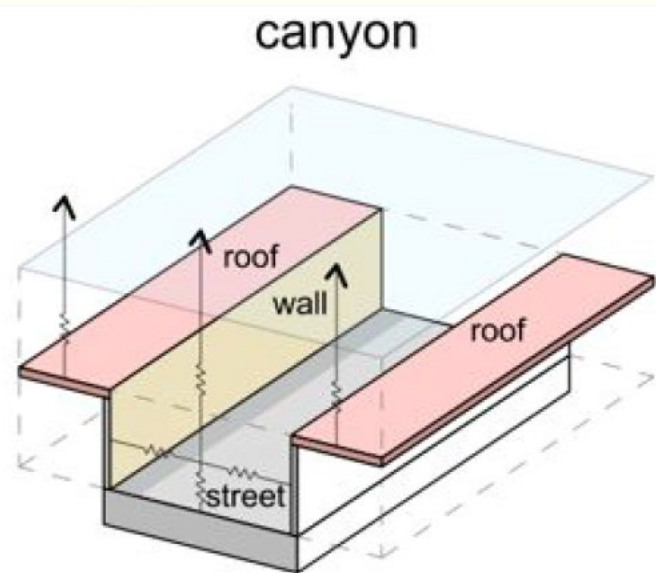
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Simple urban form: the urban canyon - constant materials



SOMUCH – urban canyons
0.5 m – concrete
H:W of 0.5 and 2

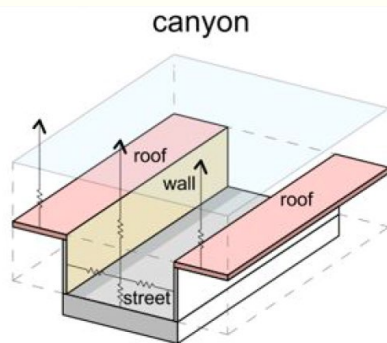


- Planar facets
- 1 value per facet

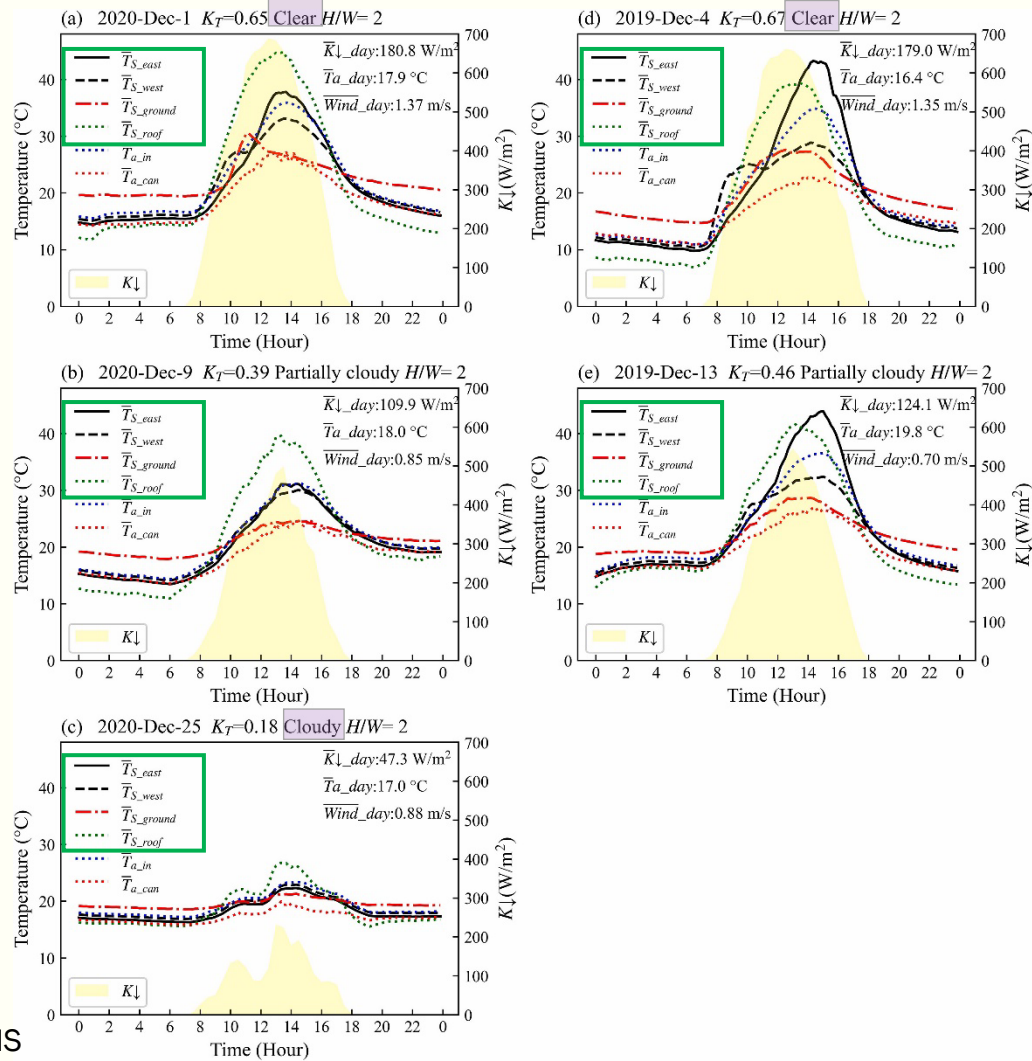
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$H/W=2$



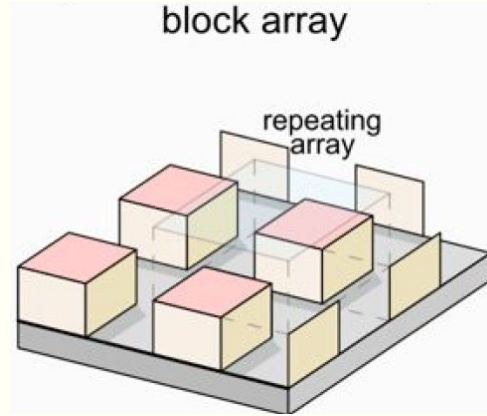
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 $H/W = 2$
Facet T- average of
Thermocouples points



Simple urban form: constant materials



COSMO: Aligned Cubes
1.5 m - concrete



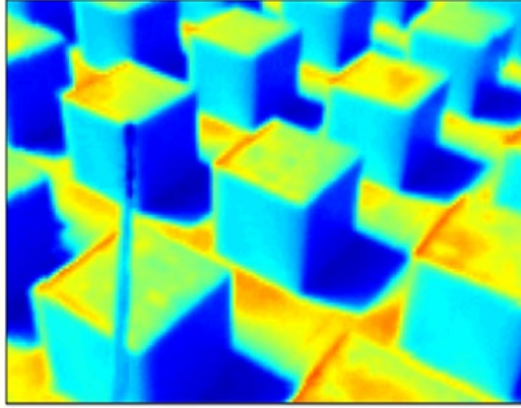
Cubes: coloured by facet



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Brightness Temperature,
thermal camera



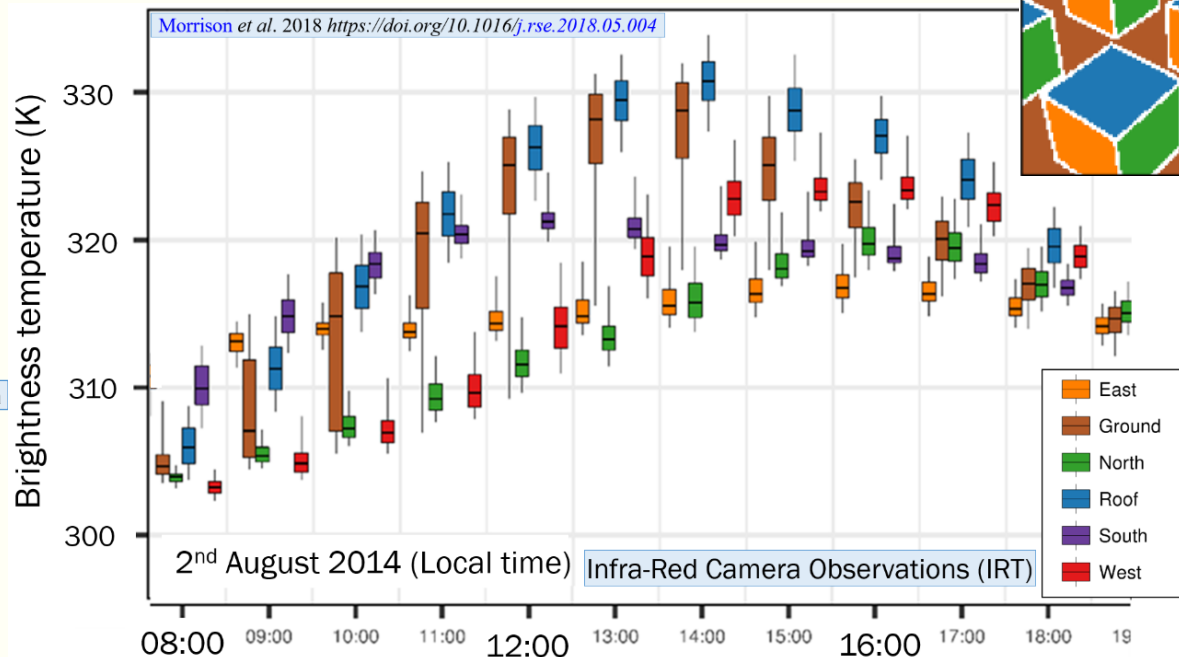
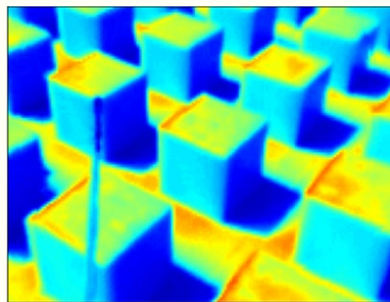
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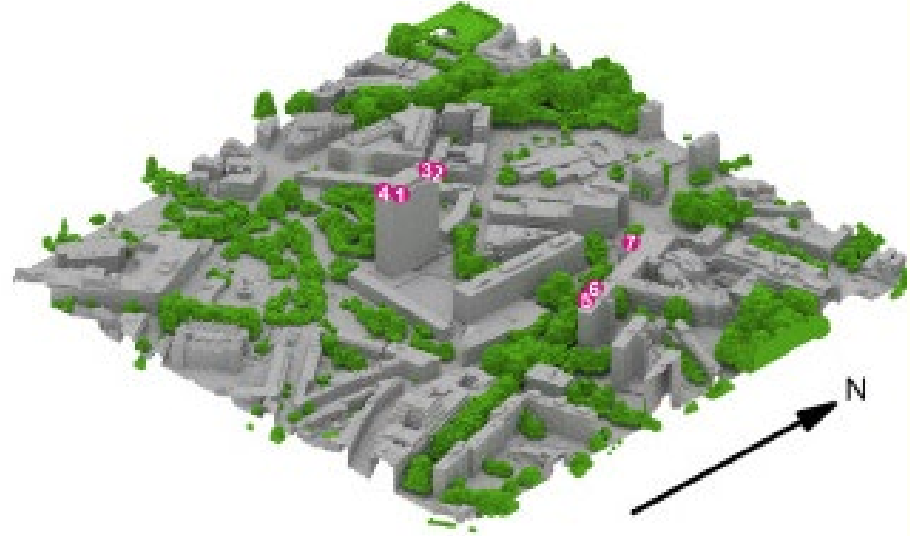
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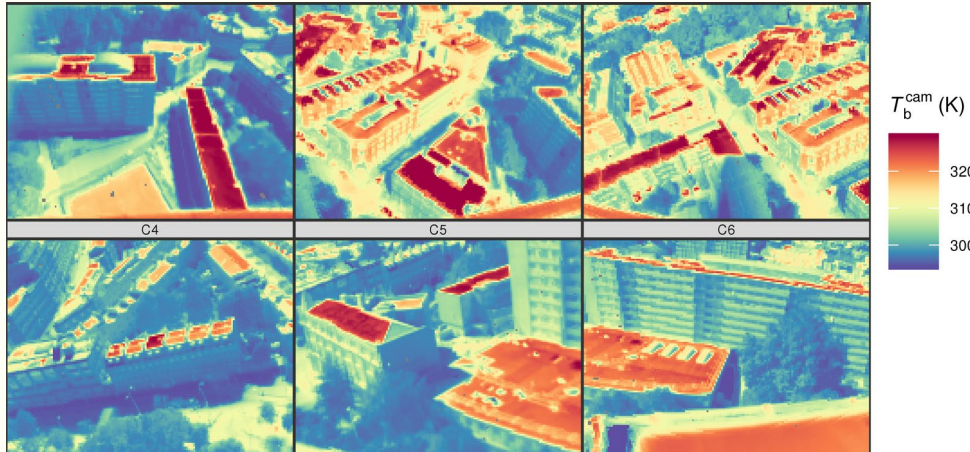
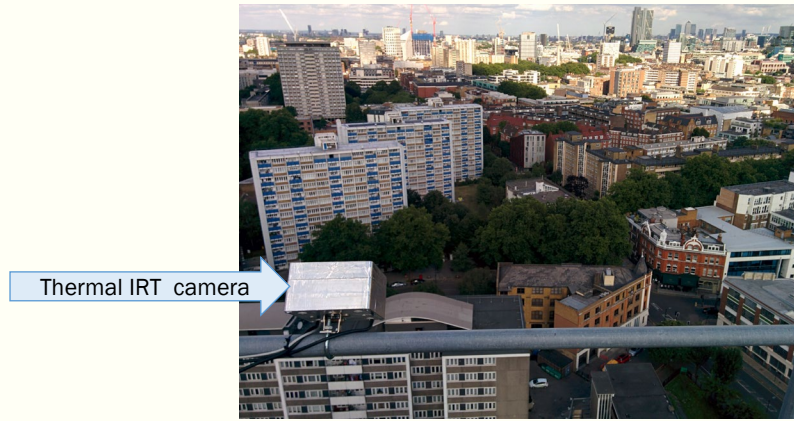
- Brightness temperatures differ by > 30 K
- **Ground** highly variable from shadows
- *Morning*: most variability
- *Afternoon*: more isothermal

Surface Temperature: London

Thermal IRT camera

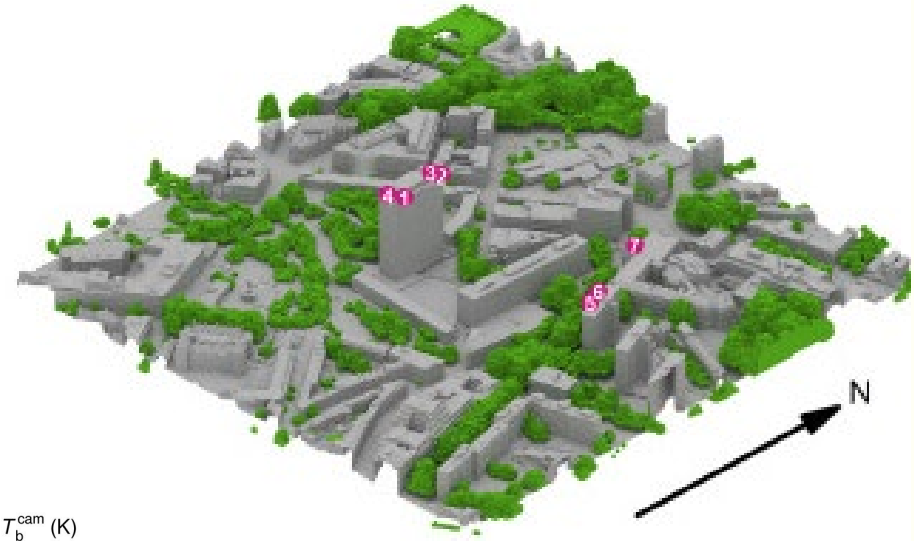


Surface Temperature: London

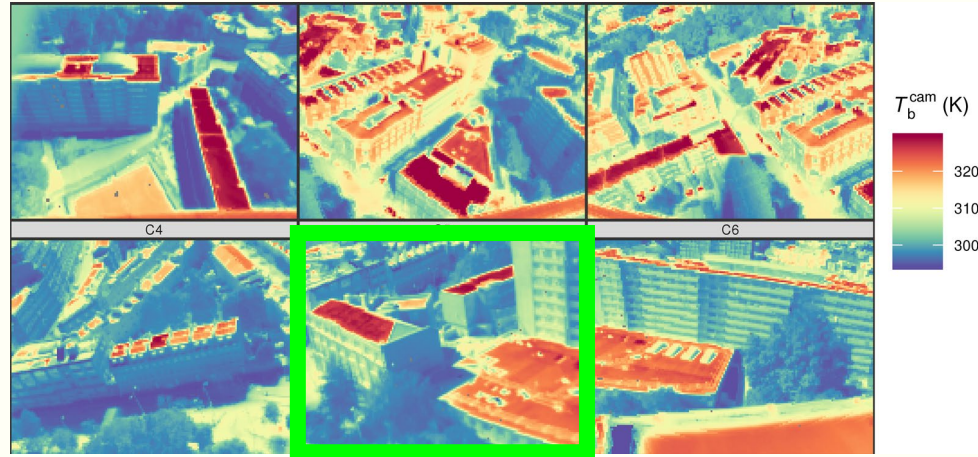
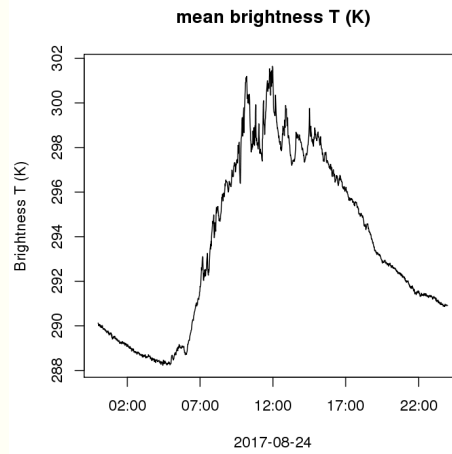


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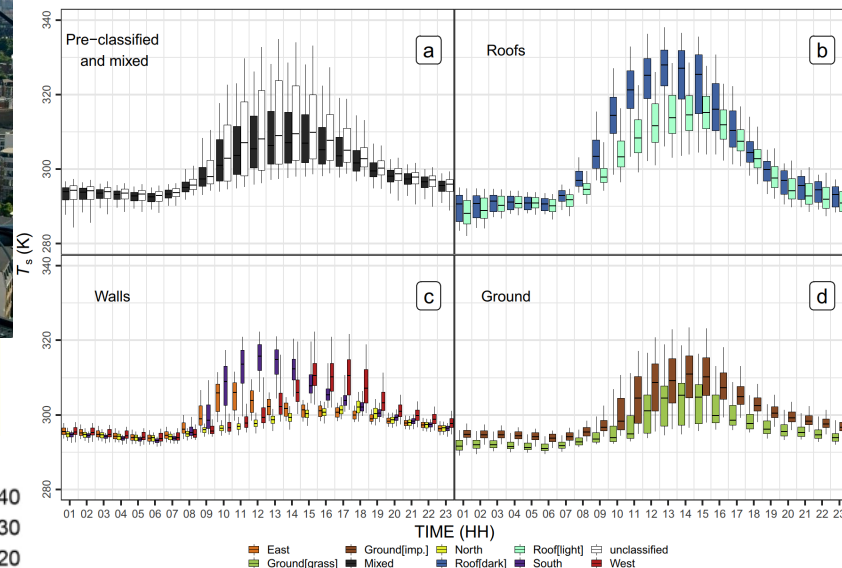
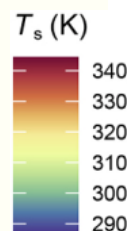
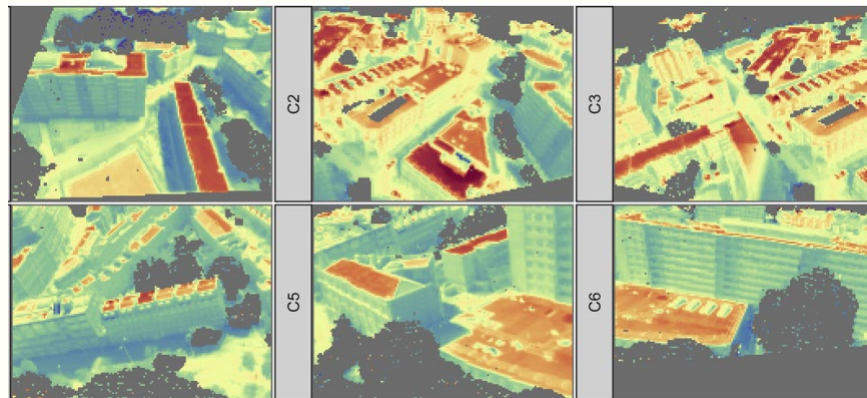
Inter & intra-material differences



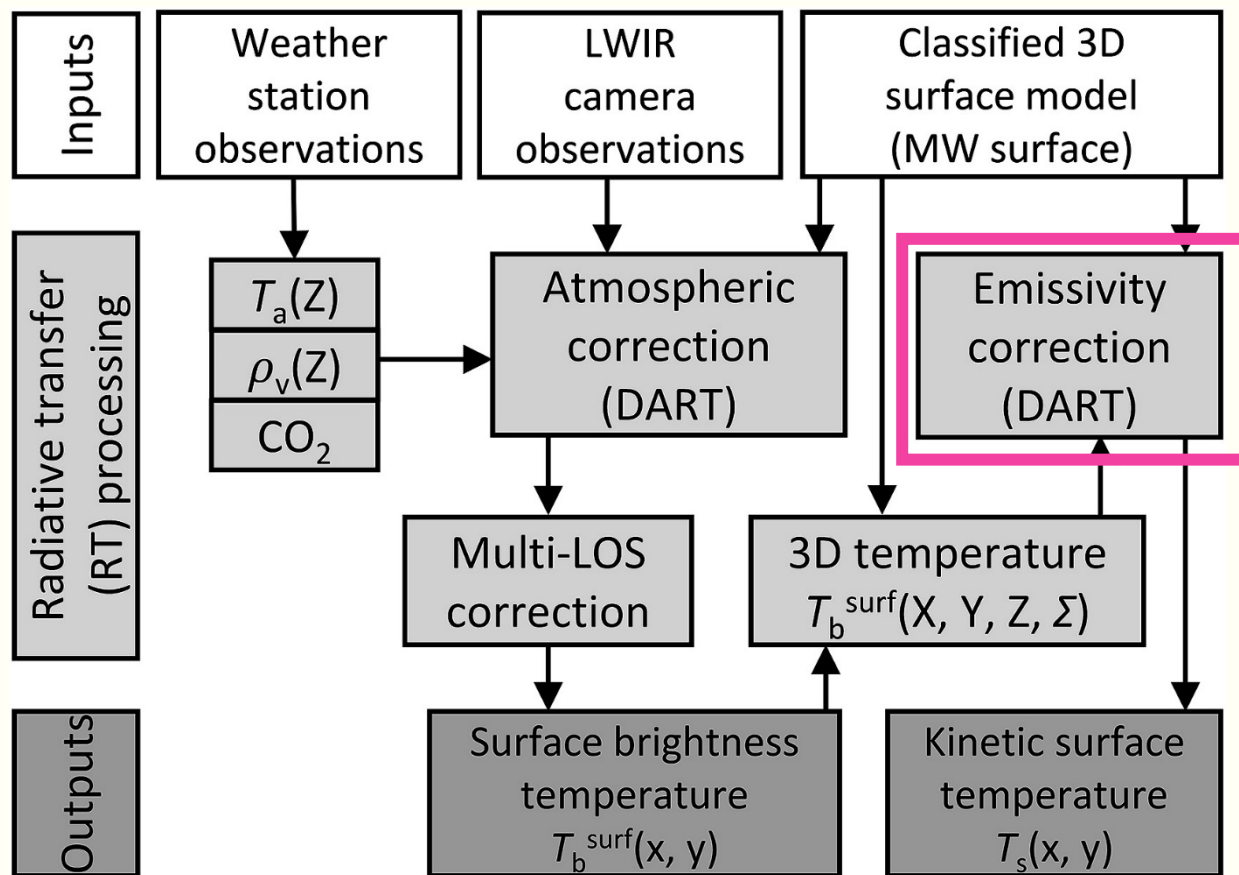
Surface Temperatures: spatial and temporal variability

central London

Observations: Infra-red thermal camera, combined with DART (3D model)

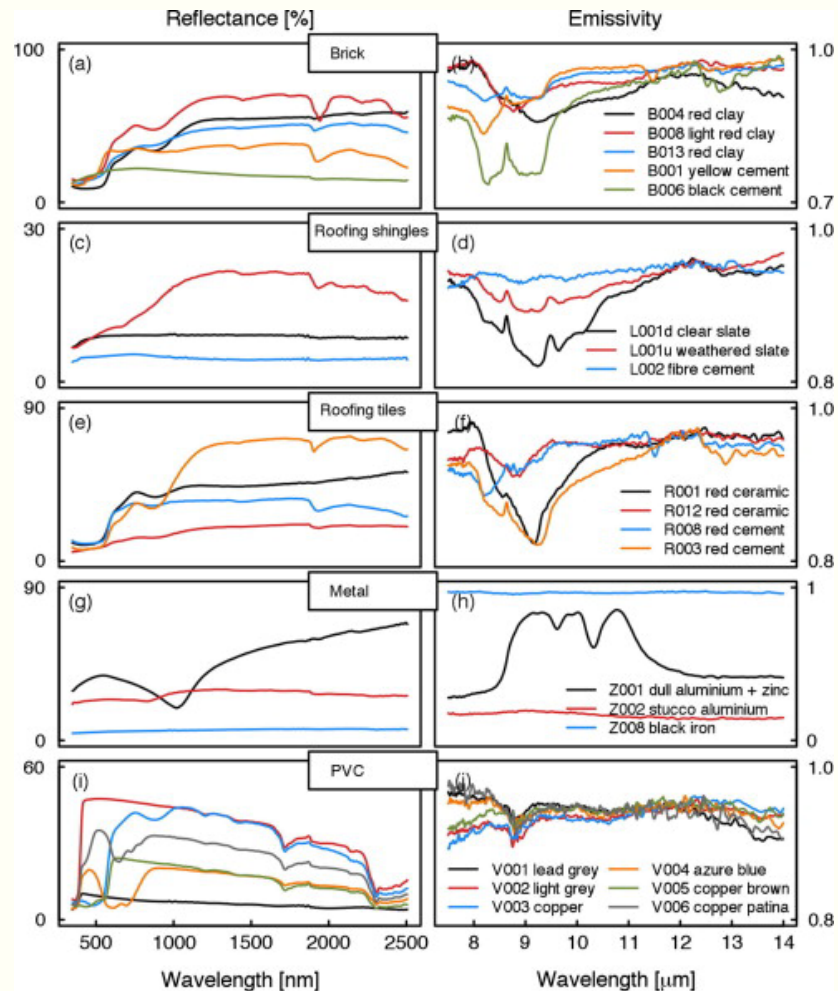


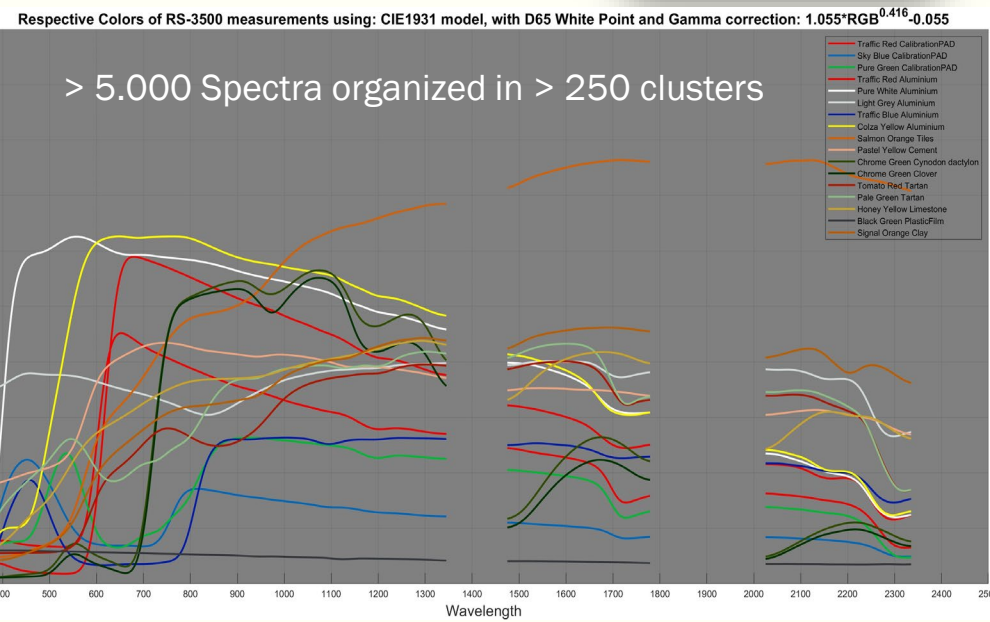
Corrections



Spectral Library

- Materials
- What are present
 - Radiative properties
- Emissivity corrections





Identifying materials

RGB = (650 - 540 - 460 nm)



RNB = (650 - 850 - 460 nm)



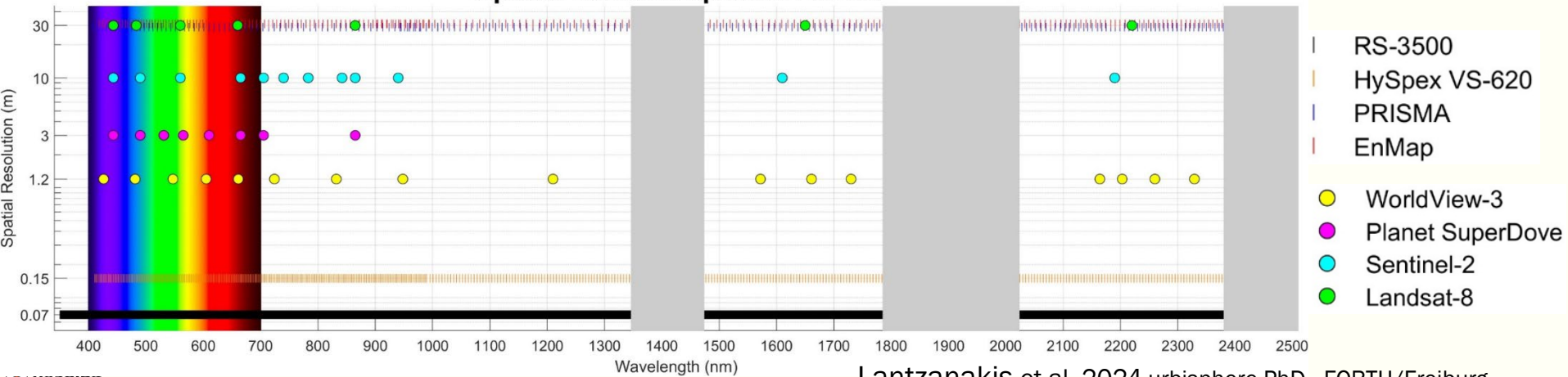
SNS = (1610 - 1250 - 2190 nm)



SSS = (1500 - 1610 - 2190 nm)



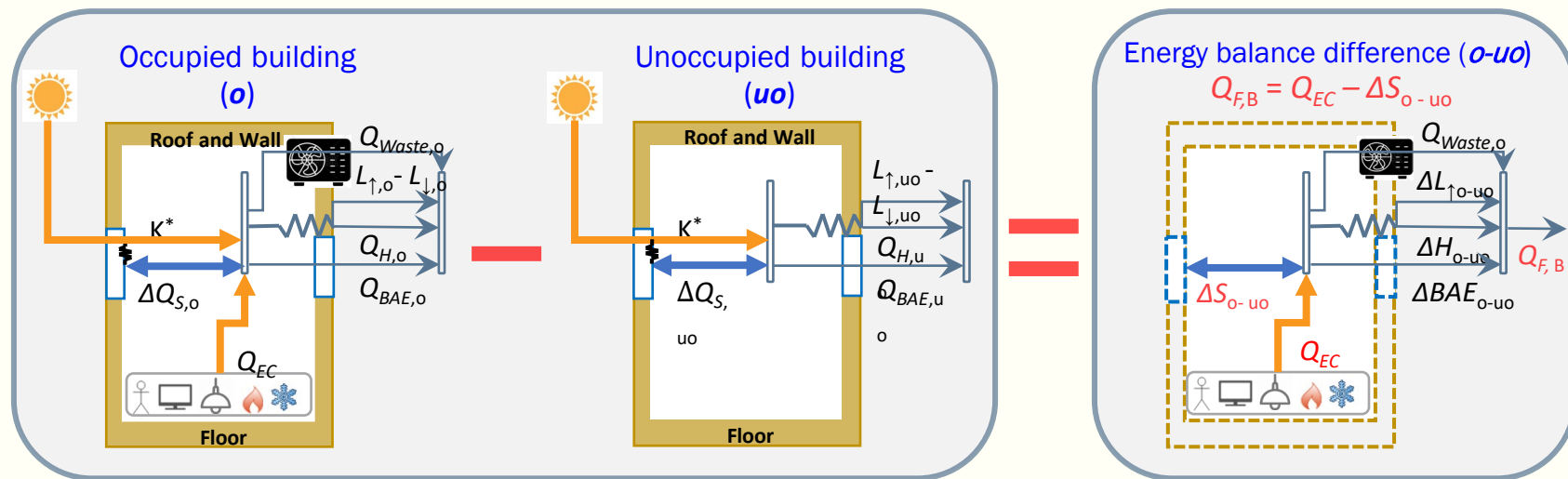
Optical Sensors Spectral Bands



Challenges of the urban environment

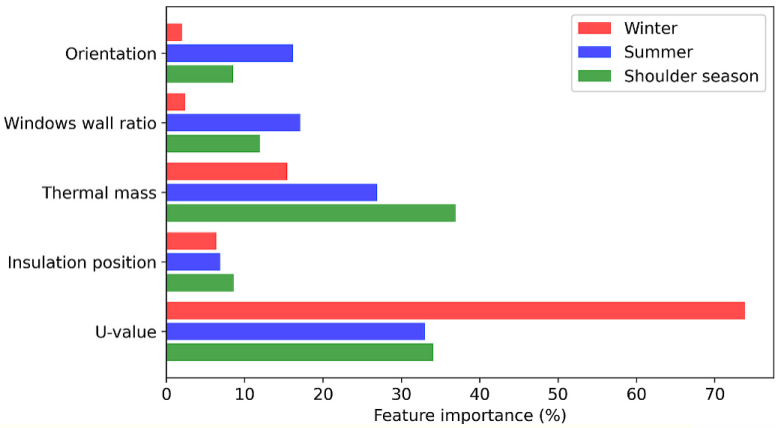
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Building energy modelling: $Q_{F,B}$ from building physics



K^*	New shortwave radiation	o	Occupied building	$Q_{F,B}$	Anthropogenic heat flux from building
L	Longwave radiation	uo	Unoccupied building	Q_{EC}	Building energy consumption (including human metabolism)
Q_H	Turbulent sensible heat	↑	Outgoing	ΔS	Change in heat storage flux induced by human activities
ΔQ_S	Heat storage flux	↓	Incoming	o-uo	Difference between occupied and unoccupied
Q_{BAE}	Heat exchange by air exchange	Internal heat from lighting, appliance & metabolism			
Q_{Waste}	Waste heat from HVAC	Space heating and cooling			

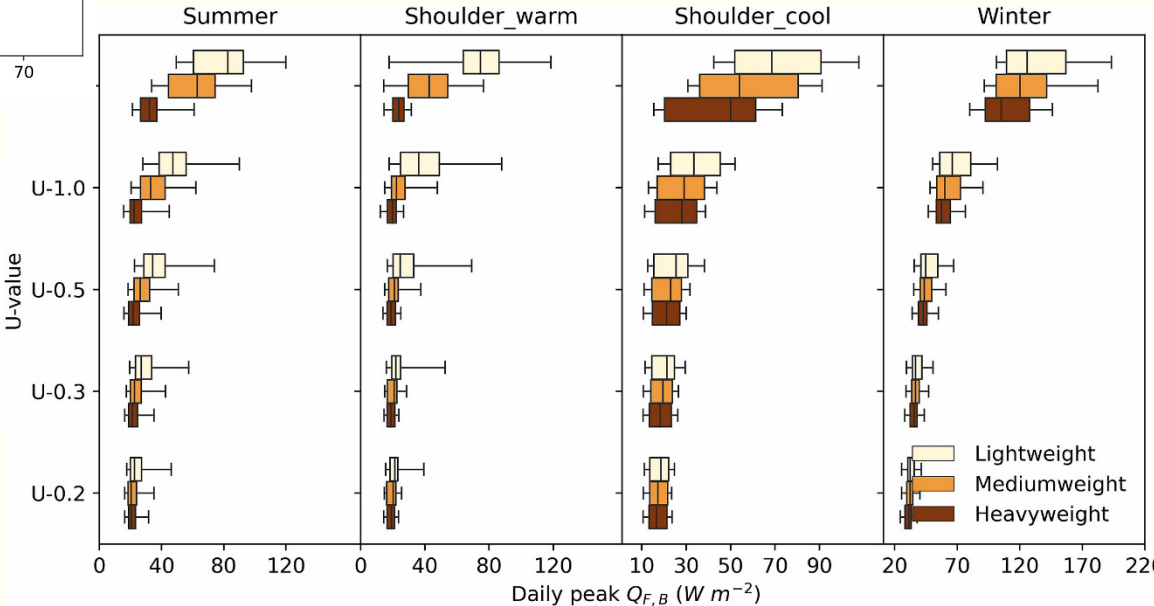
Importance of building parameters on $Q_{F,B}$



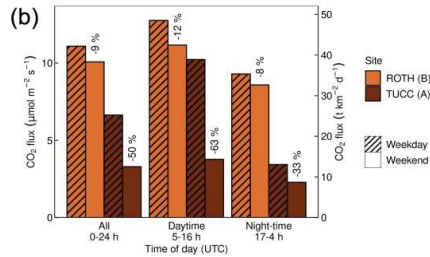
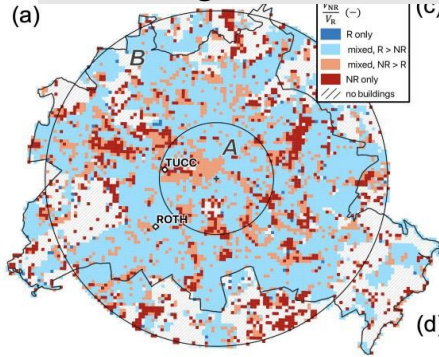
Relative importance of building parameters on $Q_{F,B}$ diurnal patterns for different seasons

Parameter types and values used in simulations (600 cases).

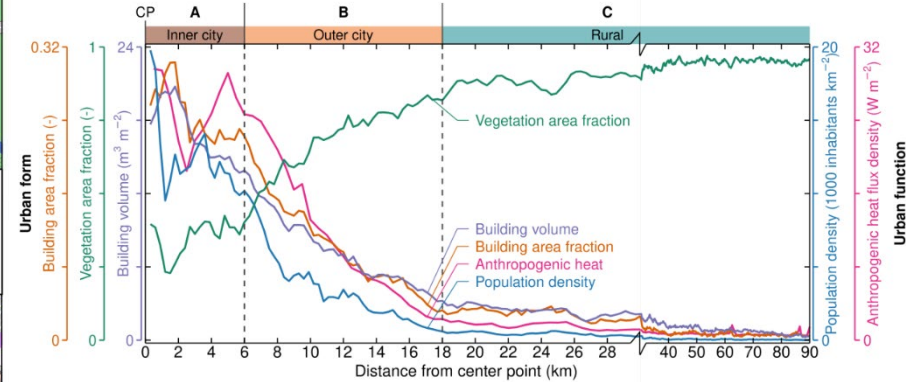
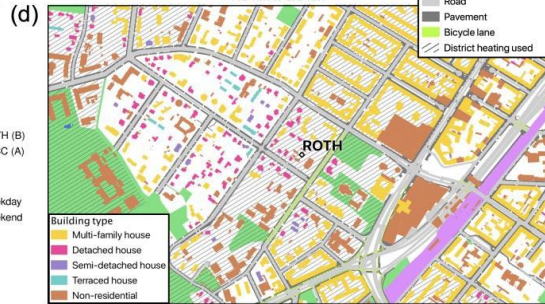
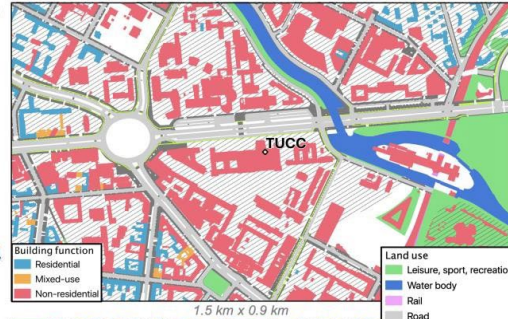
Parameters	Units	Discrete values used
Windows orientation	°	0, 90, 180, 270
Windows wall ratio	%	10, 20, 30, 40, 50
Thermal mass	$\text{kJ m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$	Heavyweight (404.5), mediumweight (148.5), lightweight (96.0)
Insulation position	–	External, internal
Thermal transmittance (U-value)	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$	0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 1.0, 2.1



Non-residential to residential
building volume V_{NR}/V_R
300 m grid resolution



Building function: TUCS

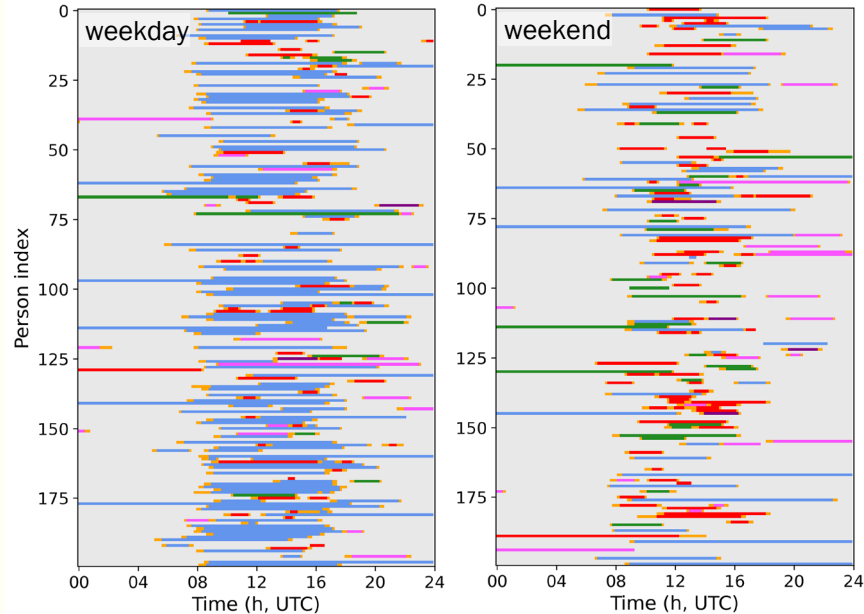


Winter CO₂ fluxes
TUCS A, ROTH B
weekdays & weekends

Residential building form: ROTH

High-resolution, city-scale simulations of Q_F

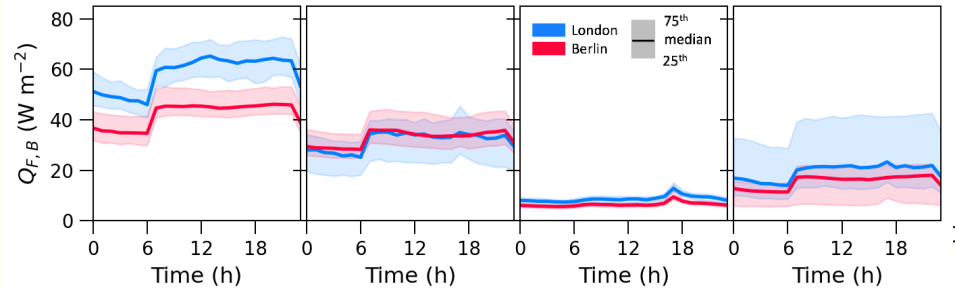
- Time spent in microenvironments (including travel)



Anthropogenic heat emissions from buildings



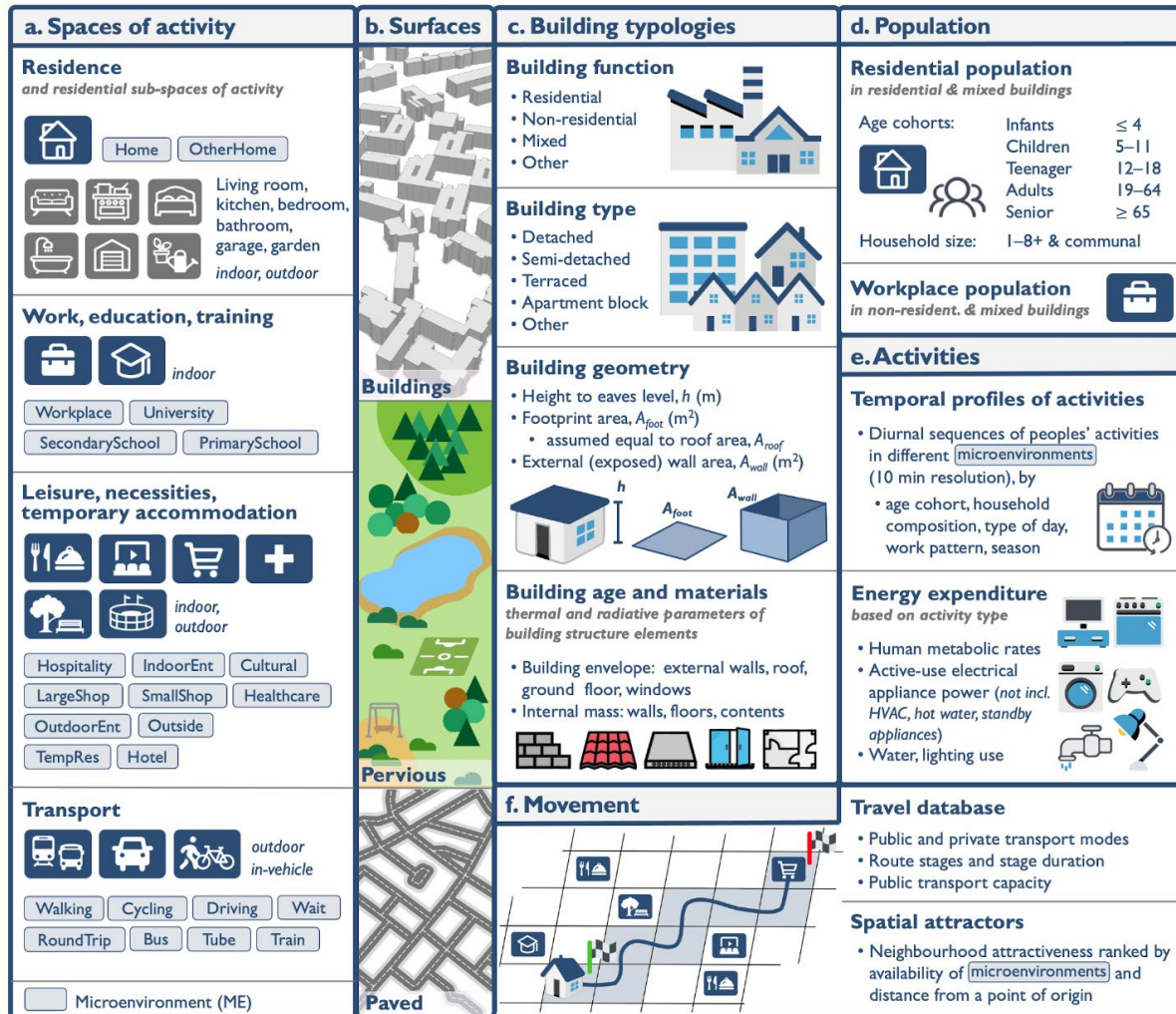
Example: terraced house archetypes



- Dynamic building occupancy and energy use
- Neighbourhood-level variability of building form (high-res. GIS data) and materials (via building age)

Many aspects of cities vary

- Spaces of activity
- Land surfaces
- Building typologies
- Populations
- Activities
- Movement



MAPSECC: London

- Where people are

Building energy: STEBBS

- typologies by function and type
- material properties
- household types by typologies

buildings

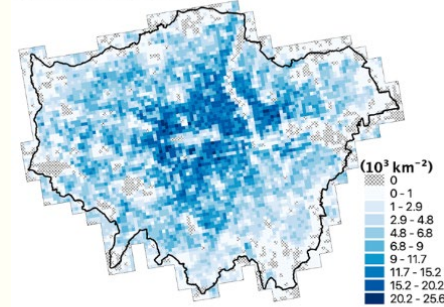
- Where different types of indoor activities occur

Behaviour: SHAPE

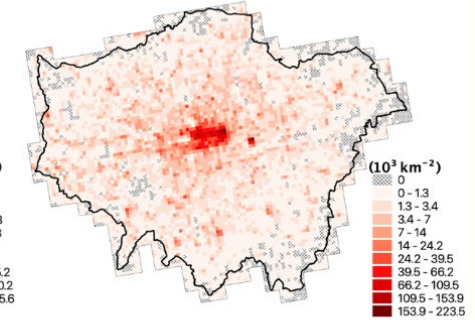
- population
- activity profiles
- energy expenditure

people

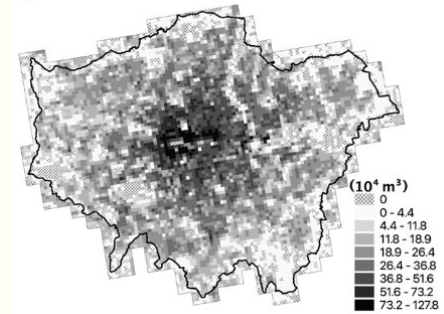
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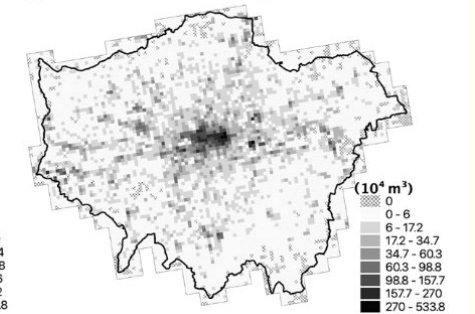
(b) Workplace population



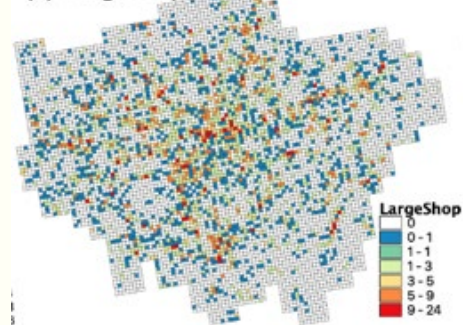
(c) Total residential building volume



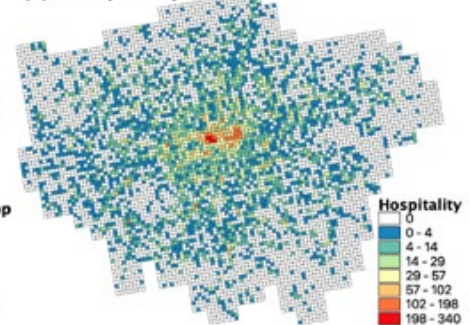
(d) Total non-residential building volume



(b) LargeShop



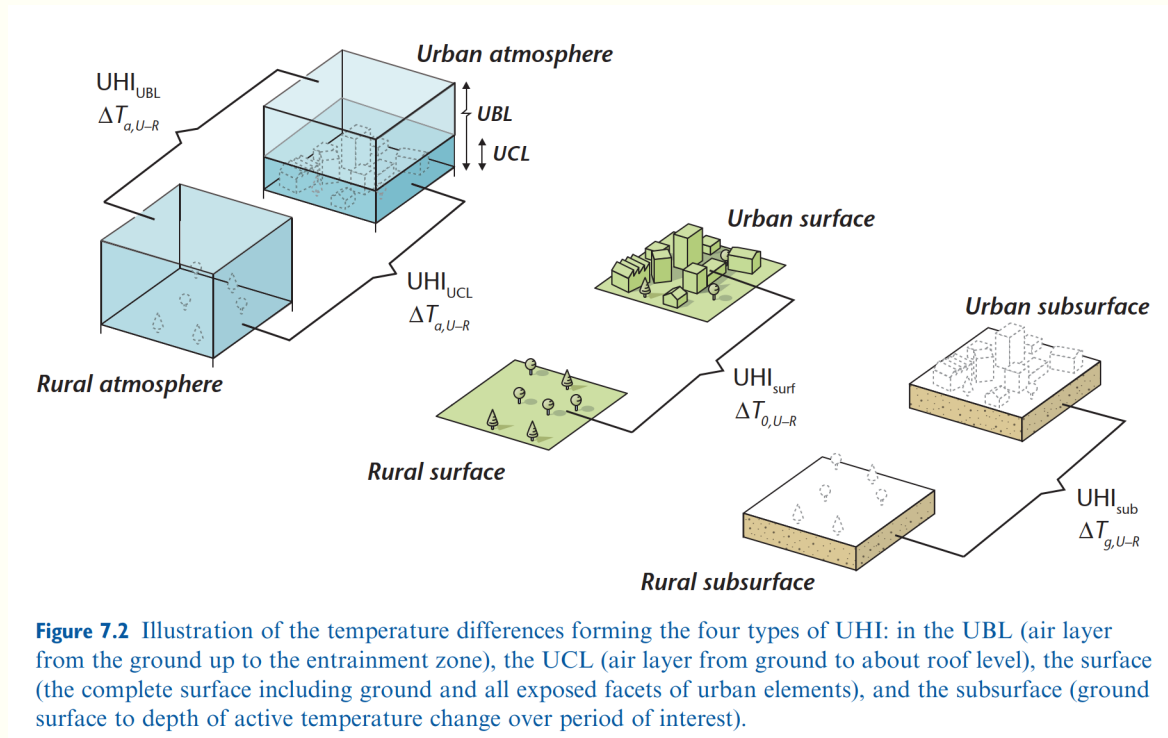
(c) Hospitality



Applications

- Urban Heat Island
- NWP – numerical weather prediction
 - Hall et al. evaluating LST @ 100 m NWP/Climate
- Urban canopy Modelling
 - Stretton evaluation of Radiation Modelling for NWP/Climate
- Building Energy modelling
 - Xie – impact on building energy use
- Complementing other field observations
 - urbisphere

Urban heat island (UHI) four types



What is the urban surface ?

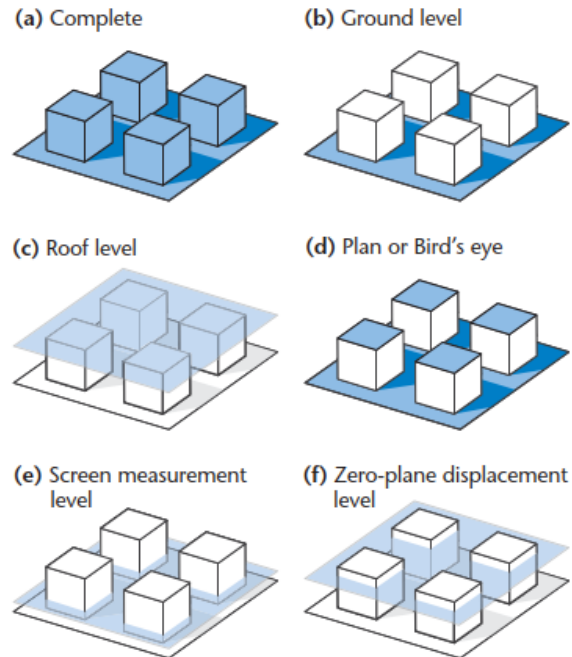


Figure 2.2 Potential definitions, or perspectives, of the 'surface' (in blue) of a highly simplified representation of an urban system.

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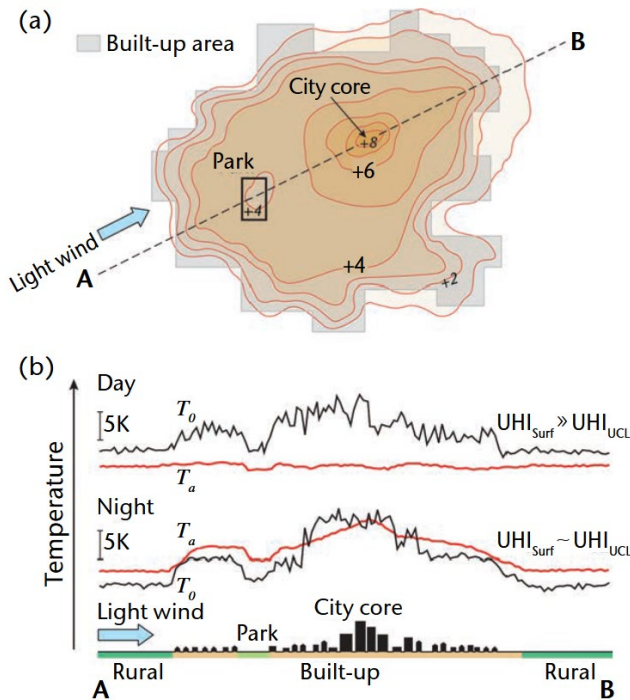
- Different applications want information about different aspects of the 'surface'

Urban Heat Island (UHI)

$$UHI = T_{urban} - T_{rural}$$

UHI types include	urban	rural
Canopy Layer	e	
Surface	d or a	

UCL vs Surface

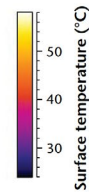
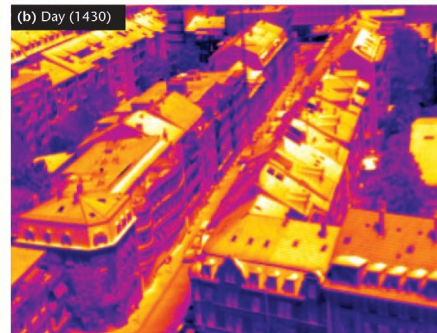
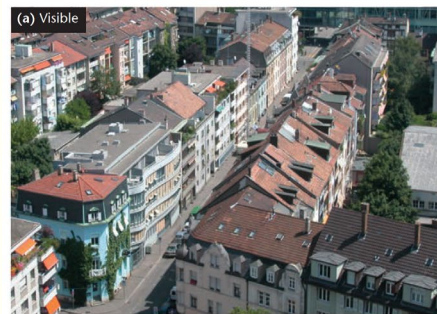


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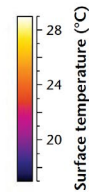
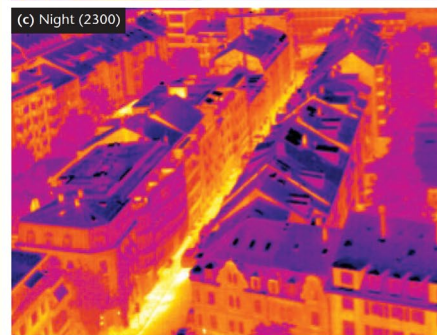
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T_a - air

T_0 surface



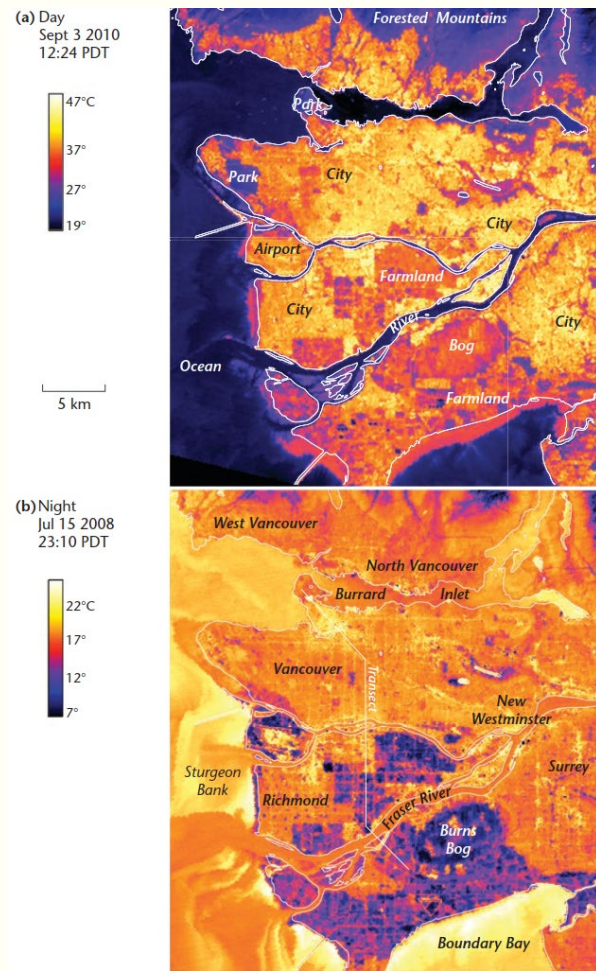
Day



Night

No emissivity correction
Metals $\rightarrow$ cold

Figure 7.4 (a) Photograph of Sperrstrasse canyon in Basel, Switzerland and adjacent courtyards (Credit: J. Voogt), and (b) thermal image of same canyon at 1430 h, and (c) at 2300 h on July 12, 2002 (Credit: J. Voogt). Viewing direction is to the NE. No correction for surface emissivity hence metals appear anomalously 'cold' (e.g. tower, skylight flashing, metal roofs).



Day

Night

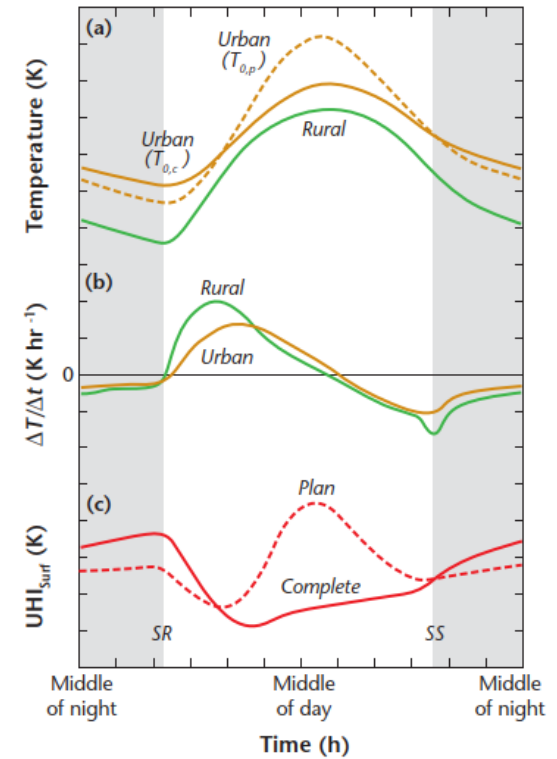
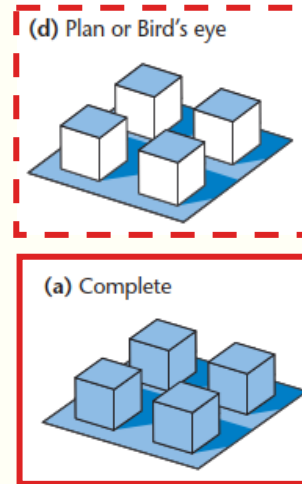


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No emissivity / geometry corrections
 ASTER

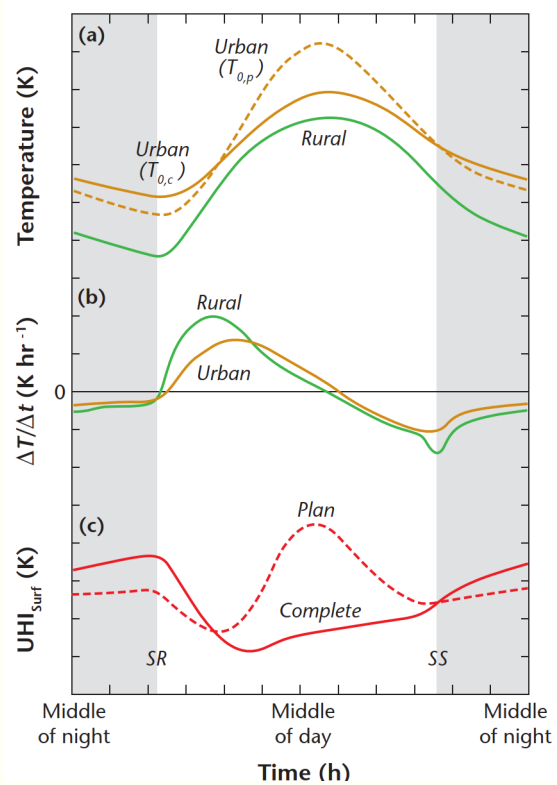


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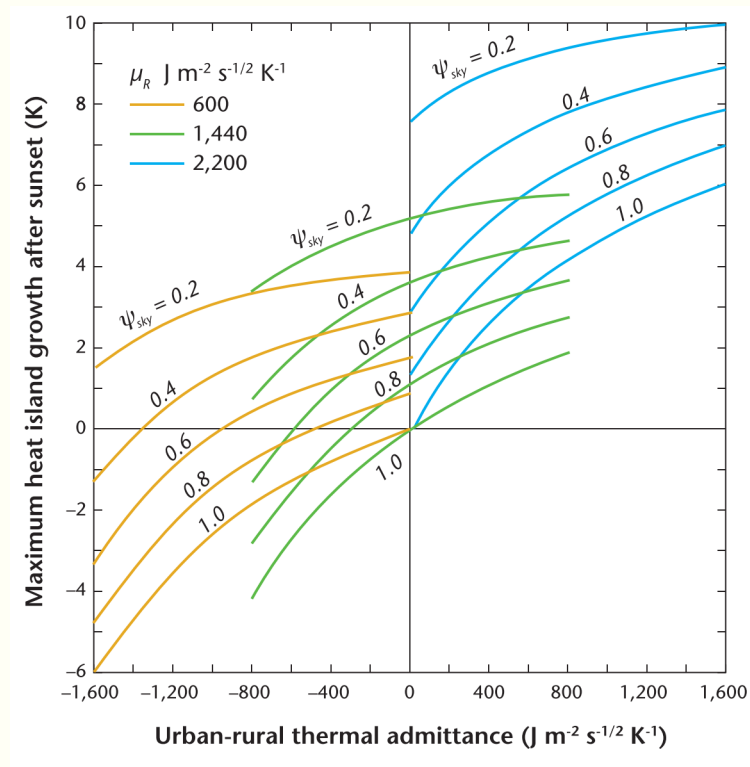
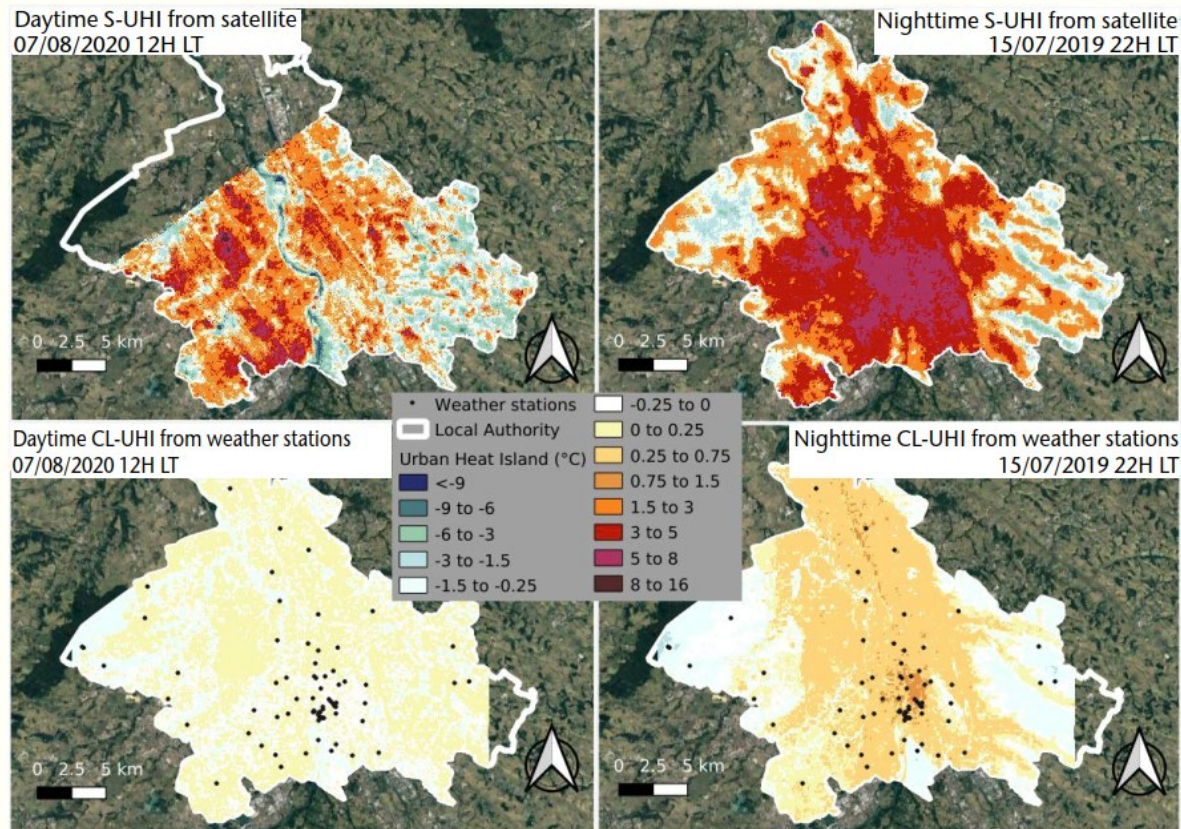


Figure 7.11 Predicted maximum magnitude of nocturnal UHI_{Surf} in 'ideal' weather using a 1-D SEB model as a function of the difference between surface thermal admittance of rural and urban environments ($\Delta\mu_{U-R}$). Variables: sky view factor of canyons in city centre (ψ_s), and absolute rural value (μ_R). Urban T_0 is represented by $T_{0,floor}$ in this analysis (Source: Oke et al., 1991; © Kluwer Academic Publishers, used with permission from Springer).

Day

Night

Toulouse, France



S-UHI
 ECOSTRESS satellite, 70 m resolution

CL-UHI
 spatially interpolated
 obs (dots) to 250 m using
 urban fraction and altitude

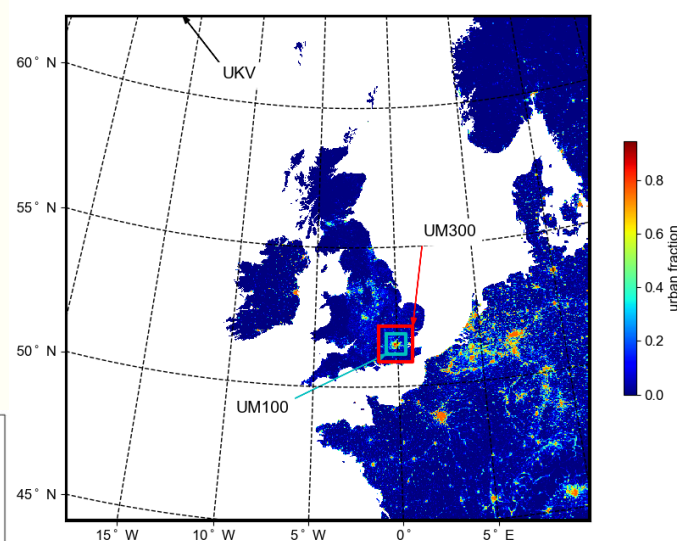
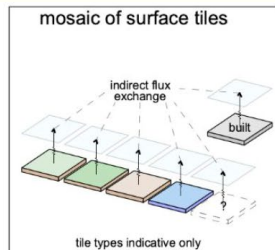
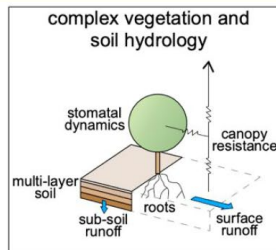
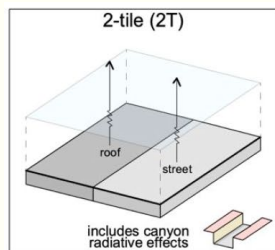
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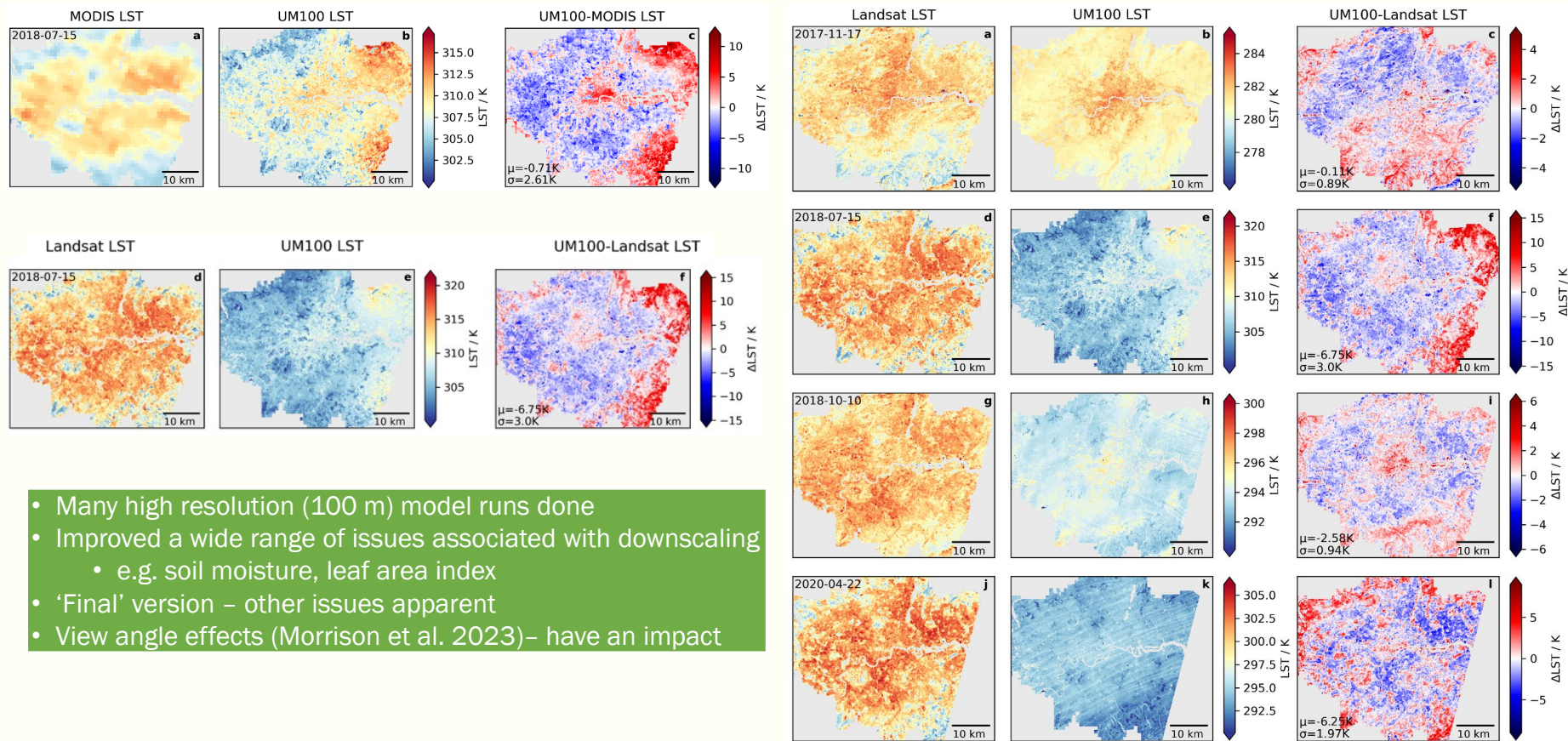
Next generation high resolution NWP

Model	Horizontal grid length	# grid points	Vertical levels	Time step	Lateral-boundary updated	
Global	17 km	1536 x 1152	70	12 min	n/a	Global, Atmosphere and Land (GAL 6.1) Walters et al (2017)
UKV	1.5 km	950 x 1025	70	1 min	60 min	Tang <i>et al.</i> (2021) Regional, Atmosphere and Land 3 (RAL3)
UM300	300 m	430 x 430	140	12 s	15 min	Boutle <i>et al.</i> (2016) RAL3
UM100	100 m	800 x 800	140	3 s	15 min	Lean <i>et al.</i> (2019) RAL3

- Met Office's non-hydrostatic Unified Model (UM) v12.0
 - research configuration
- UM100 domain: 80 km x 80 km
 - covering Greater London
- Land surface: JULES
 - 10 tiles different properties (e.g. emissivity)
 - MORUSES

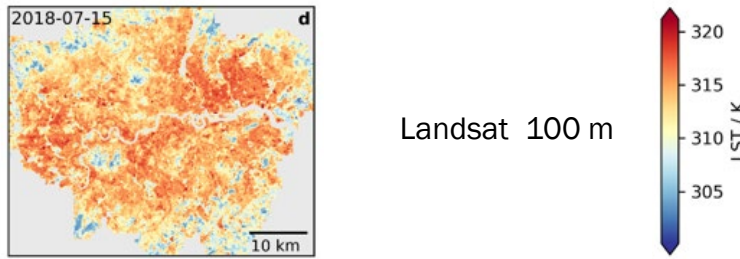
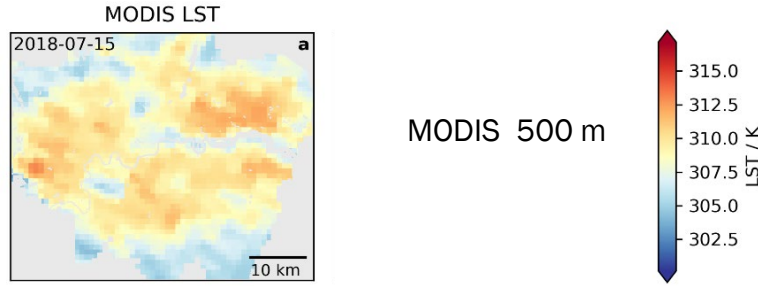


Evaluation of UM100 with satellite thermal IRT

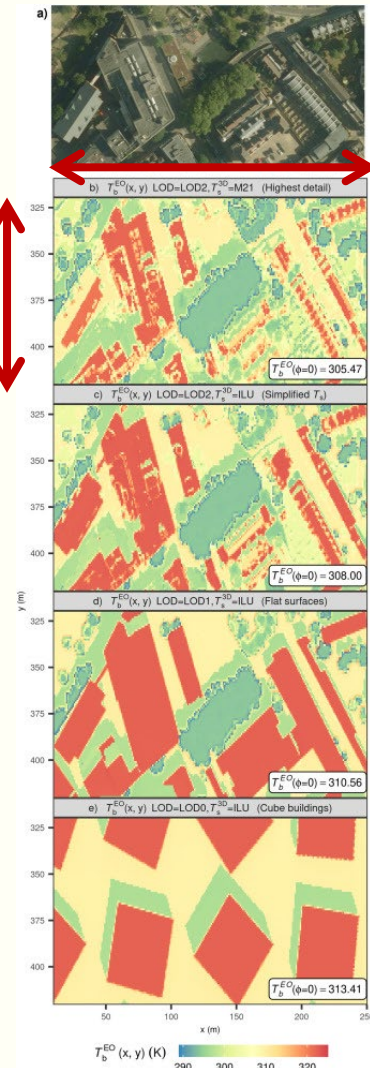


- Many high resolution (100 m) model runs done
- Improved a wide range of issues associated with downscaling
 - e.g. soil moisture, leaf area index
- 'Final' version – other issues apparent
- View angle effects (Morrison et al. 2023)– have an impact

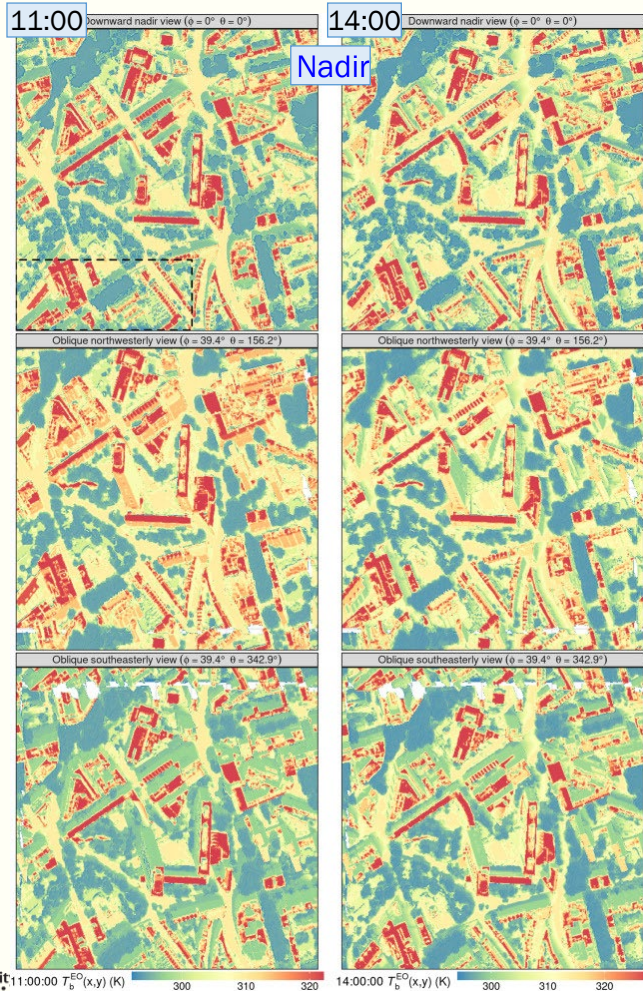
Satellite and Surface LST



250
x
100
m



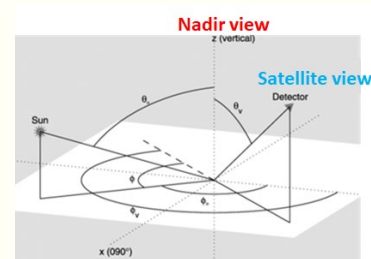
Surface-leaving radiance simulated brightness temperature



Off -nadir
Zenith angle

Satellite view simulations using:

- 3D DART radiative transfer model
- Ground-based surface temperature observations
- View angle varies with: satellite and time
- Changes view of roof - ground - walls (& their orientation)



- **Met Office MORUSES** assumes planar vertical and horizontal surfaces
- $\theta = 0^\circ$ north
- $\phi = 0^\circ$ up from surface
- $\theta = 90^\circ$ east
- $\phi = 90^\circ$ parallel to surface

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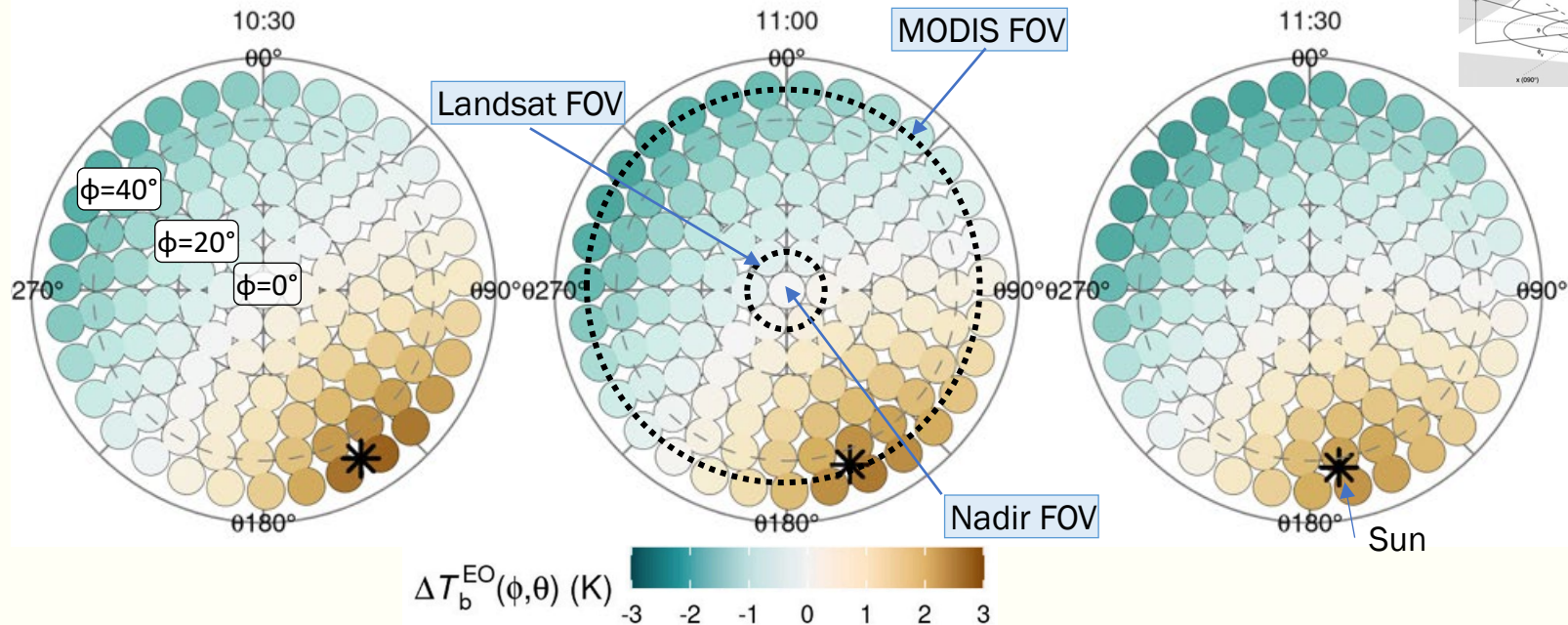
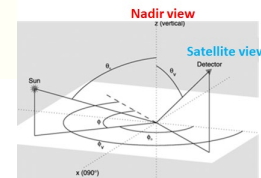
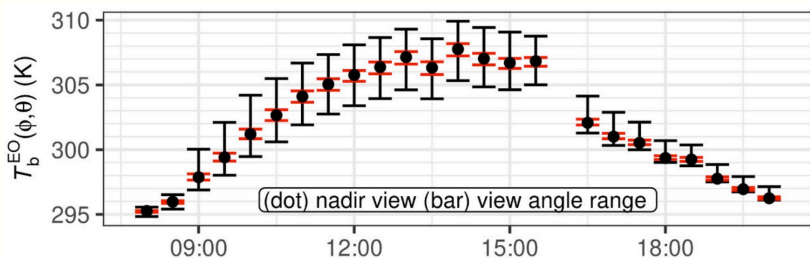
Morrison et al. 2023 RSE

Satellite view simulations

- Difference between nadir and angle (actual) view
- MODIS: up to $\pm 45^\circ$ view angle (typical of multi-day observations)
 - ~ 4.5 K view-angle variation
- Landsat: $\pm 7.5^\circ$ view angle
 - ~ 0.7 K view-angle variation

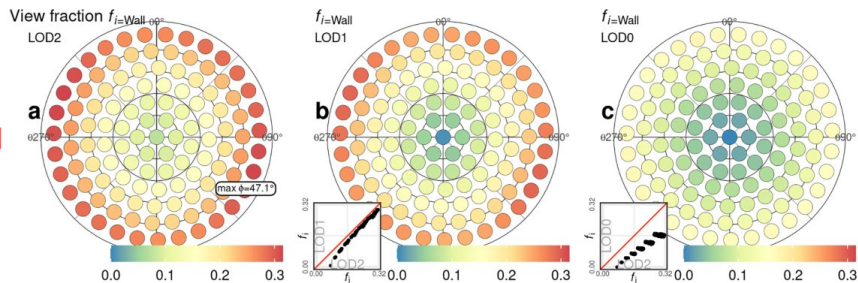
$$\Delta T_b^{EO} = T_b^{EO}(\phi = 0) - T_b^{EO}(\phi, \theta)$$

Nadir View Satellite view

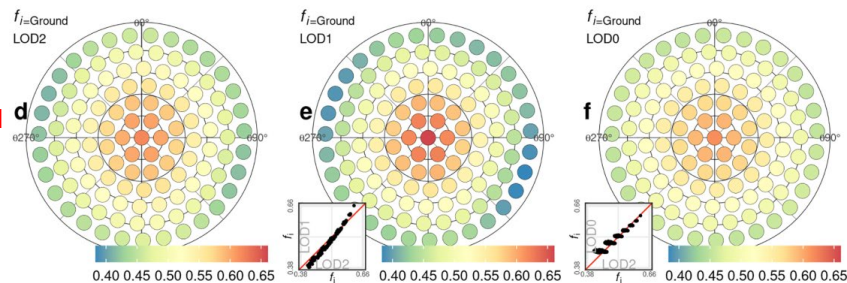


Views of surface seen by satellite

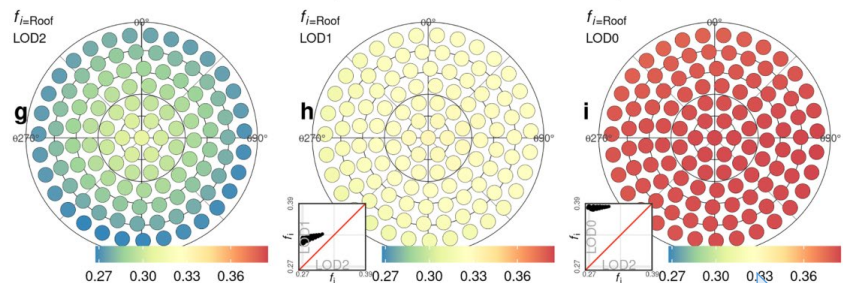
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Ground



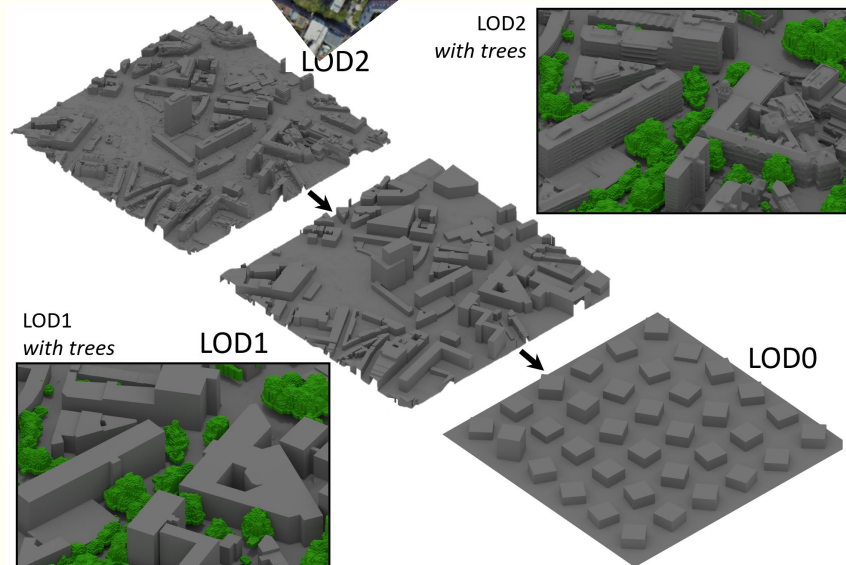
Roof



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Level of Detail (LOD)

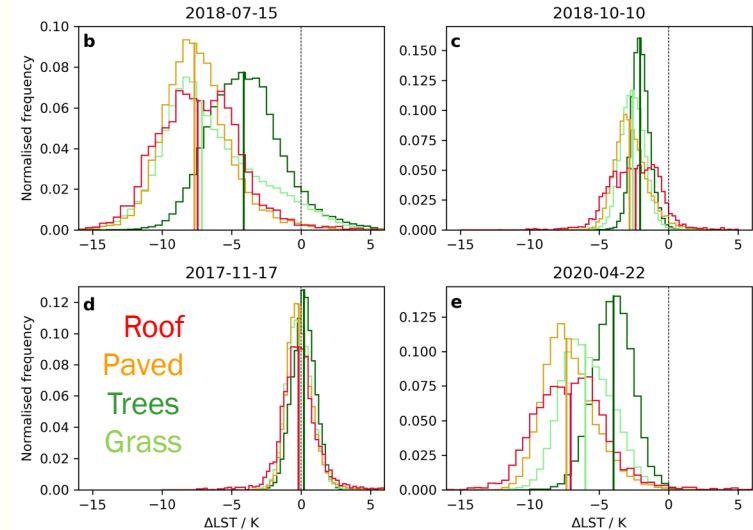
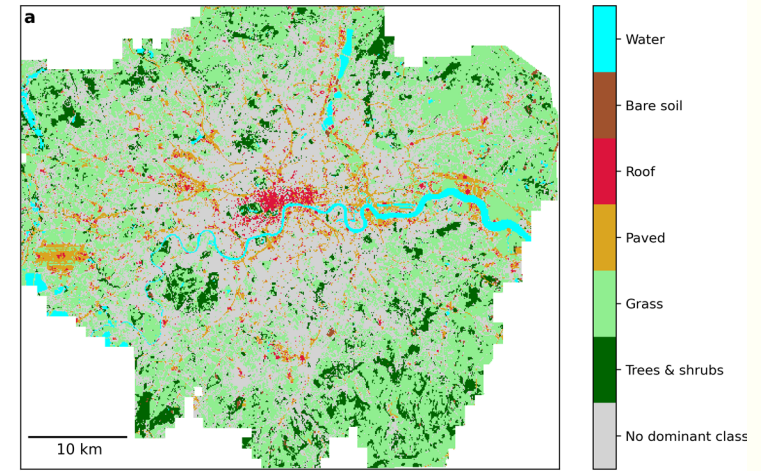
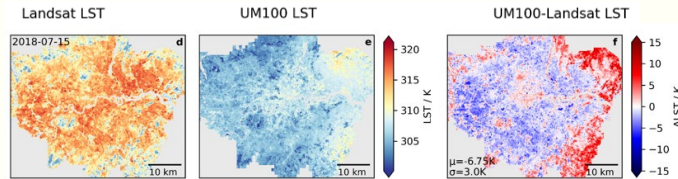
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UM100 – Landsat LST differences

- Grids > 50% a particular surface type

- Model performance varies with land cover
- Poorer for more built-up areas
- Next steps
 - To evaluate more fully

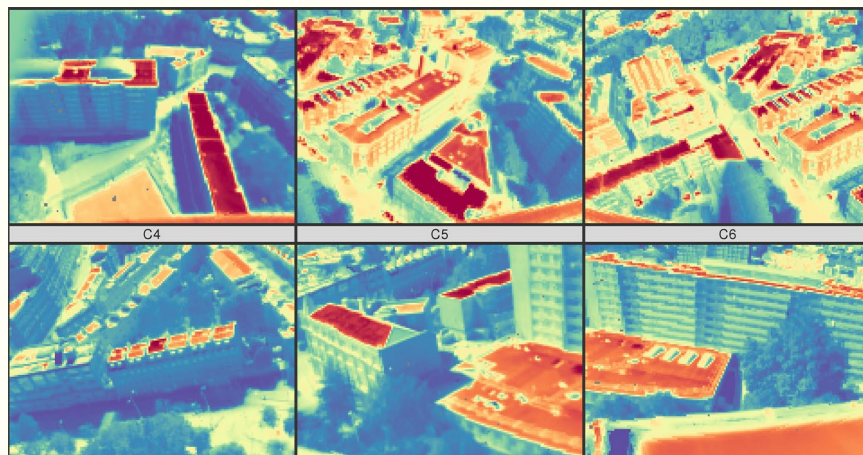


Applications

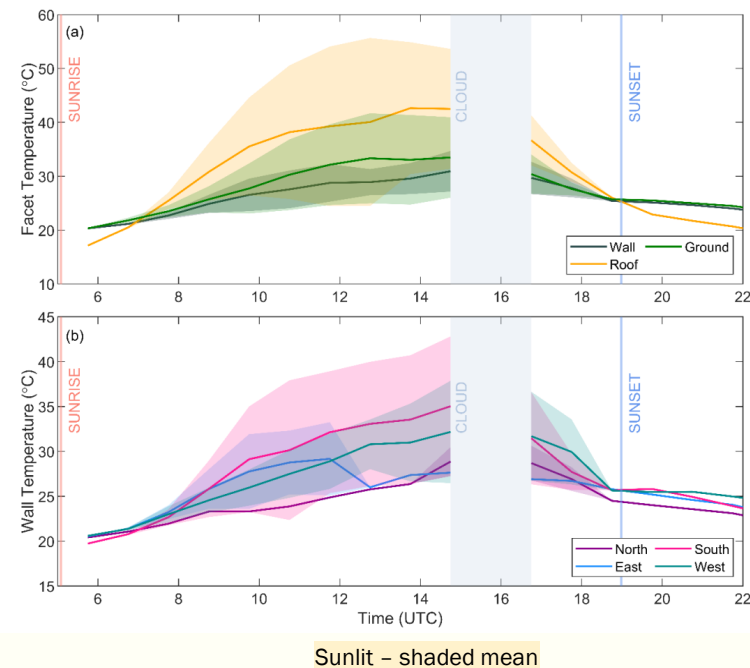
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Surface Temperature: London

Thermal IRT camera



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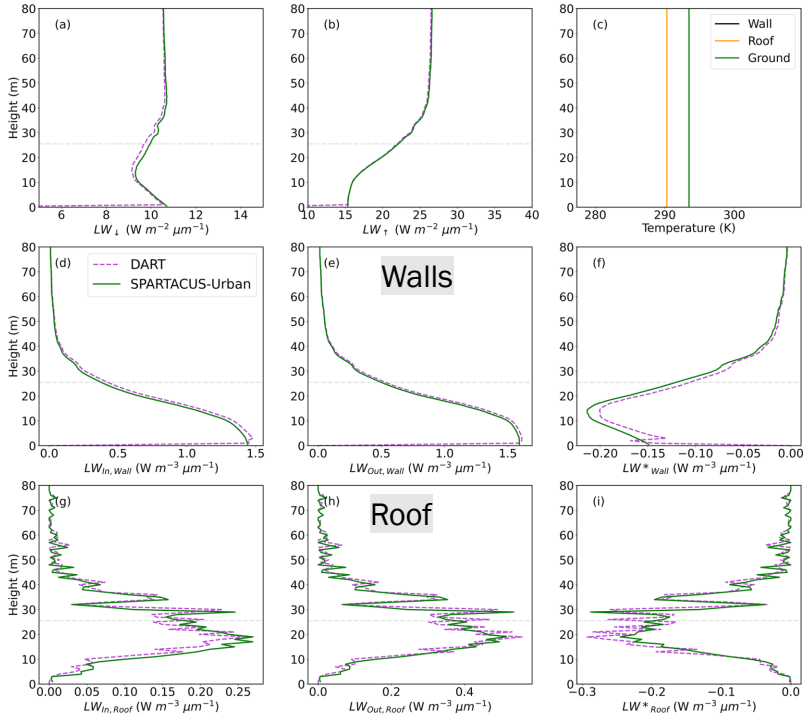
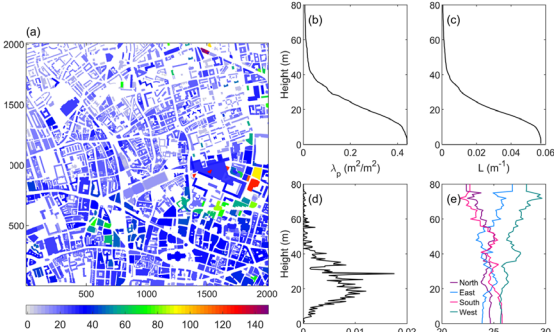


Evaluation of NWP radiation models with vertical variations

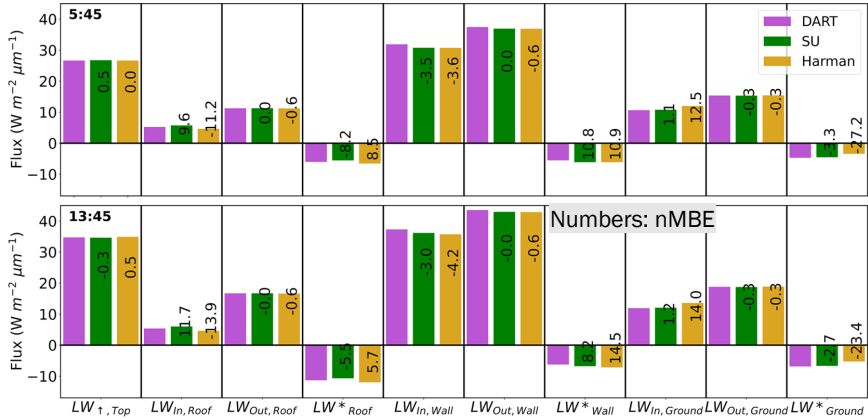
central London

- DART (3D model) (Gastellu-Etchegorry)
- SPARTAUCUS-Surface (Hogan)
- JULES/MORUSES (Harman)

2 km x 2 km
 grid resolution



Constant surface temperature per facet, varying in time



Model	<i>n</i>	<i>N</i>	Time (s)	Time relative to Harman
Harman	1	–	2×10^{-5}	–
SPARTAUCUS-Urban	1	8	3×10^{-5}	1.5
	6	8	4×10^{-4}	20
	151	1	2×10^{-3}	100
	151	4	2×10^{-3}	100
DART	151	8	2×10^{-3}	100
	151	–	6.6×10^4	3.3×10^9

Longwave radiative exchanges: inter-building

Building design

- default EnergyPlus method large bias in all metrics
- Larger impact:
 - **denser neighbourhoods** ($\lambda_p = 0.3, 0.6$)
 - lower latitudes

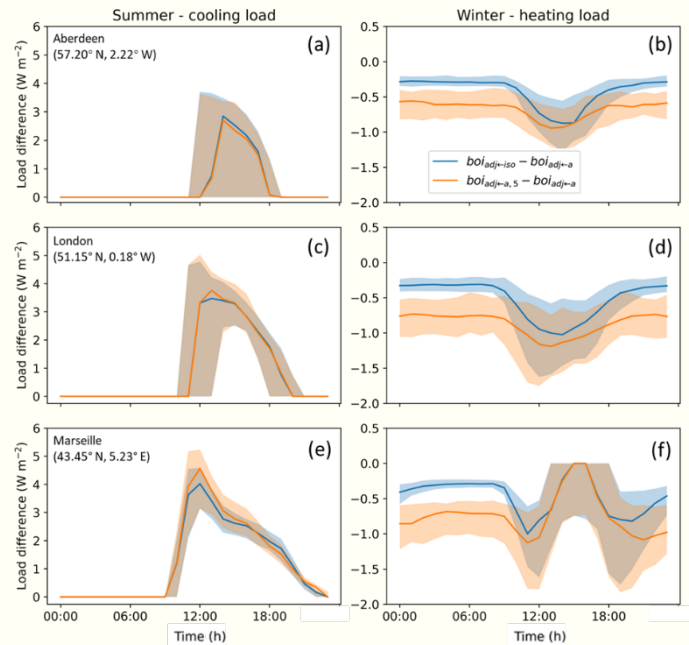
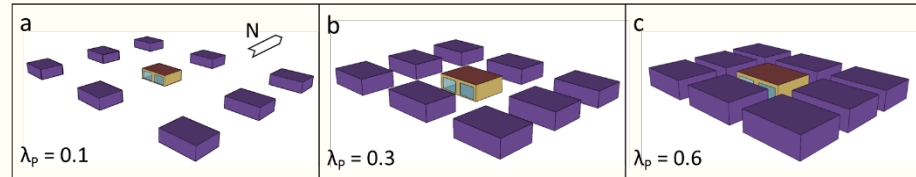
Default method bias:

- external wall temperature:
 - midday median: 3 °C *underpredicted*
- annual energy demand:
 - Cooling: 17.1% underpredicted
 - Heating: 6.2% overpredicted
- annual overheating degree hours
 - day (> 28 °C): 24.5% underpredicted
 - night (> 26 °C): 60.1% underpredicted

Observations: Infra-red thermal camera

Model: EnergyPlus

- new iterative method to determine LW radiation exchange on external building envelope
- SUEWS/RSL



Final Comments

- Many challenges in the urban environment

- Scale of the urban form
- Viewing the facets of the urban
- Variability of the urban form
- Urban materials
- Urban activities
- Complexity – these are combined and dynamic

- Provide Research opportunities
- Need to consider – think about implications of assumptions

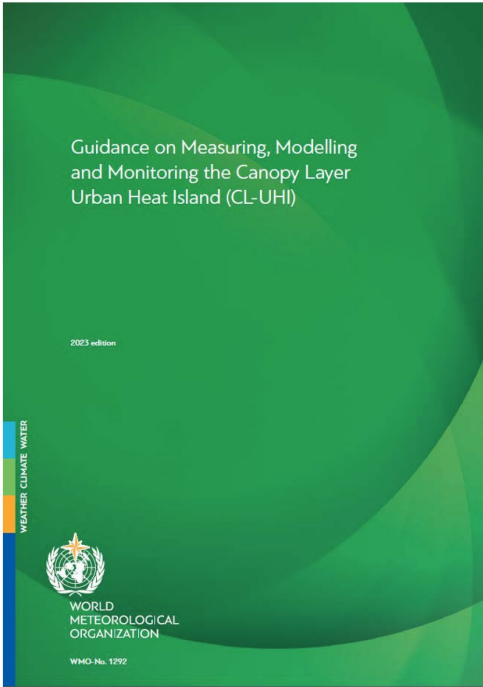
- Applications in the urban environment

- Urban Heat Island
- Building Energy Modelling
- Weather (NWP)/ Climate
- Urban Canopy Modelling

- 100s+ applications
- Many important implications: environmental, health, economic, social, justice, planning....
- Decisions – in cities and their implementation are made at the micro-scale – but scale to country to regional impacts
- Finding problems, assessing the remediation

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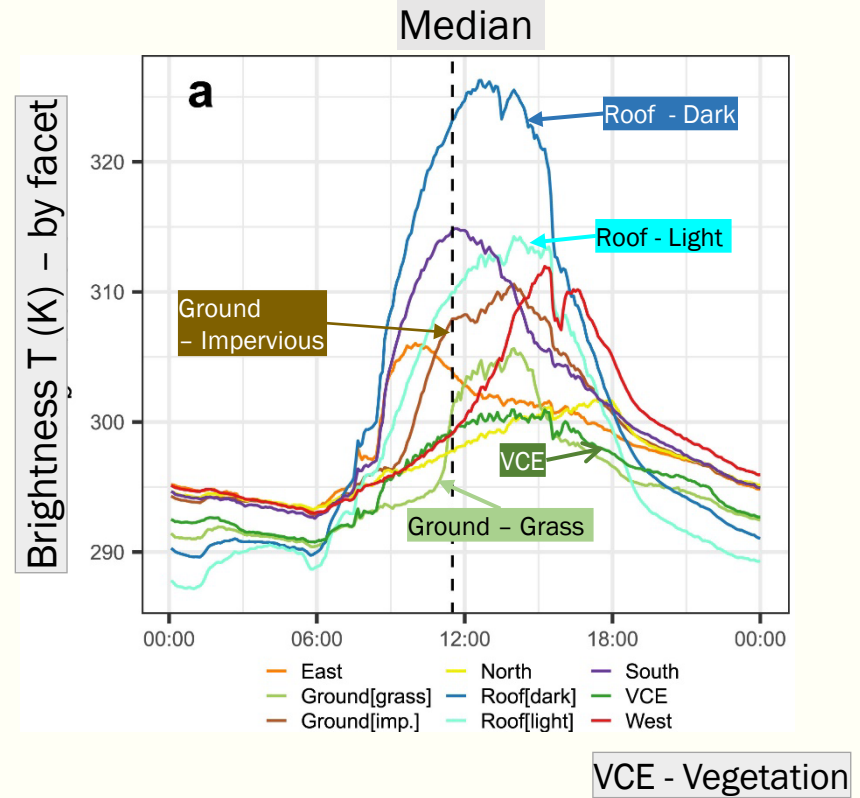
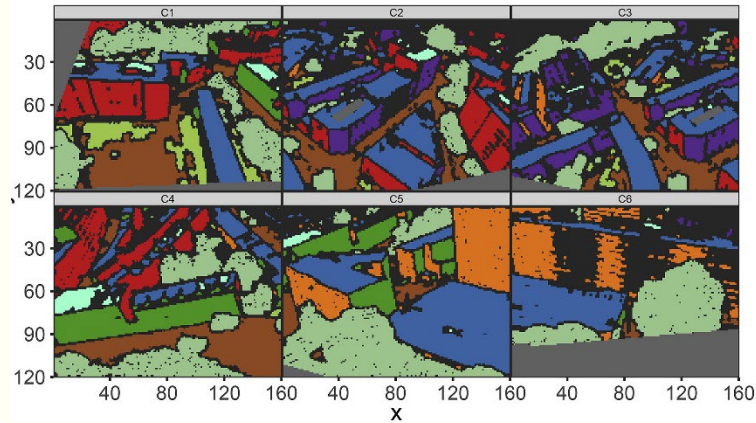
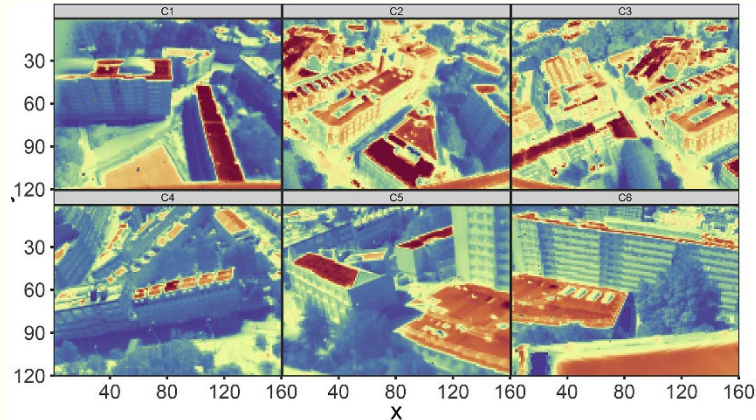
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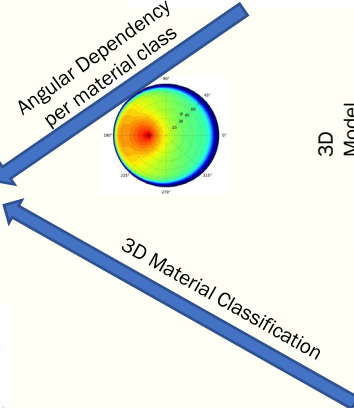
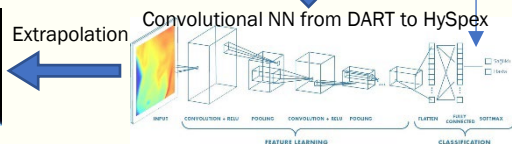
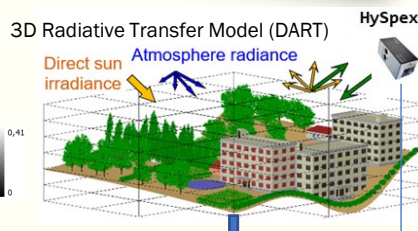
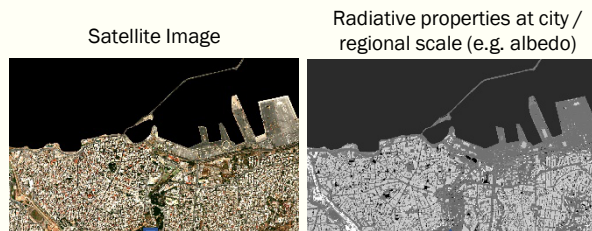
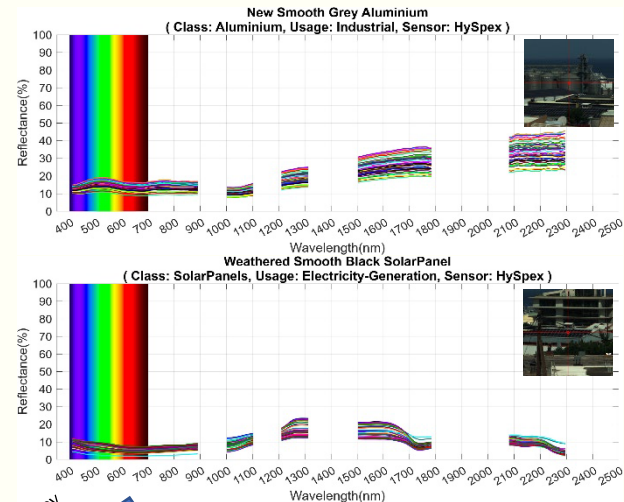
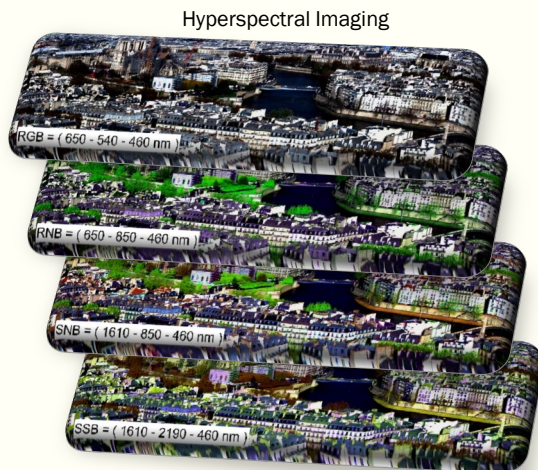
Spatial scales – things to consider

- Satellite – pixel resolution
 - Time/space constraints
- Urban Form resolution
 - dimensions
 - Building
 - Streets
 - Vegetation

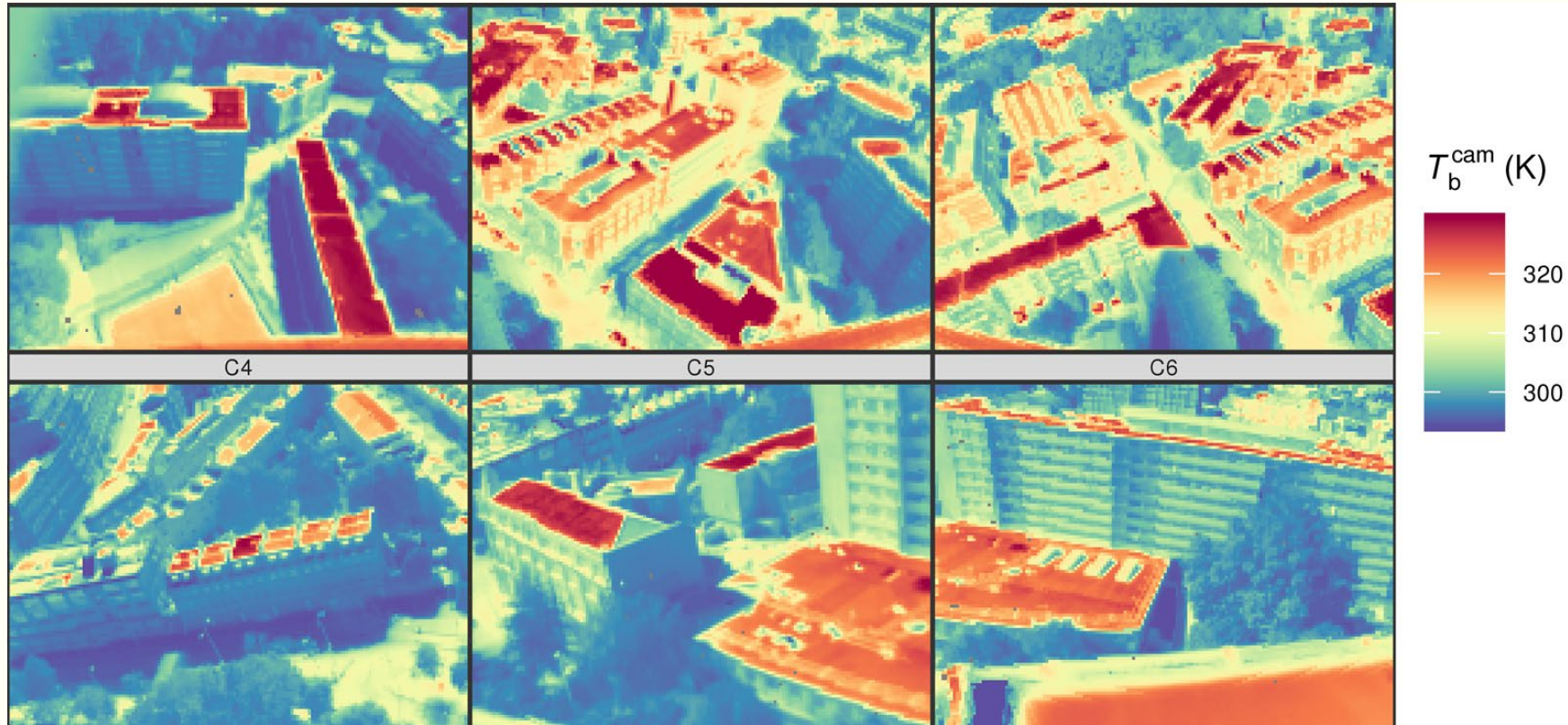
Geometry and Materials



Multi-scale identification and mapping of urban surface radiative properties

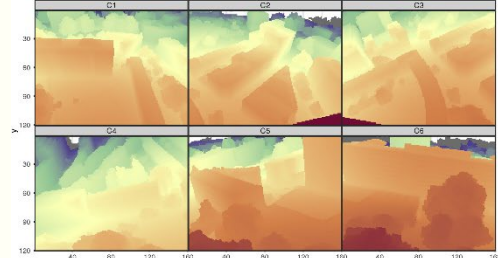


X SVM Model



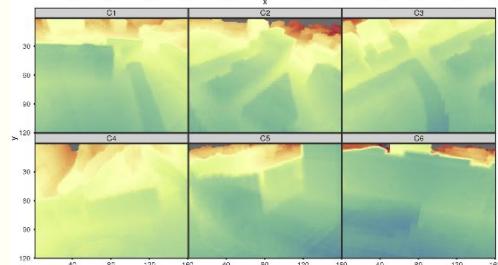
Atmospheric correction variables

- per camera
- at 12:00
- 24 Sep. 2017



(a)

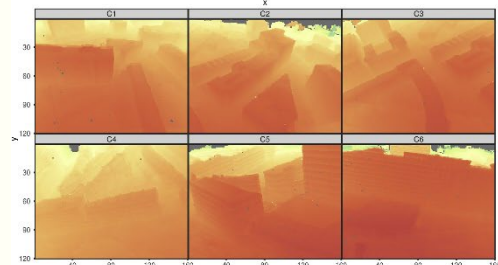
Surface – sensor path length (z^{path} , m)



(b)

Band integrated longwave emission from the atmosphere

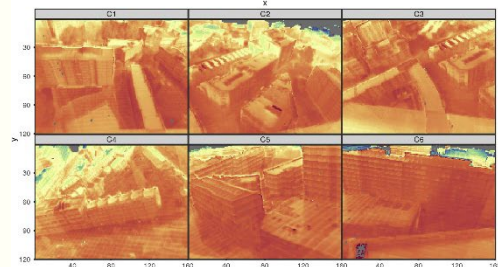
$$L^{\text{atm}}(x, y) = \int_{7\mu\text{m}}^{14\mu\text{m}} d\lambda \cdot R_{\lambda}(x, y) \cdot L_{\lambda}^{\text{atm}}(x, y) \text{ with } d\lambda = 0.2 \text{ and } R_{\lambda}(x, y) \text{ the sensor spectral response function}$$



(c)

Band integrated atmospheric transmissivity

$$\Gamma^{\text{atm}}(x, y) = [L^{\text{cam}}(x, y) - L^{\text{atm}}(x, y)] / L^{\text{surf}}(x, y) \text{ with } L^{\text{cam}}(L^{\text{surf}}) \text{ the at-sensor (surface leaving) band radiance.}$$

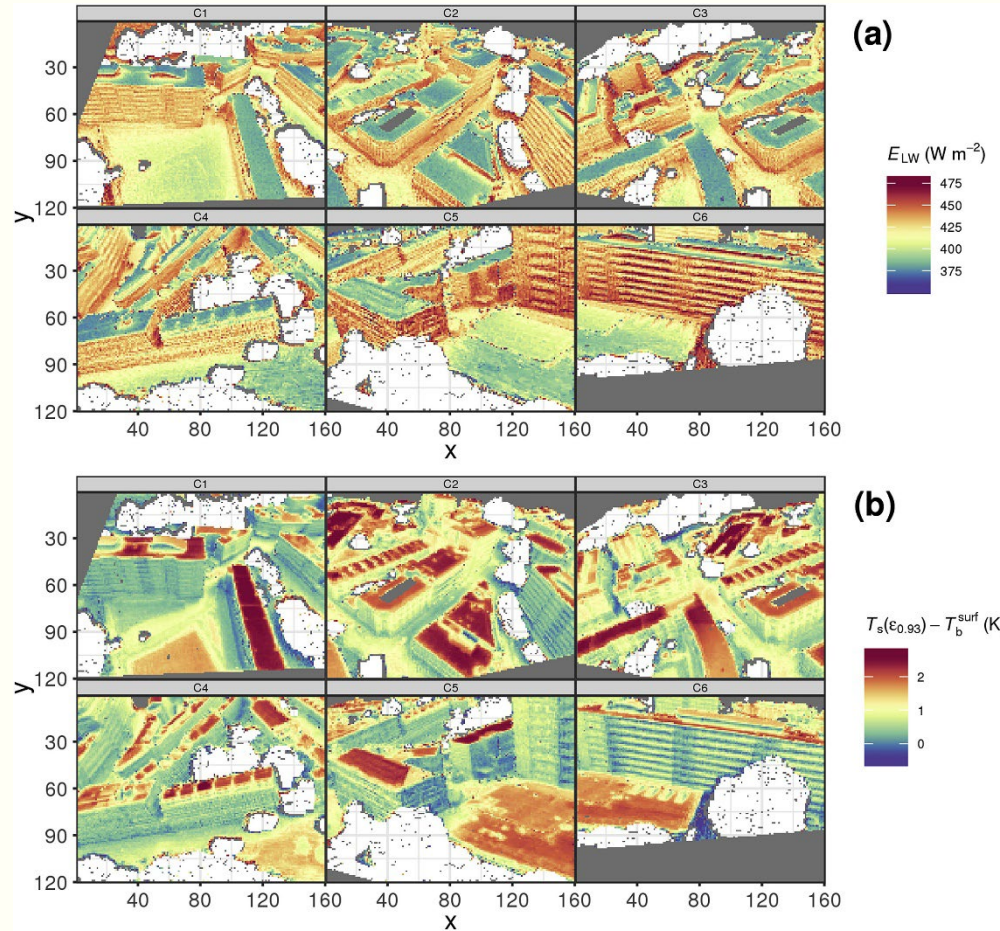


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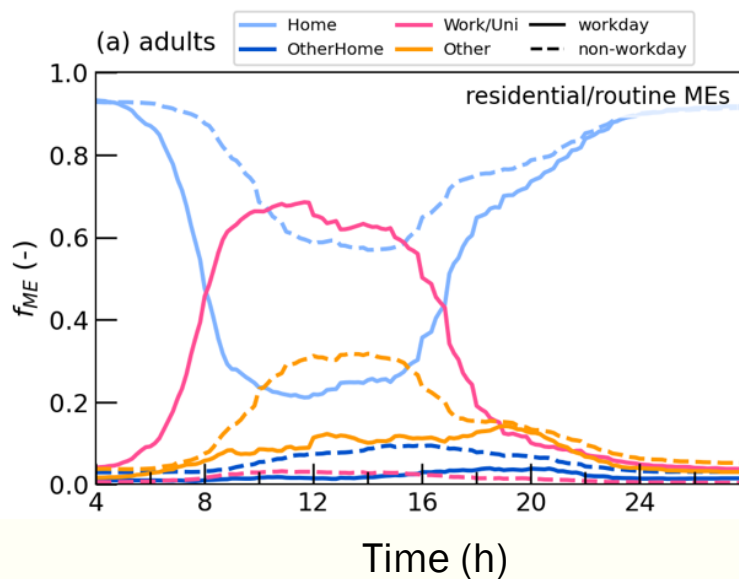
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brightness temperature observations

Morrison et al. 2020 RSE

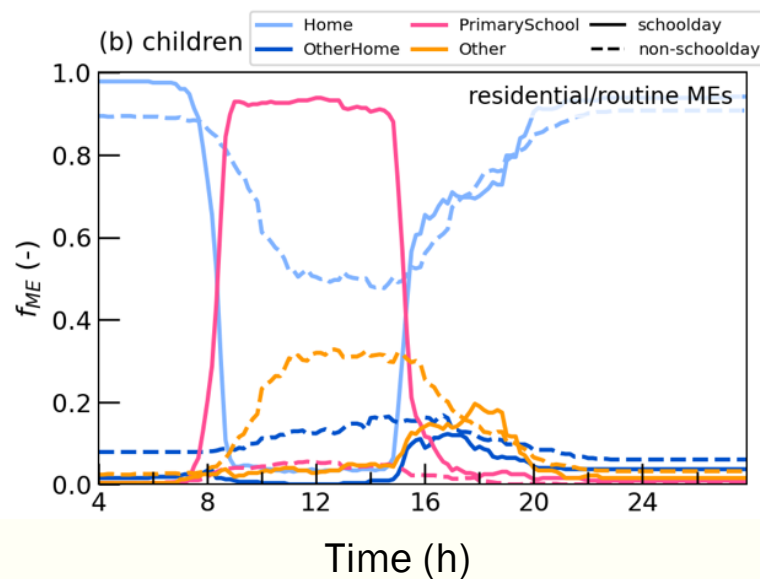


People spend their time in different locations: varies with age, day type, time of day

Adults: age 19–64



Children: age 8–11



Day type

Workday

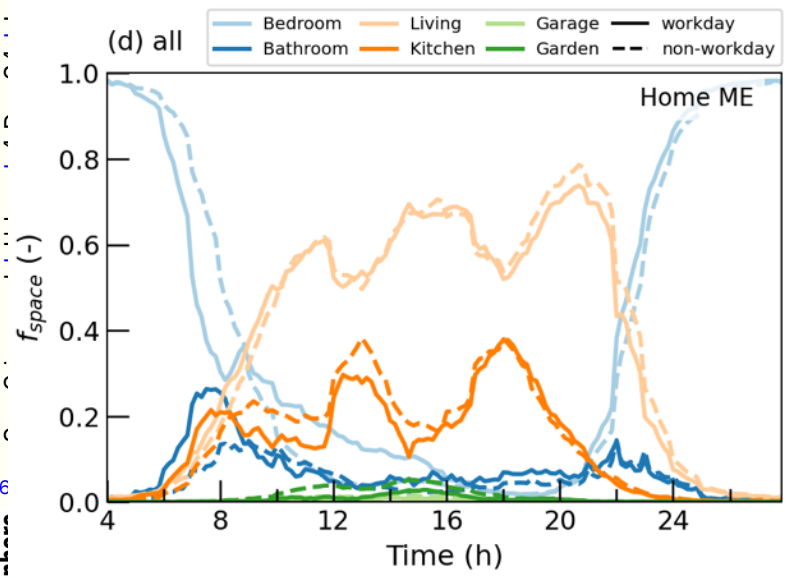
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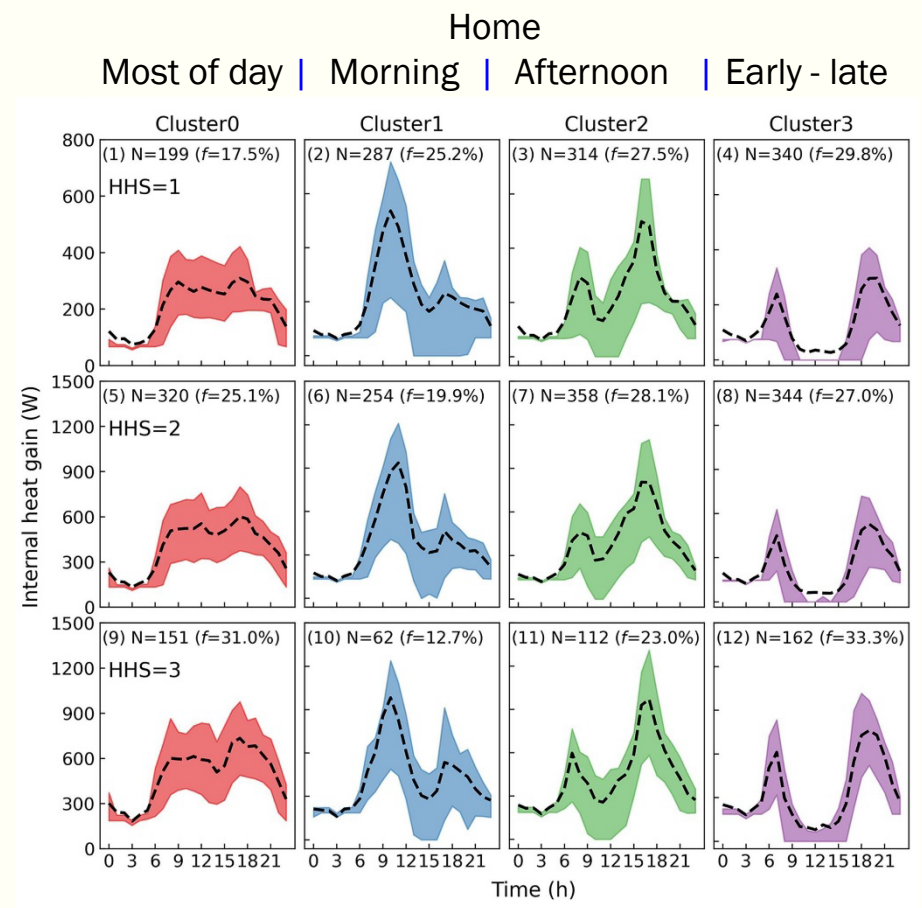
- population
 - activity profiles
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- people

- Activities in different Microenvironments

Home ME



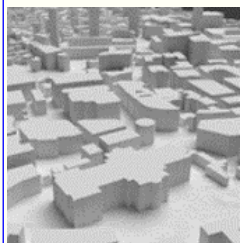
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Longwave evaluation of SPARTACUS-Urban using DART

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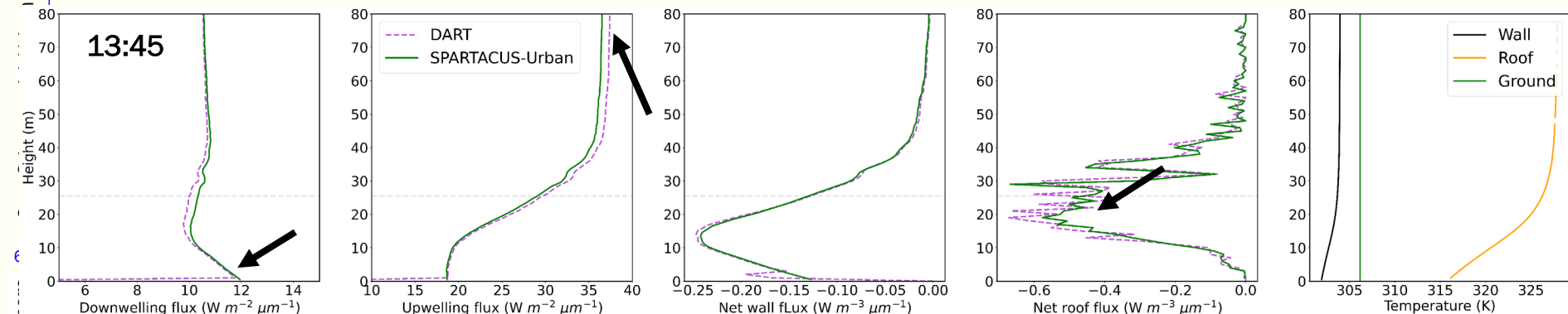


Real world – London

- Similar for single temperature and vertical profile simulations

Simulations with sunlit/shaded temperature variation:

- All nBE < 11%
- Clear air fluxes nBE < 3%
- SPARTACUS
 - Overestimates net **wall** flux
 - Underestimates net **roof** flux



urbis