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Micro-Climate Change and Envelopes

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Agenda: Day 1

11:00-11:30 Introduction

Emanuela Giancola, Centre for Energy, Environmental and Technological Research, CIEMAT

Emanuele Naboni, UniPR, Royal Danish Academy, UNSW, UC Berkeley, SOS Mario Cucinella

11:30-12:10 Session 1 Modelling Linking Outdoor and Indoor

Michael Bruse, Uni Mainz, Chief Development Officer ENVI-MET

Victoria López-Cabeza, University of Sevilla

Naga Manapragada, TECHNION, Israel Institute of Technology

12:10-12:40 Coffee Break



Agenda: Day 1

12:40-13:50 Session 2 Microclimate, Form and Surfaces

Carmen Galán-Marín, University of Sevilla

Miguel Núñez Peiró, ETSAM-Polytechnic University of Madrid

Agnese Salvati, Polytechnic University of Catalunya

Massimo Palme, Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, Chile

Francesco de Luca, Tallin University of Technology

Angelos Chronis, INFRARED

13:50-14:40 Session 3 Climate Change and Modelling Overview

Giandomenico Vurro, Salvatore Carlucci, The Cyprus Institute

Nestoras Antoniou, University of Cyprus

Vahid Nik, Kavan Javanroodi, Lund University

Alberto Martilli, Centre for Energy, Environmental and Technological Research, CIEMAT

A comprehensive strategy for modelling urban material for thermally livable cities. URBAN therCOM Project

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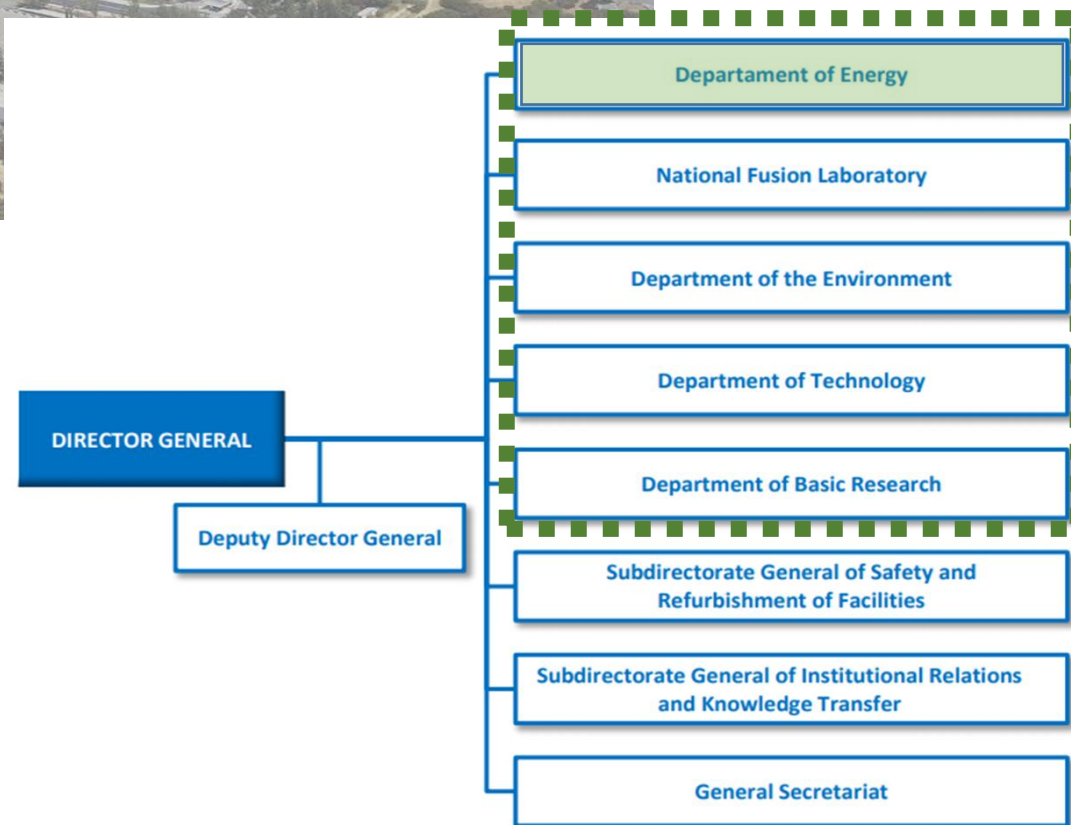
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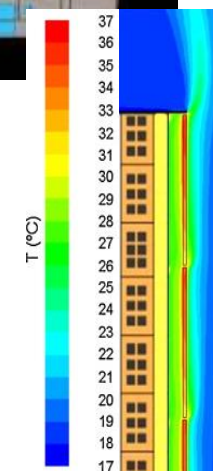
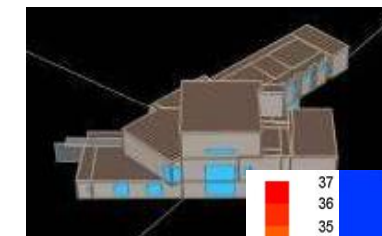
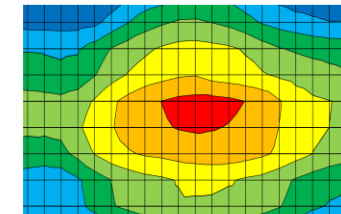
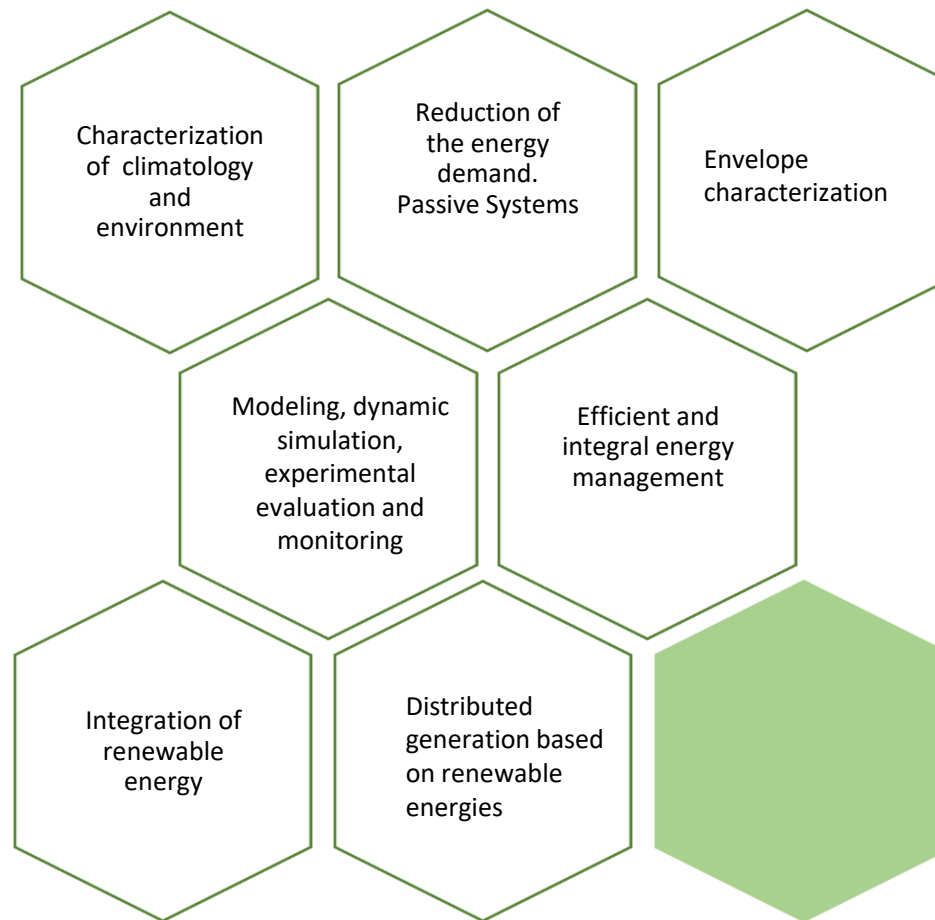


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Energy Efficiency Activities



Spanish research coordinated project based on the hypothesis that optimized materials, like chromogenic smart materials for urban surfaces can provide efficient solutions to the Urban heat Island (UHI) effect.

mateMAD Concept



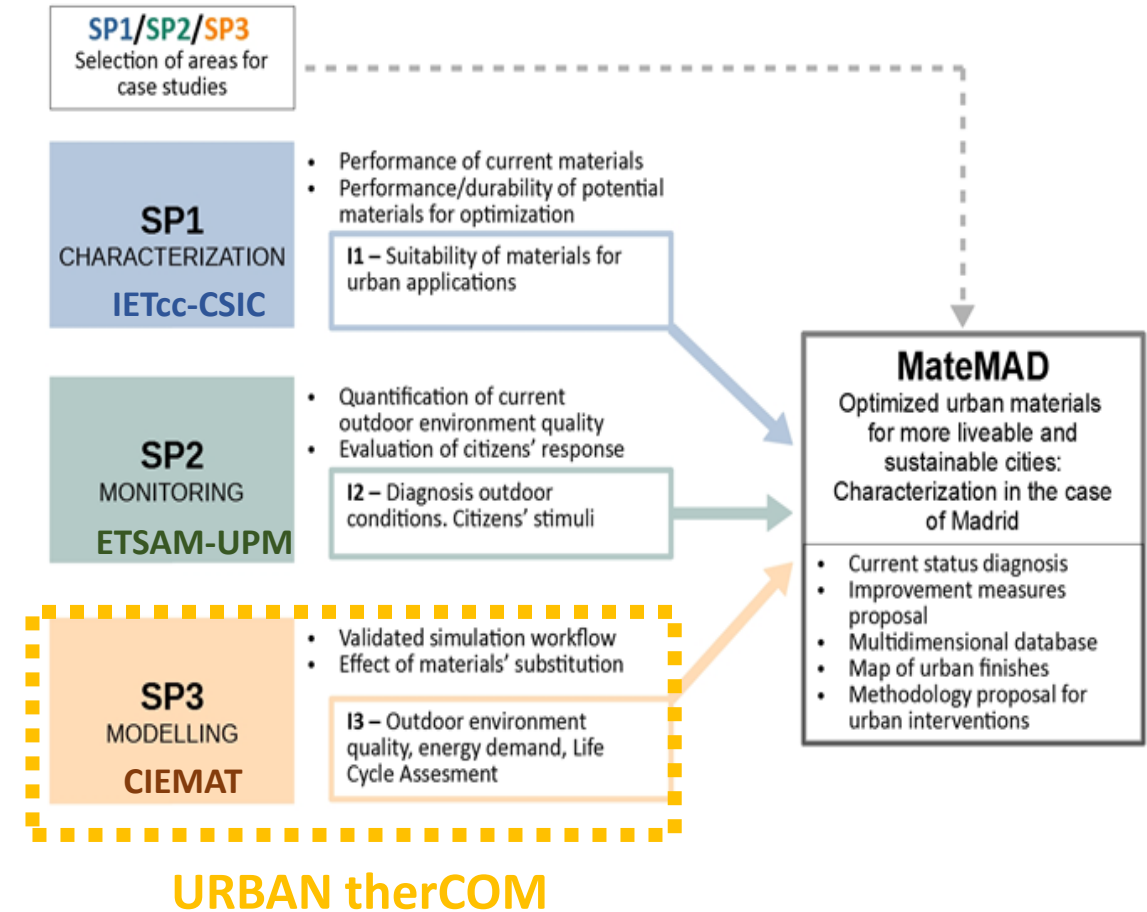
Multidisciplinary approach for the systematic analysis of representative case studies of **vulnerable areas of the city of Madrid**. The goal is to generate:

- knowledge about the **impact of urban materials** on the habitability and sustainability of cities
- a reliable proposal to **improve the quality of the outdoor environment**, the energy demand and the well-being of the inhabitants through the substitution of outdoor surface materials

mateMAD Concept

Activities performed under three subprojects:

- Subproject 1 (SP1). **Characterization of urban materials.**
- Subproject 2 (SP2). **Monitoring of environmental parameters.**
- Subproject 3 (SP3), named **URBAN therCOM. Modelling outdoor thermal comfort and energy demand in urban areas.**



MEASURE, CALIBRATION AND SIMULATION STRATEGY

The first step assess the of **vulnerability** within the city, on those aspects related to Climate Change, discomfort

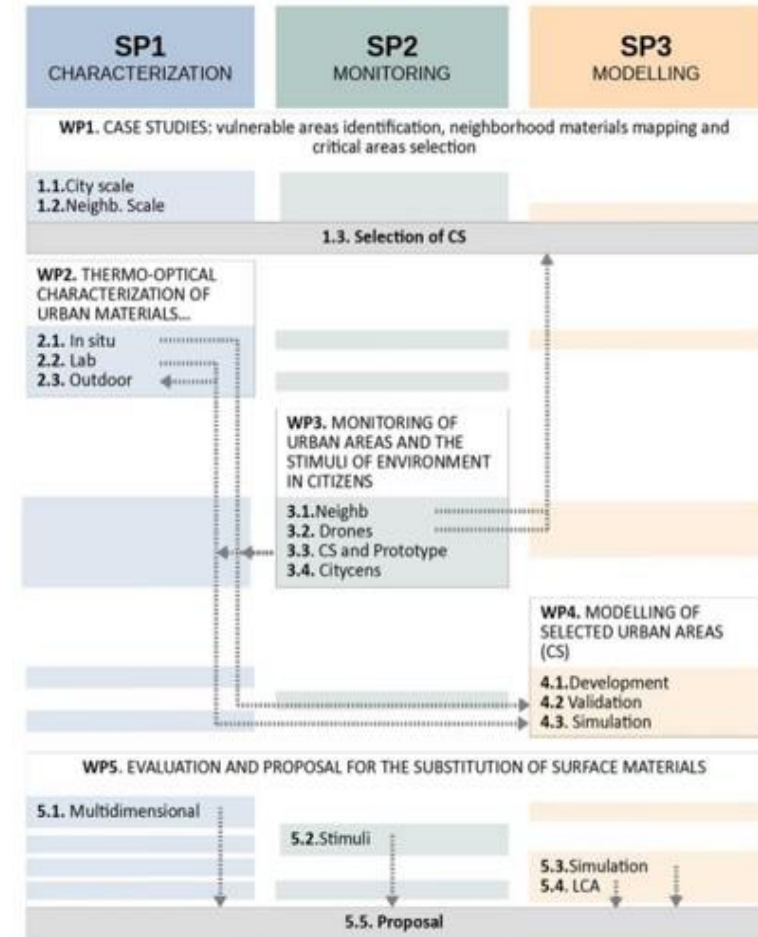
The second details thermo-optical (**TO**) characterization of a wide range of surface urban materials: in-situ, laboratory

The third step **monitors** at four levels: neighbourhood, case study areas, outdoor tests, and citizens

The fourth provides a **modelling strategy** to evaluate mutual relations amongst relevant urban factors building energy performance and outdoor thermal comfort

The final step **prepares a complete and justified proposal for the substitution of surface materials** in the case studies based on the results obtained from previous steps. And assess the environmental impact of the materials along their life cycle

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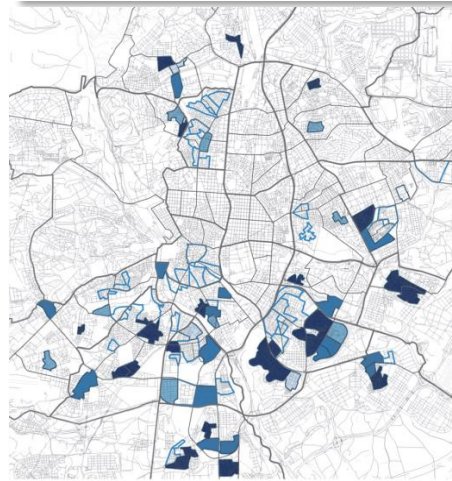


SELECTION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Severity of urban vulnerability

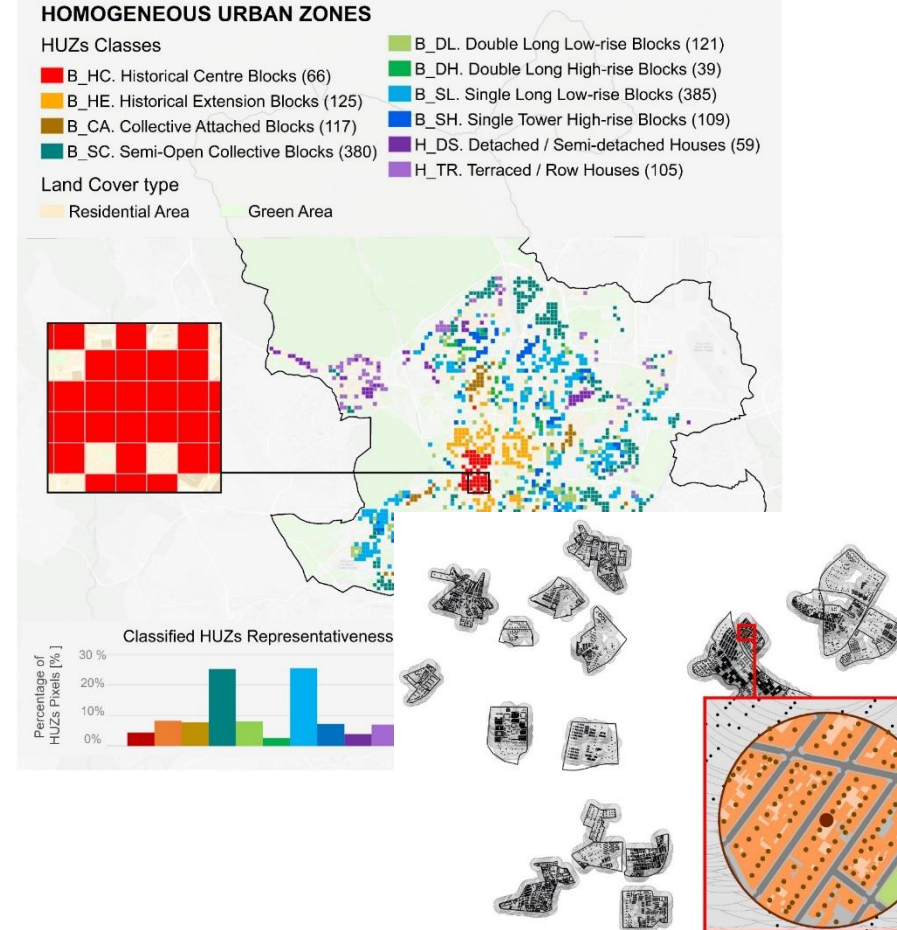


Energy poverty index



27 vulnerable neighborhoods affected simultaneously by problems of energy poverty and high intensity of the urban heat island

UHI intensity day+night



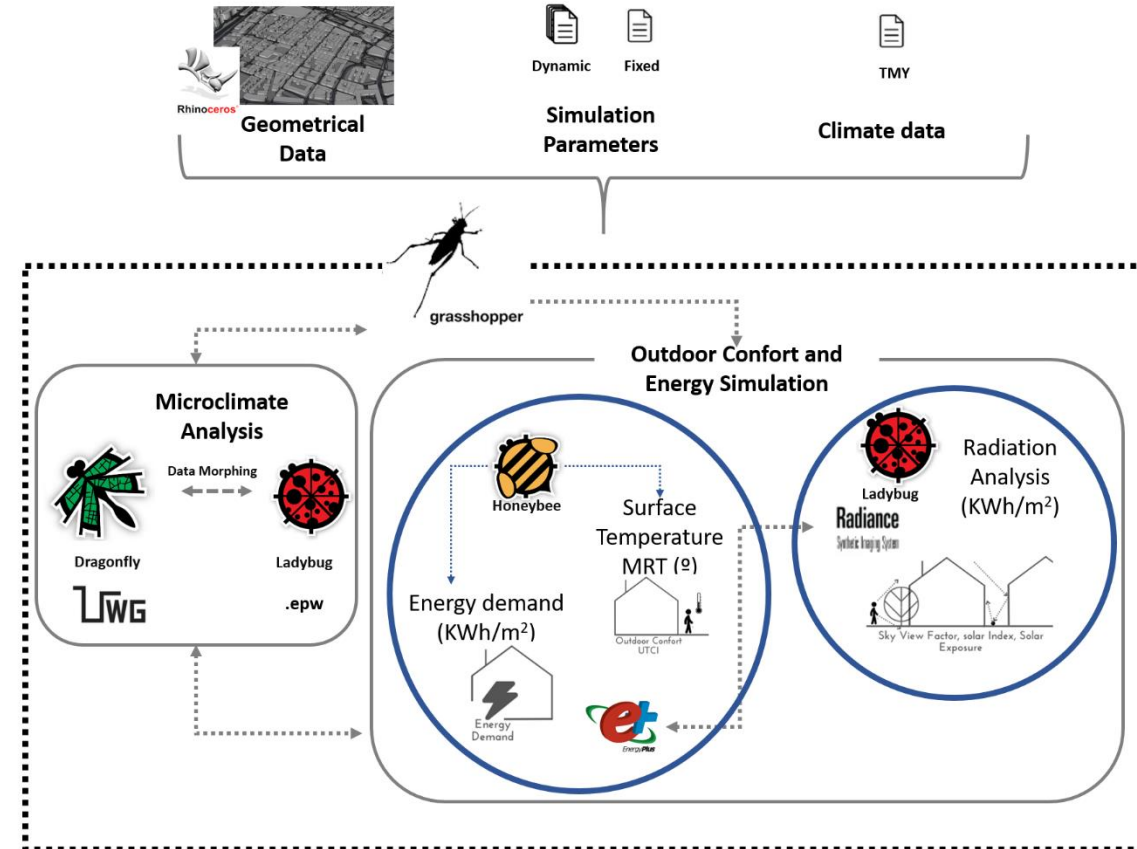
From: Helena López Moreno (UIE3, CIEMAT)

HUZ (Homogeneous Urban Zones) METHODOLOGY

- **Objective:** facilitate the energy analysis of residential buildings.

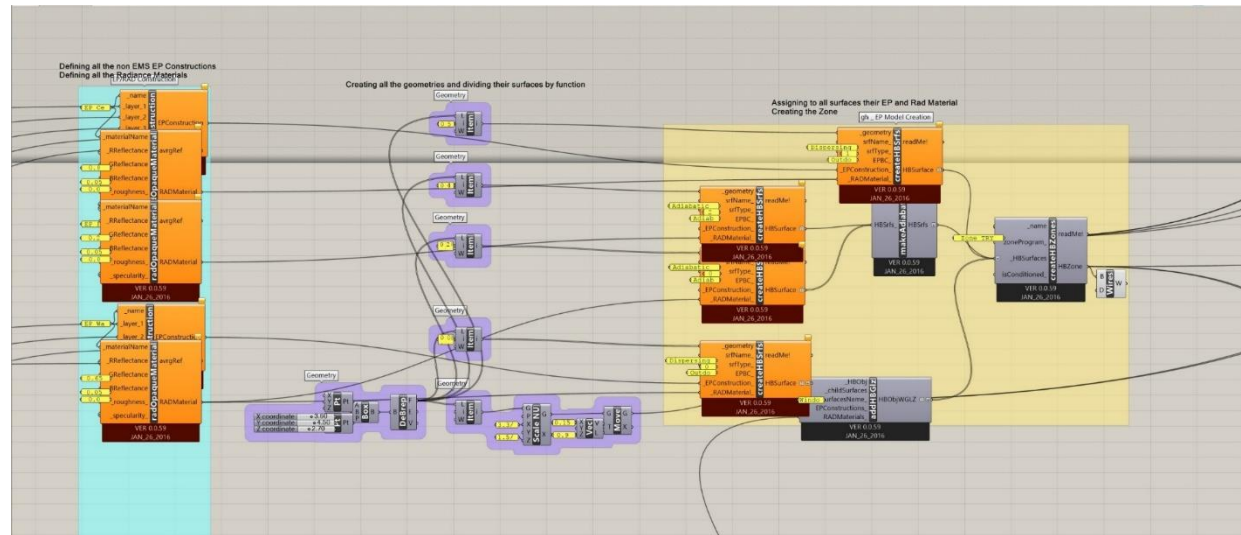
MODELLING OF SELECTED URBAN AREAS

An ad-hoc developed BPS tool which enables to appropriately simulate the simulation of indoor and outdoor thermal field through an integrated approach, Grasshopper (GH) based digital workflow by means of add-ons Droagonfly, HoneyBee and LadyBug.



MODELLING OF SELECTED URBAN AREAS

The timestep-by-timestep simulation approach allows the variation of the thermo-optical properties of the TC material within the simulation runtime itself, which in turn implies precisely considering the thermal inertia of the building and its effects on the energy demands for heating and cooling



Conclusions & Future Work

The preliminary results are used to test the simulation strategy of TC materials and are presented in the **perspective of extending the developed BPS** to be applied to the evaluation of this problem generally and to be more seamlessly integrated into the design process.

Future work and further investigation is needed **to test and validate the strategy and the general digital workflow with real cases studies of Madrid** through the information that will be acquired throughout the duration of the mateMad project.

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A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, is crouching in a greenhouse. He is working on a piece of equipment on a metal stand. The equipment has three vertical cylindrical chambers filled with a green liquid. The greenhouse is filled with rows of white vertical hydroponic towers. Each tower has a white control box at the top and green plants growing from the bottom. The floor is wet and reflective. The background shows more rows of towers and greenery outside the greenhouse.

Envelope , Microclimate, Energy

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UC Berkeley

SOS School of Sustainability of MCA, Milan

Present Positions



Environmental Sustainability Module - **SOS School of Sustainability** - with Mario Cucinella
Since 2021



Associate Professor of Sustainable Design. Institute of Architectural Technology
The Royal Danish Academy. Since 2010 (half time since 2022)



Associate Professor of Climate Change and Regenerative Architecture. **UNIPR**
Since 2021



Adjunct Professor, **University of New South Wales**
March 2023 to October



Visiting Professor, Architectural and science researcher at **CBE UC Berkeley**, College Of Environmental Design
Since 2023

Past Position



Visiting Professor, **Norwegian University of Science and Technology**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Faculty of Engineering
2022



Invited Professor at **ETH**. Future Cities Lab Singapore
2019



Researcher at **EPFL**
2016, 2017



Invited Professor at **Architectural Association**
2013



Visiting Professor at **The University of Nottingham**
2015



Adjunkt at **UC Berkeley**, CED, College Of Environmental Design
2012



Post Doc Rsearcher at **LBNL**
2006 - 10 + 2011



Sustainable Design Tools Development Consultant for **Autodesk**
2010 – 2012



Sustainable Design Specialist at **SOM** (Skidmore Owings and Merrill, Llp)
2006 – 2010



Sustainable Design Specialist **William McDonough** and Loisos + Ubbelohde
2005



Phd Building Science, **Politecnico di Milano + University of California**
Awarded 2005

2023 active projects



IPCC 6th Assessment Report

*Efforts to halt **catastrophic climate change** are being held back by "**inertia**" in the built environment sector*

*Engineers, Architects and urban planners should really look at **rethinking the way they work...***

*...they need to develop a new vocabulary **and more climate change specific solutions***

Scales to “rethink” Envelopes of Climate Change.

Key Words

Regional Climate Change

Microclimate

Building Form

Facade design

Energy Flows

Indoor

Microclimatic Cities

Facade Interfaces

Indoor Microclimate

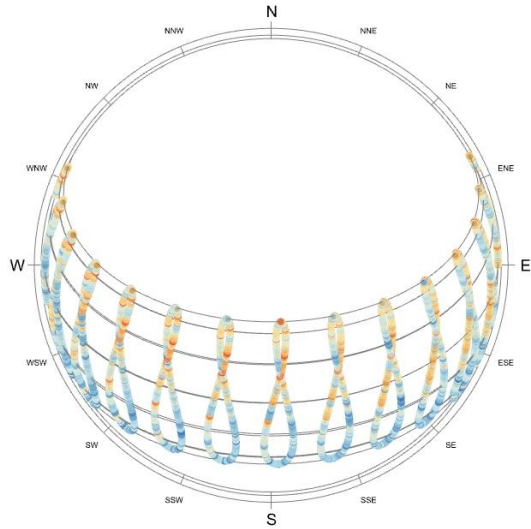
Ecological Living Layers

Computing

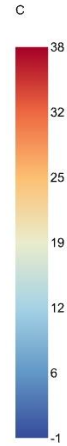
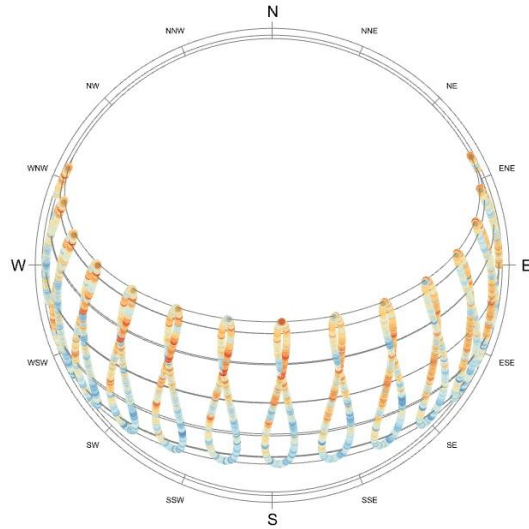
Climate Change

CBE tool climate panel (with Turrini and prof. Schiavon)

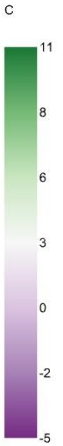
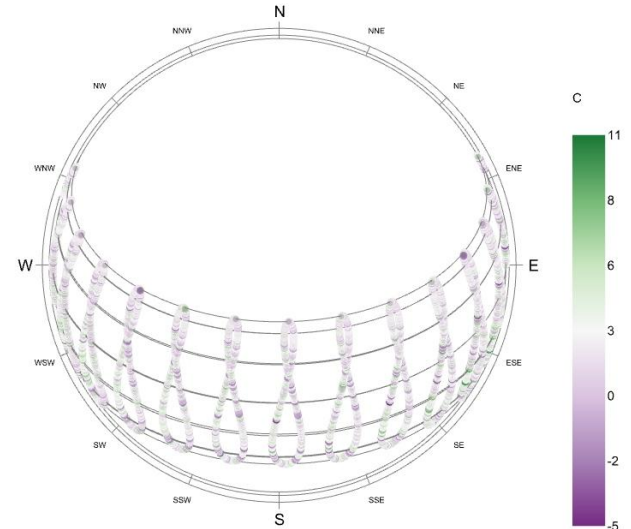
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Future_dry bulb temperature



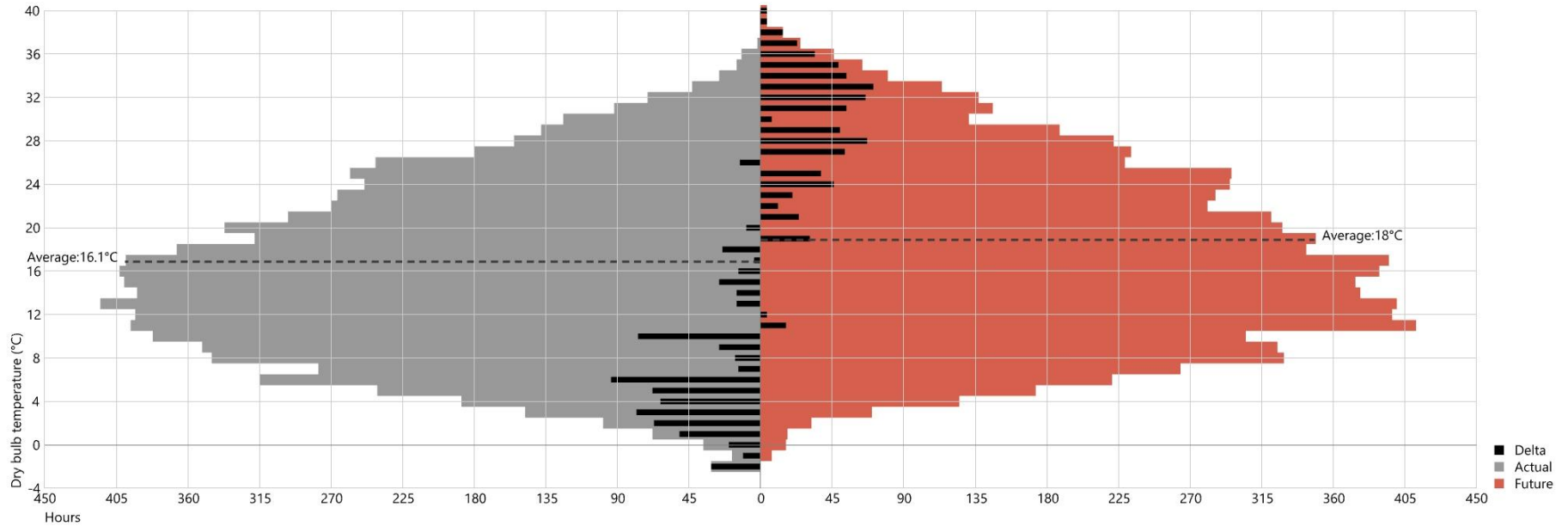
Delta_dry bulb temperature



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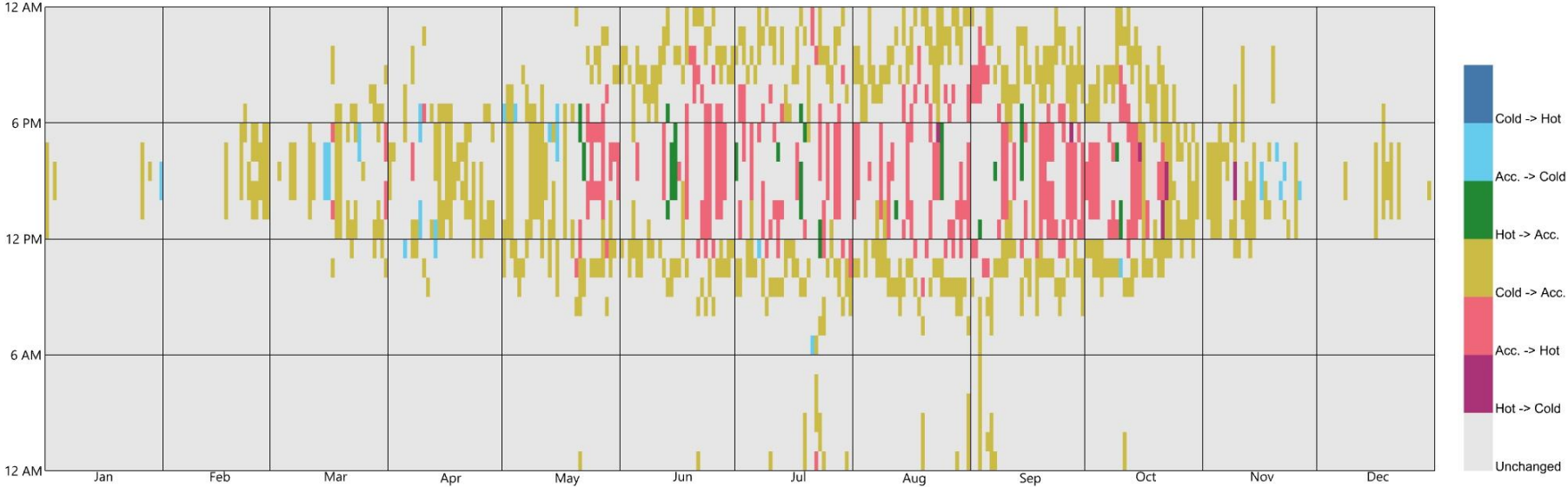
Dry bulb temperature frequency



Climate Change

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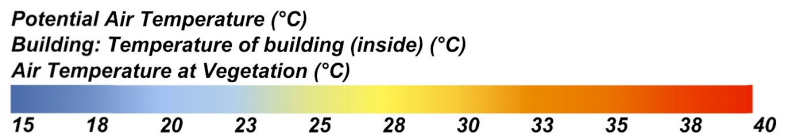
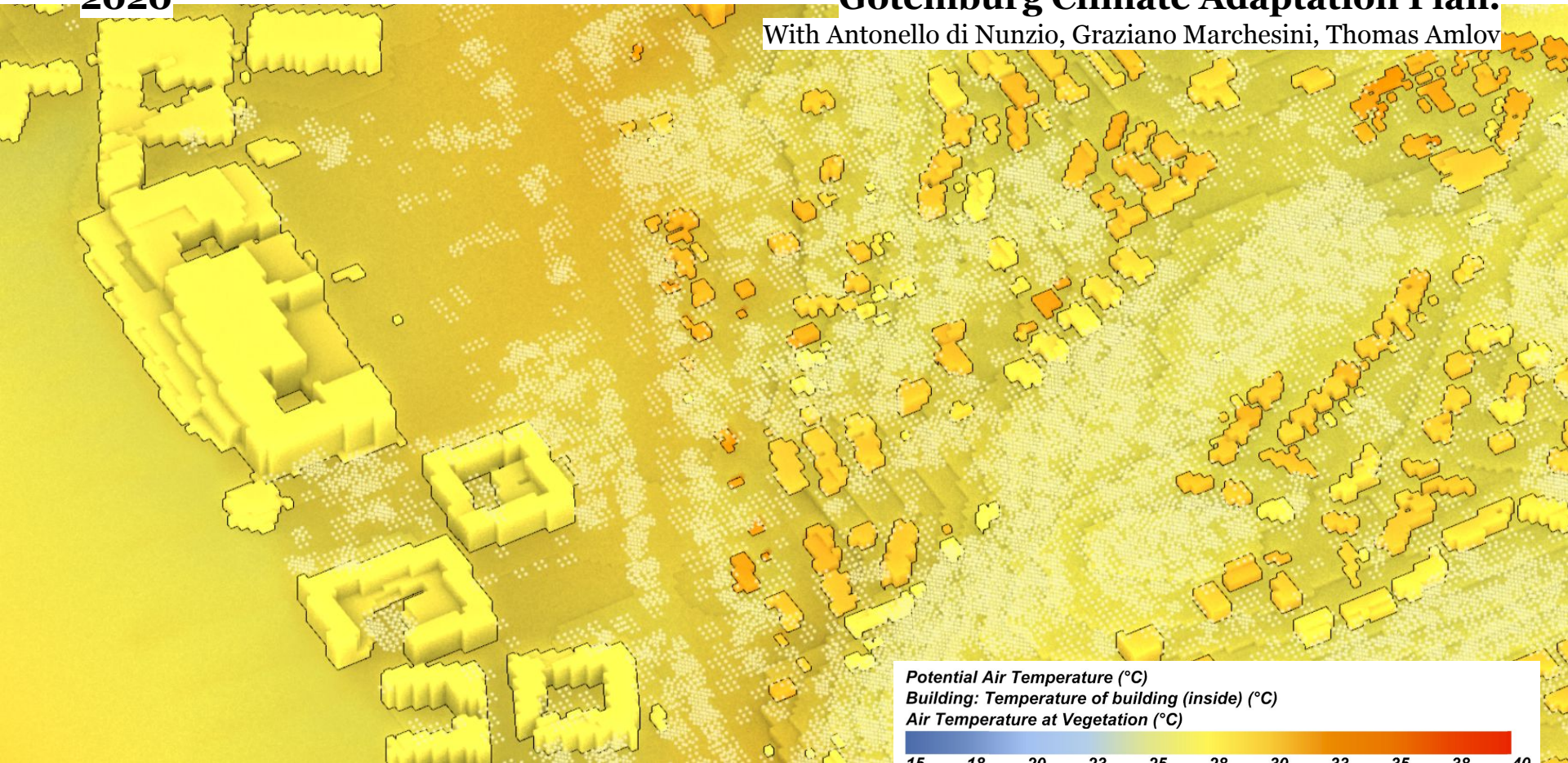
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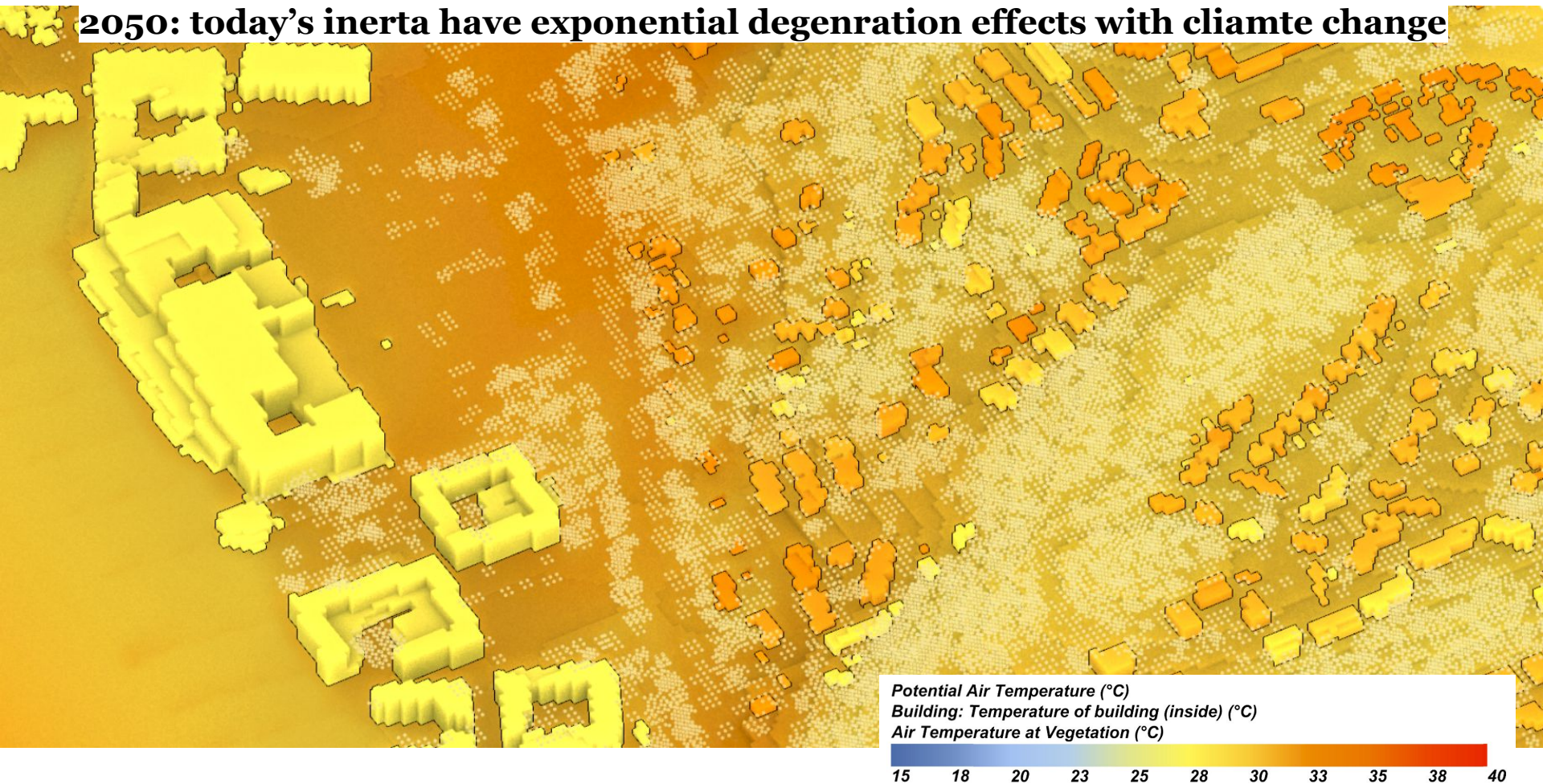
2020

Gotenburg Climate Adaptation Plan.

With Antonello di Nunzio, Graziano Marchesini, Thomas Amlov



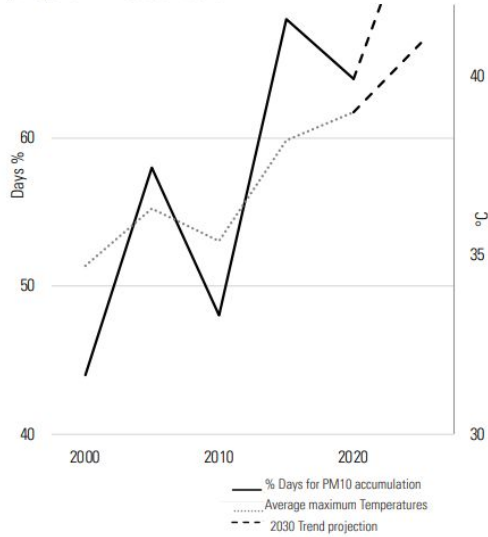
2050: today's inertia have exponential degeneration effects with climate change



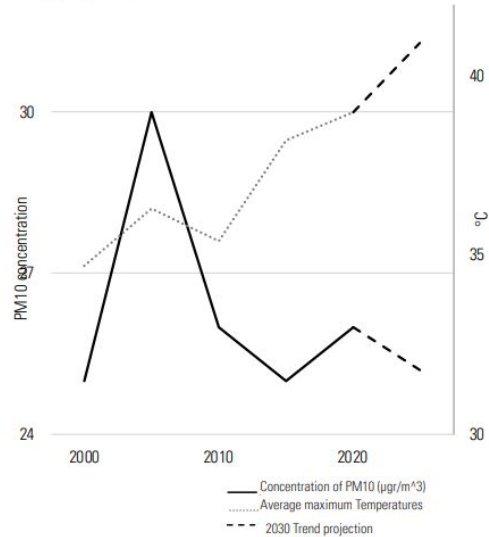
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Parametric Modelling

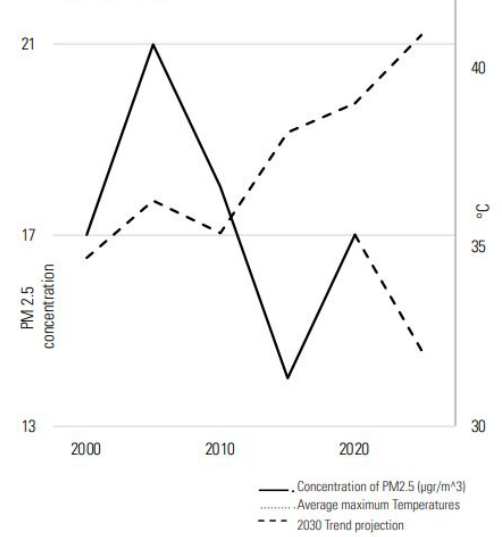
% Days for PM10 accumulation



PM10 Concentration



PM2.5 Concentration



Milan Expo with B22



Lavazza
with Manens



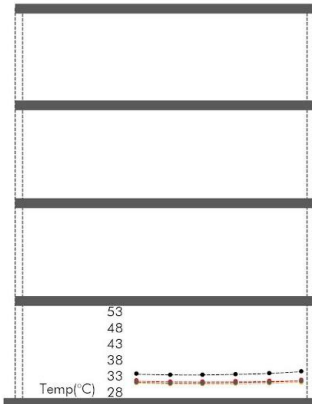
Park Hotel
with SOM



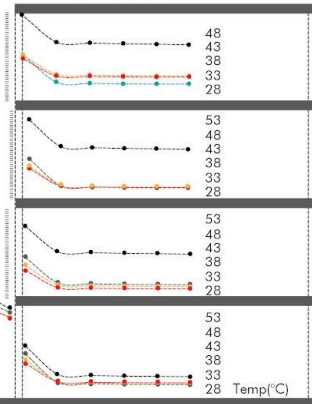
Facade as an Outdoor and Indoor Climate Giver

Copenhagen (with Angel Perez)

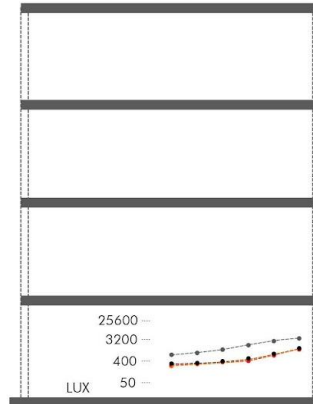
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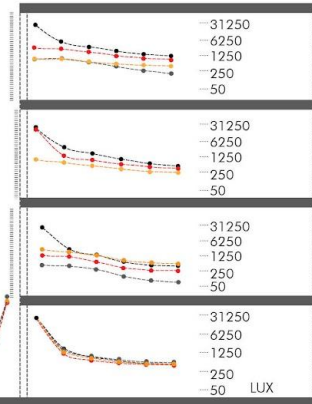
BUILDING A



BUILDING B - STREET CANYON



BUILDING A



RESULTS - THERMAL COMFORT 15:00-16:00 4TH AUGUST

- no shading
- steady state
- dynamic venetian blind
- adaptive facade
- ▬ the applied adaptive facade



RESULTS - DAYLIGHT URBAN CANION 15:00 4TH

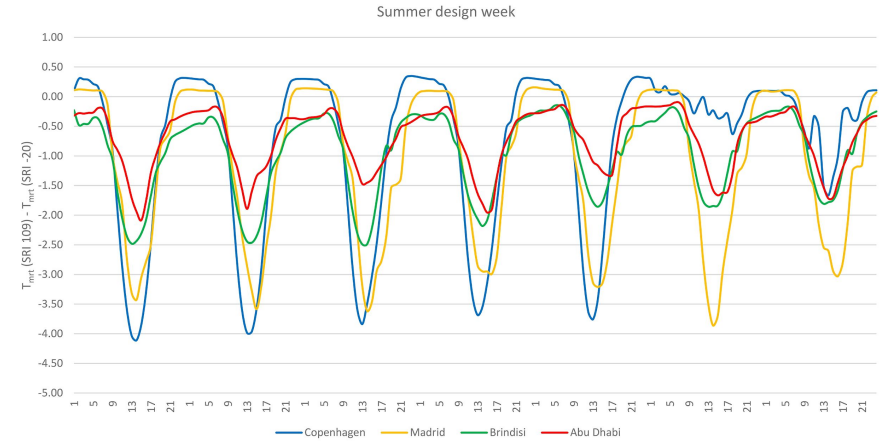
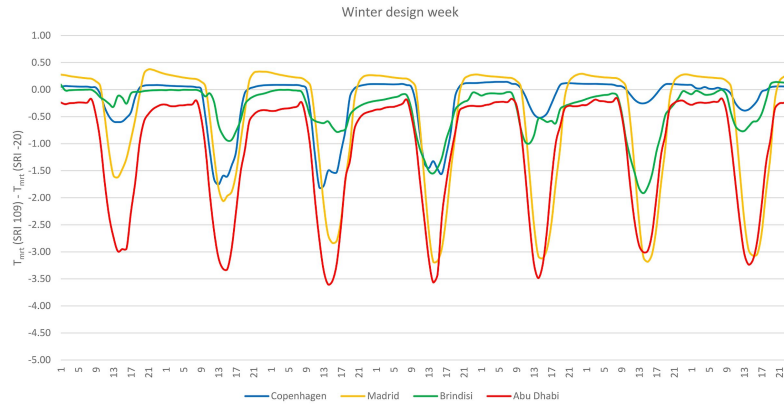
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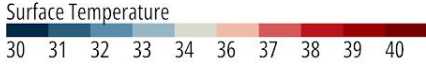


Facade as an Outdoor and Indoor Climate Giver. Systematic Studies

Thermal Emittance (0.1 - 0.9) Solar Reflectance (0.1 - 0.9)

with F. Fiorito

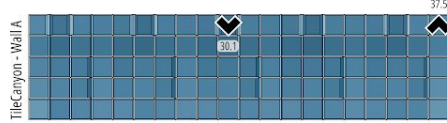




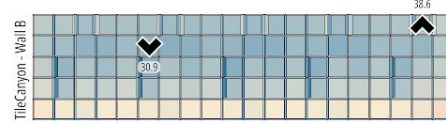
TileCanyon - BareCanyon | sample n° 0 | rotation 90° | 2018



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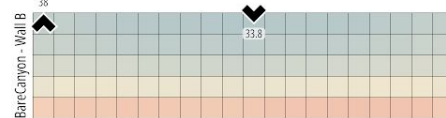
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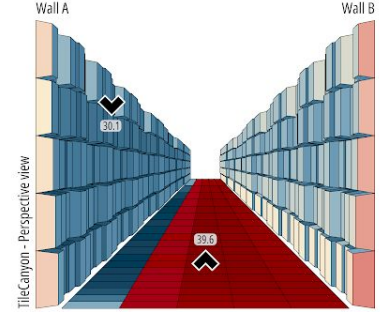
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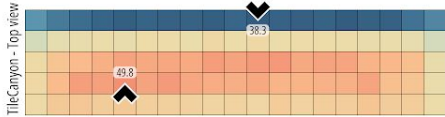
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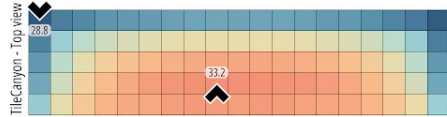
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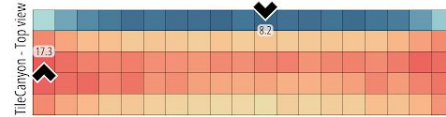
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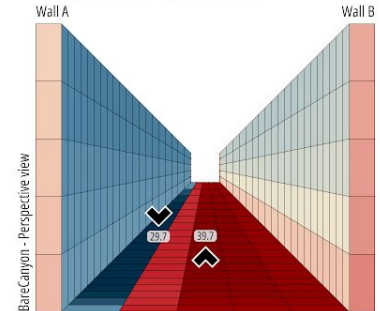
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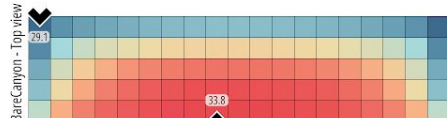
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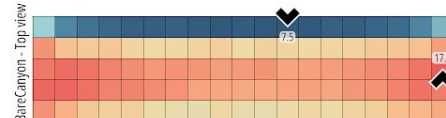
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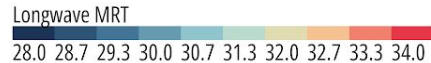
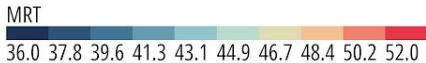
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Alaska: Carbon Positive Sustainable Protein Production

with AEE Royal Danish Academy and David Garcia



Living Layers

with AEE Royal Danish Academy and David Garcia

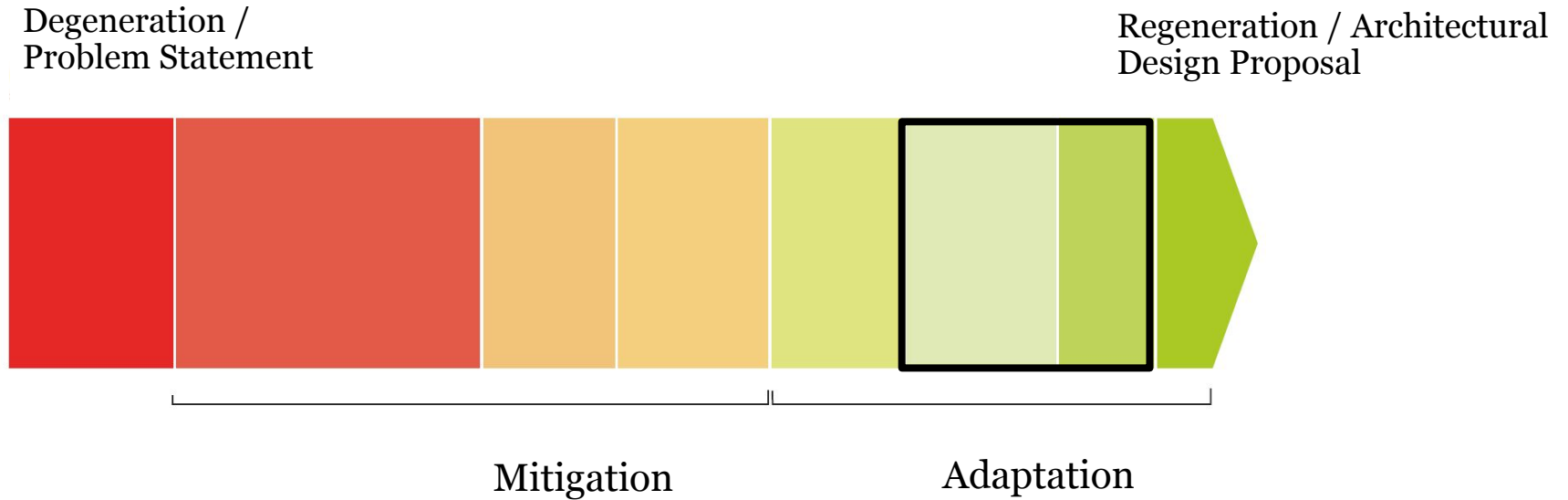




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What is the correct formulation of a climate change strategy?



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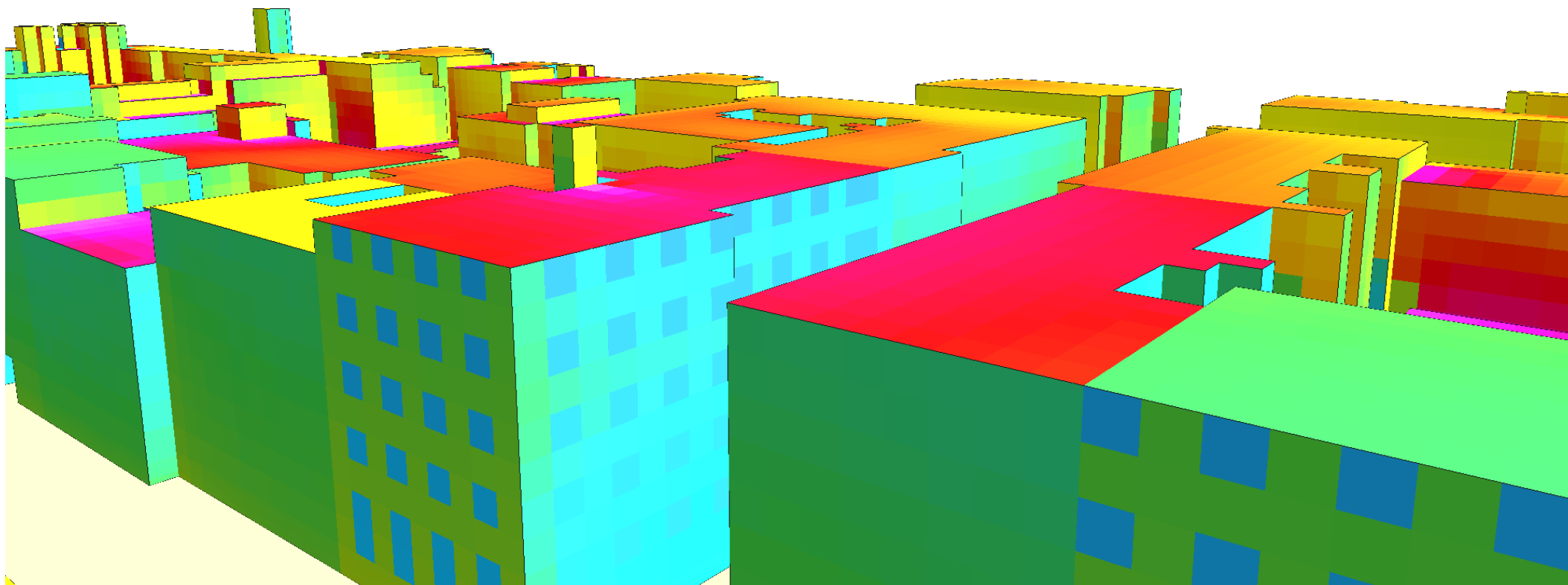


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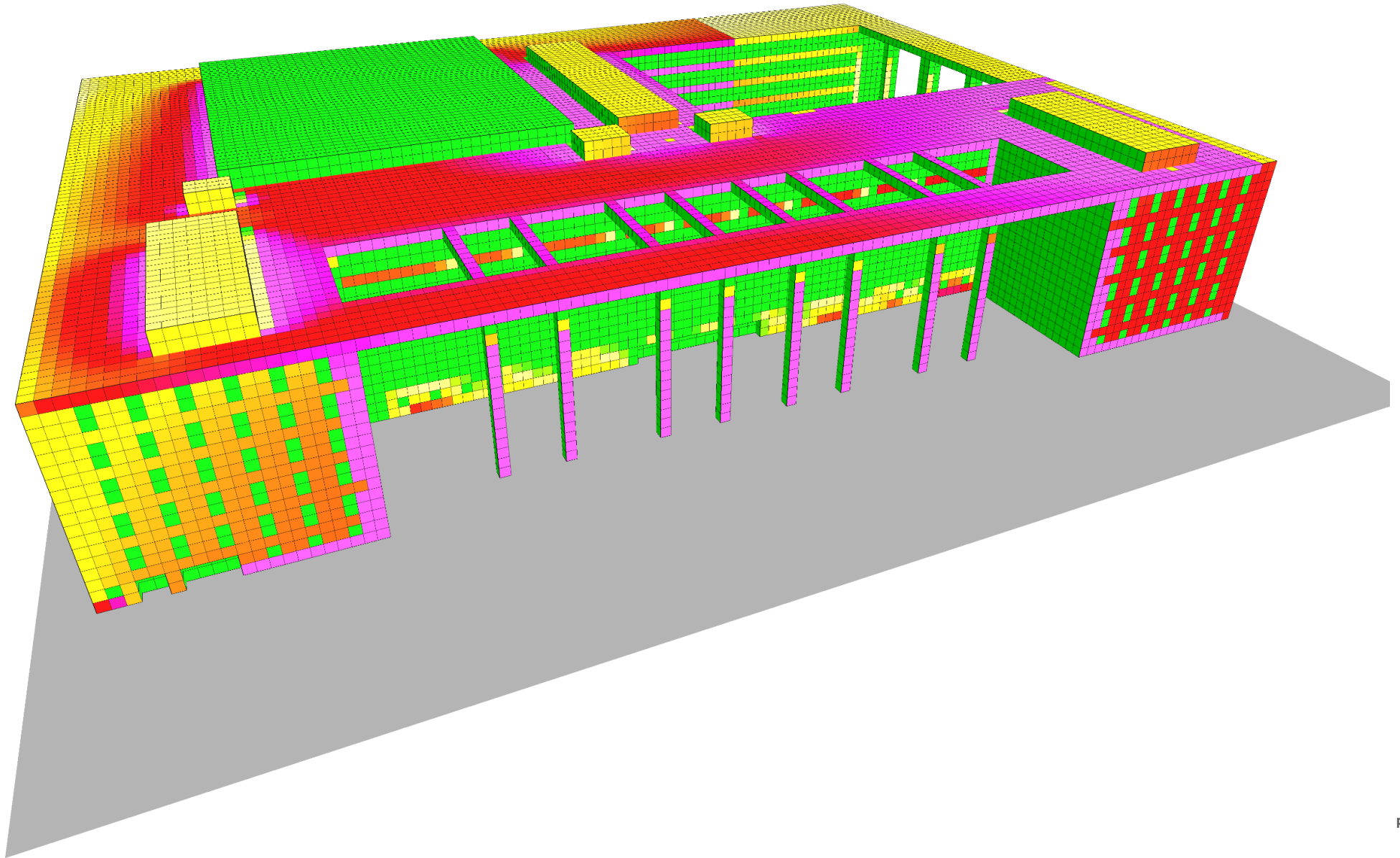
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Decoding Urban Nature

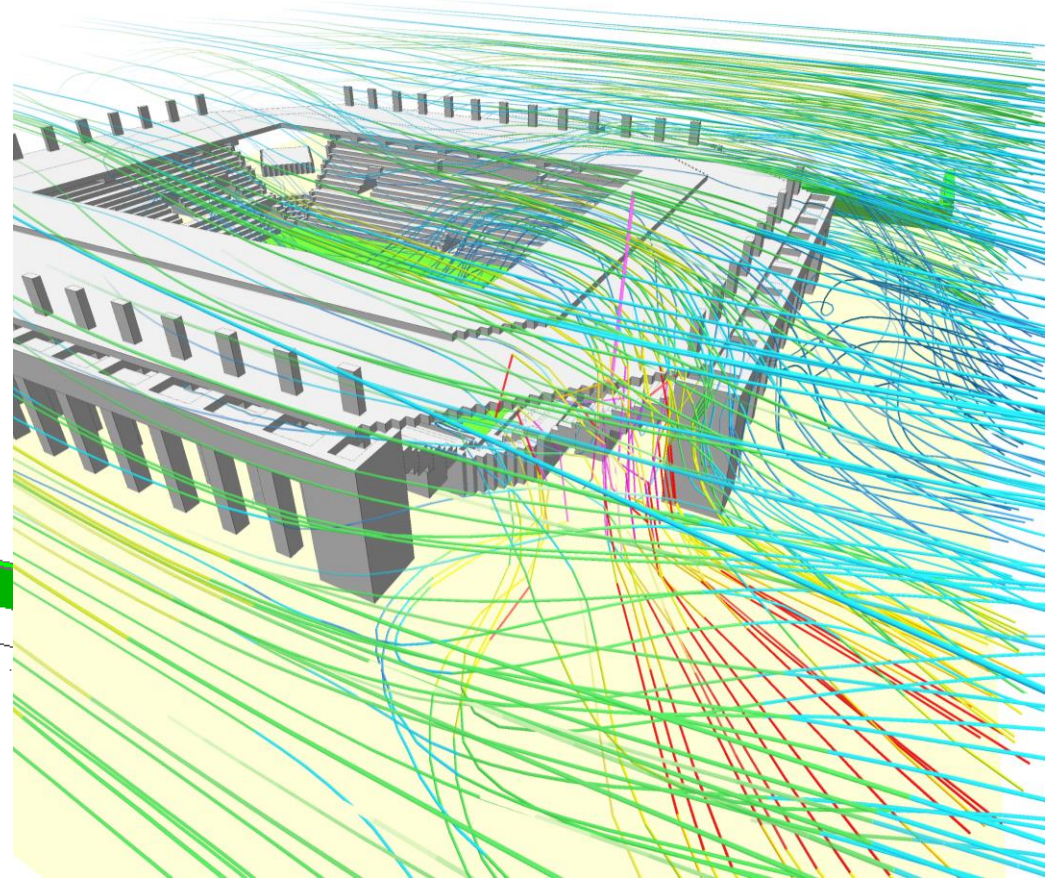
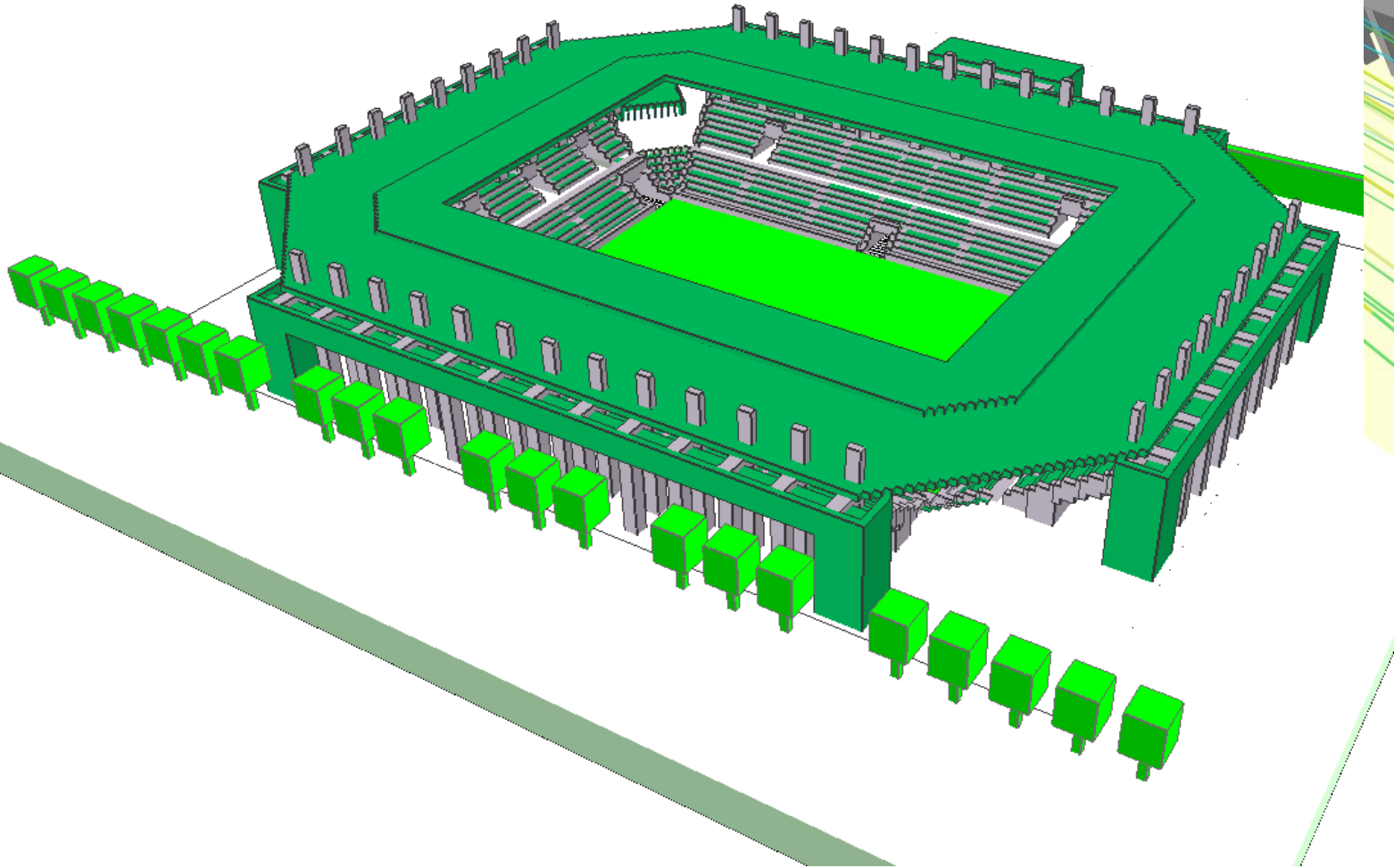


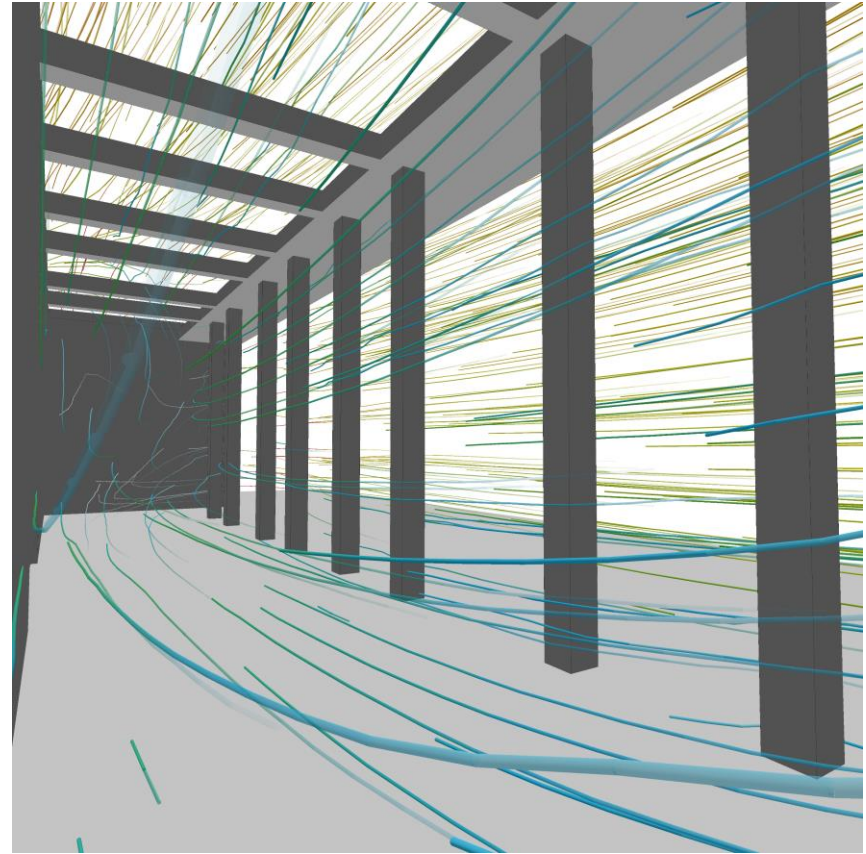
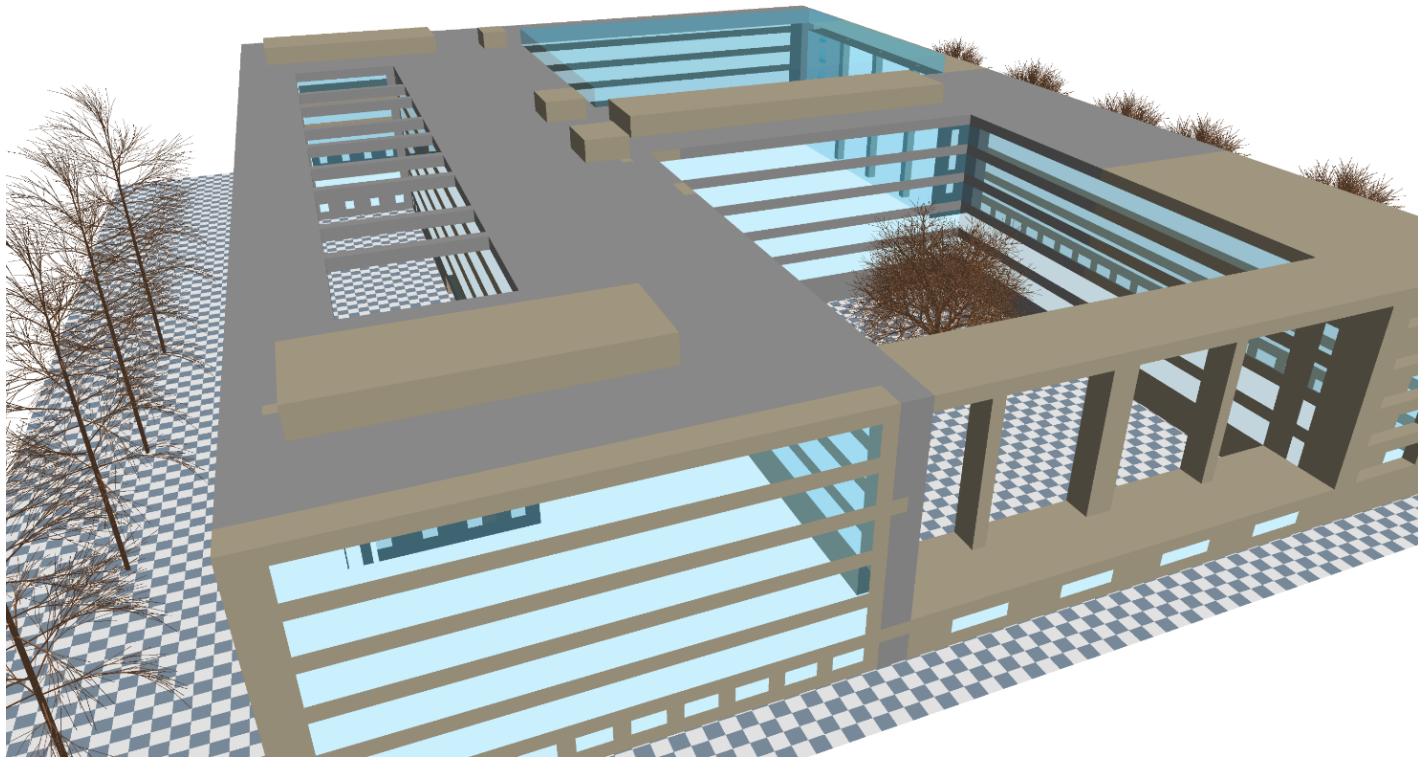


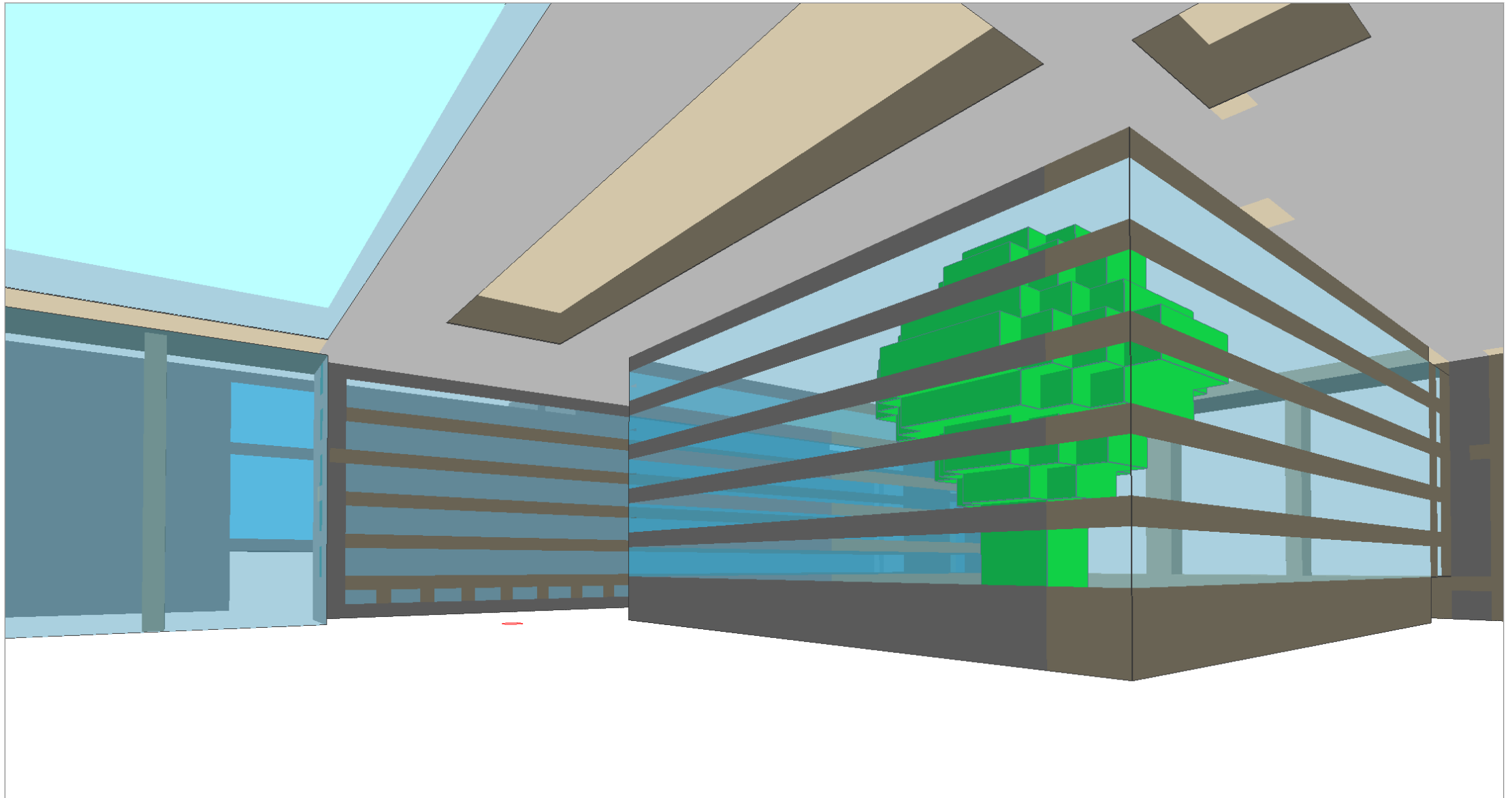
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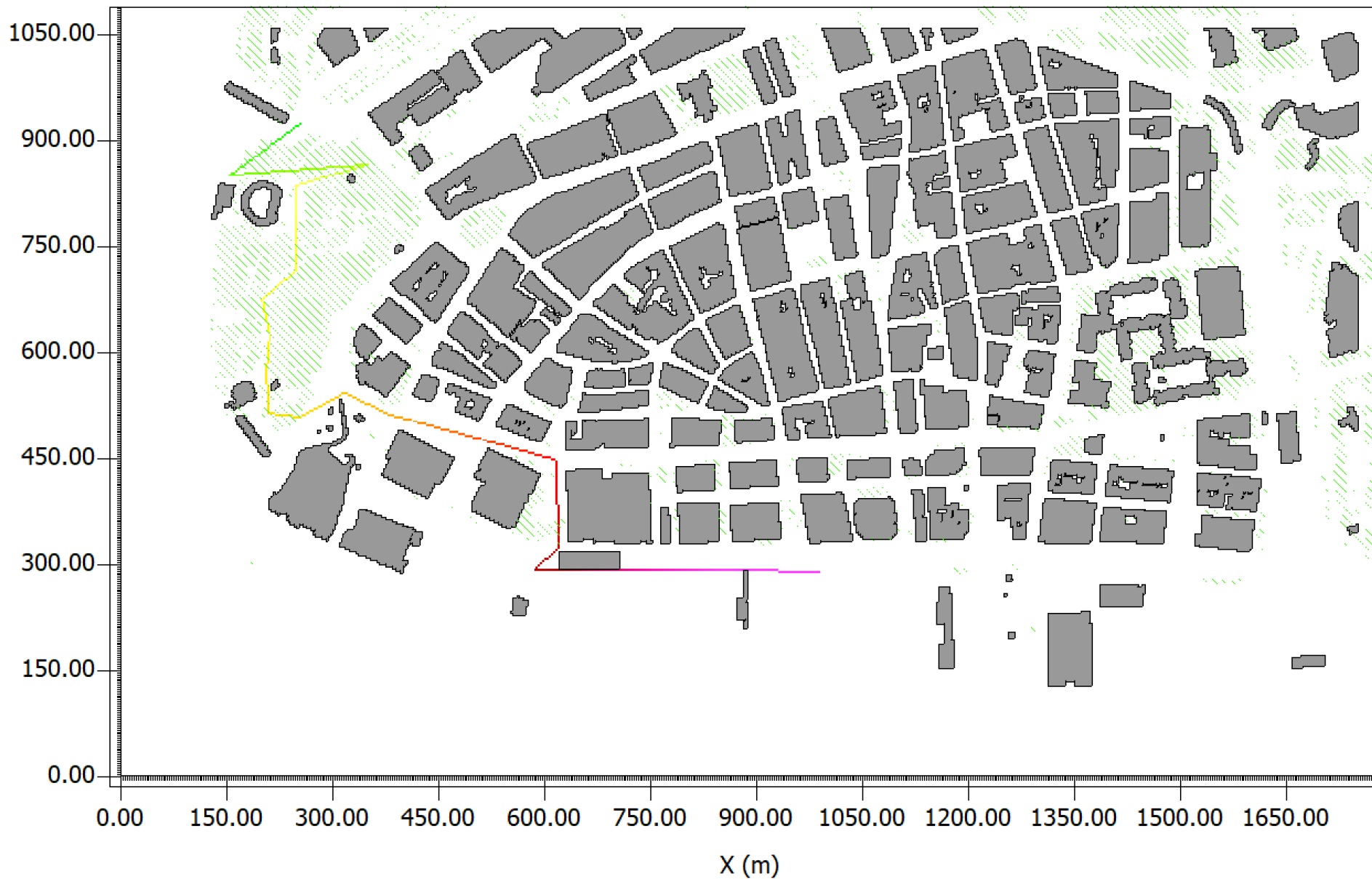


Ambiguous Spaces

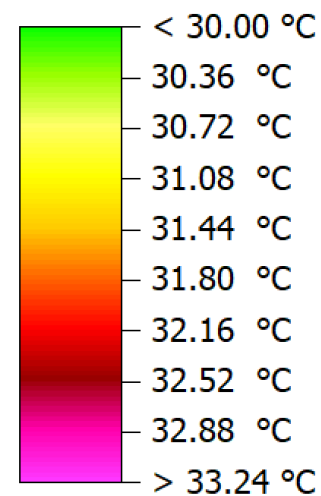








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Min: 30.00 °C
Max: 33.60 °C

Connecting micro-microclimates and energy performance

Victoria Patricia Lopez-Cabeza, PhD. *Universidad de Sevilla*



PRESENTATION



Dr. Victoria Patricia Lopez-Cabeza

PhD in Architecture. Universidad de Sevilla
MDes Energy and Environment. Harvard University
Architect. Universidad de Sevilla



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Eco efficient Design
of Courtyards in
Buildings through
Reduced Order
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ROAD / BETTER



ROM Optimization for
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BENCHMARKING Thermal
behavior in Transitional
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AURA STRATEGY



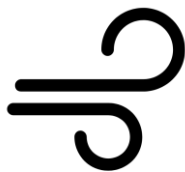
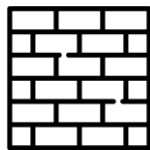
Direct applications of "Aura
Strategy" from Solar
Decathlon US Team on the
restoration of Andalusian
obsolete neighborhoods.

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INTRODUCTION

- Courtyards can be key elements in passive conditioning of buildings in hot climates.
- Monitoring results show a significant reduction of the outdoor temperature in courtyards.
- The effect of the microclimate of courtyards is not usually considered in building design.



Factors that impact the performance of the courtyard



COURTYARD PERFORMANCE

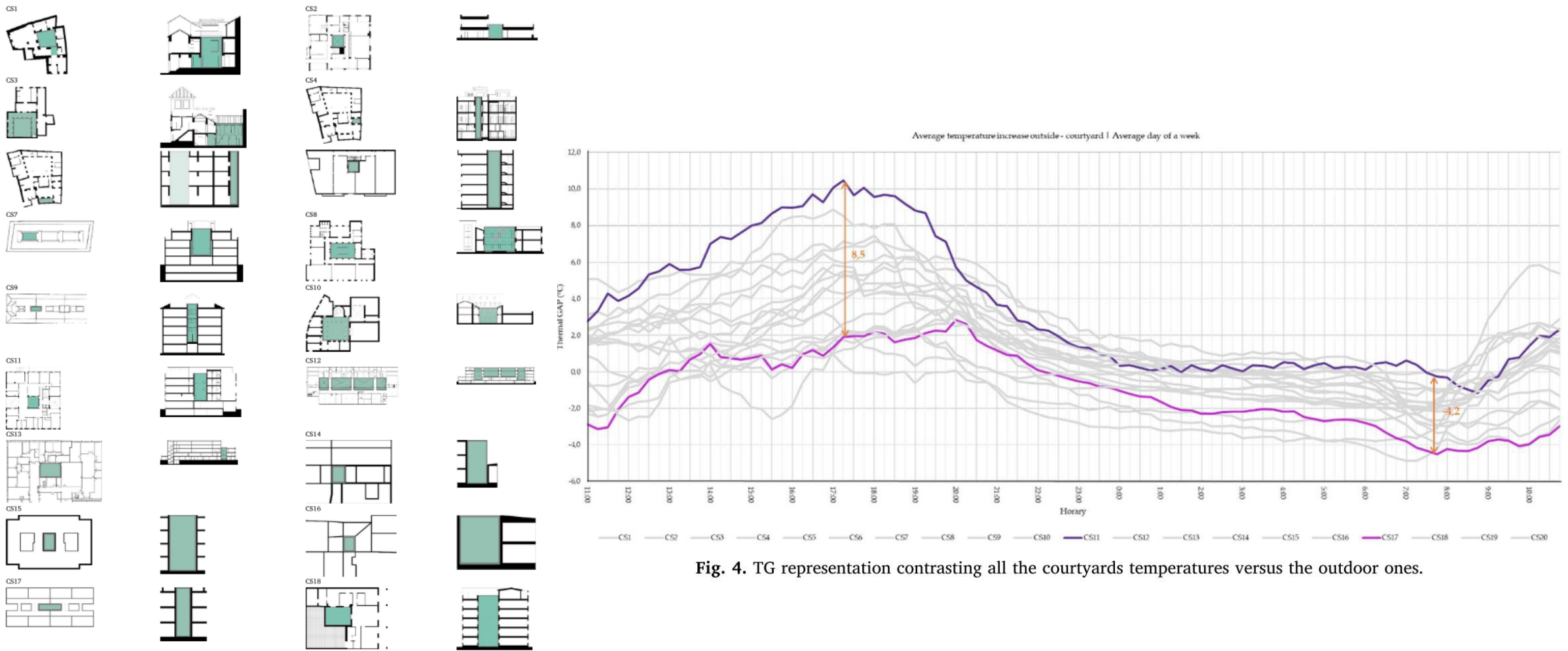


Fig. 4. TG representation contrasting all the courtyards temperatures versus the outdoor ones.

COURTYARD COMFORT

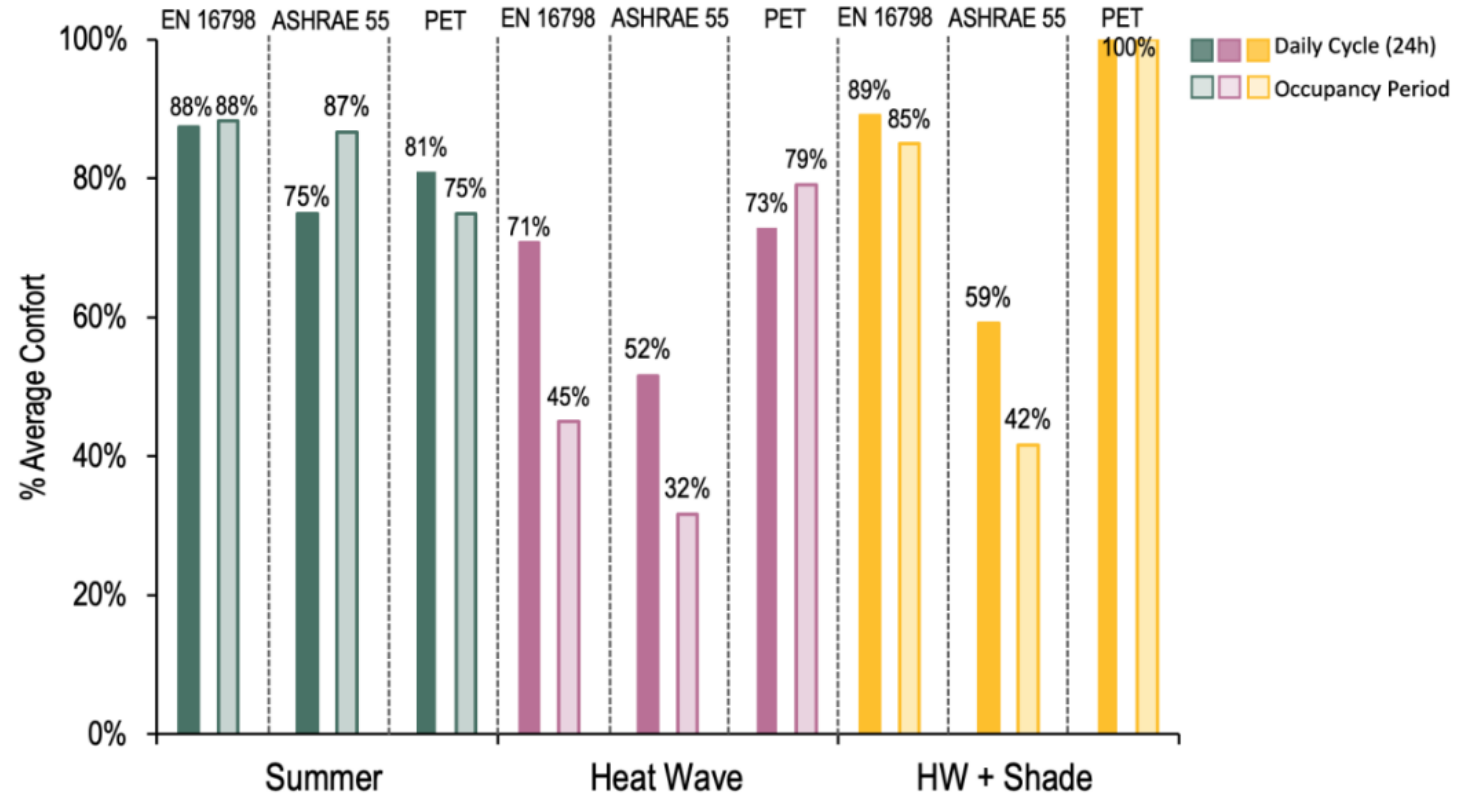
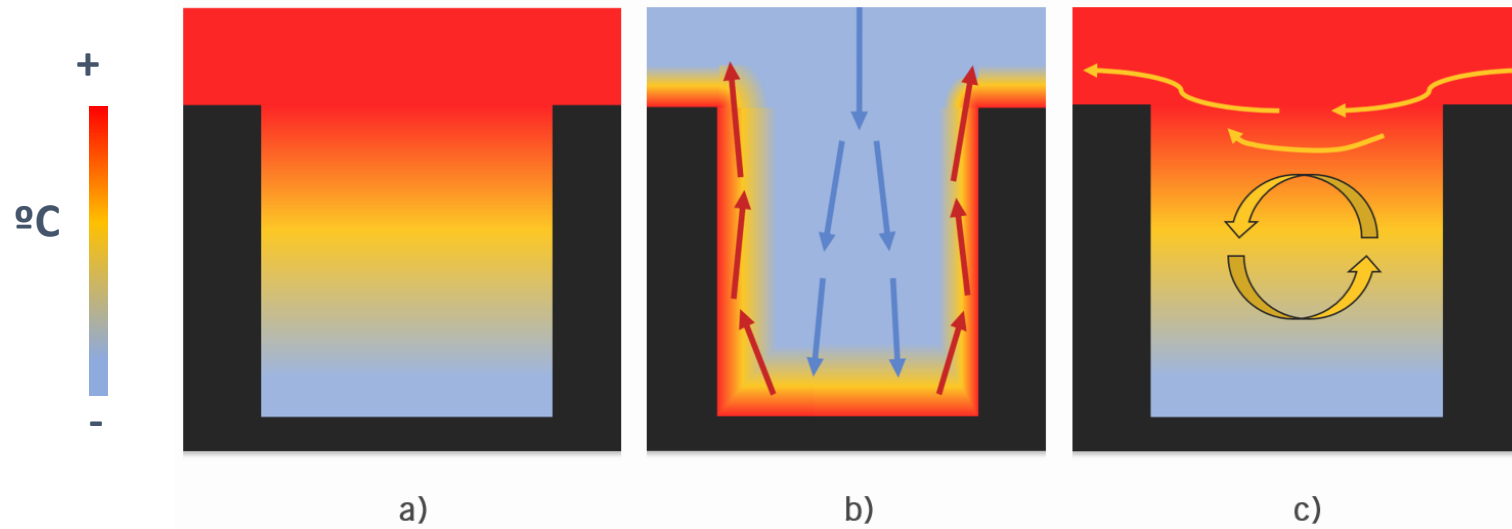


Figure 16. Percentage of comfort hours EN 16798 vs ASHRAE 55.

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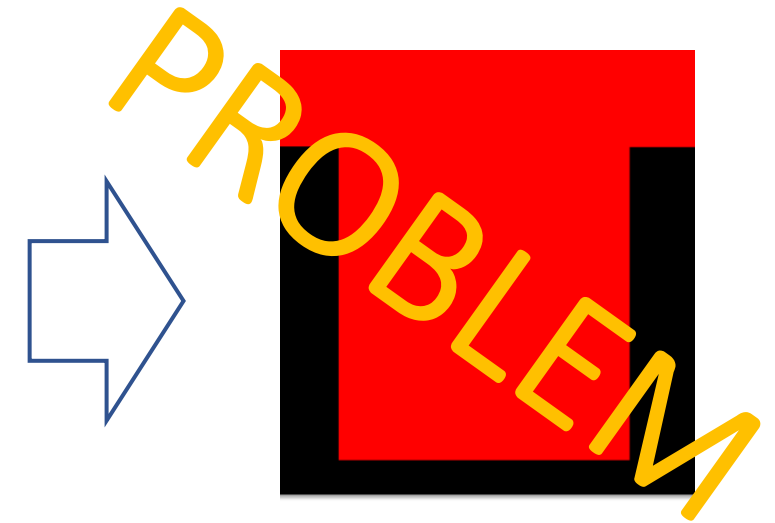
Thermal Delta (TD)

$$T_{\text{outdoor}} - T_{\text{courtyard}} = \text{TD } (^\circ\text{C})$$



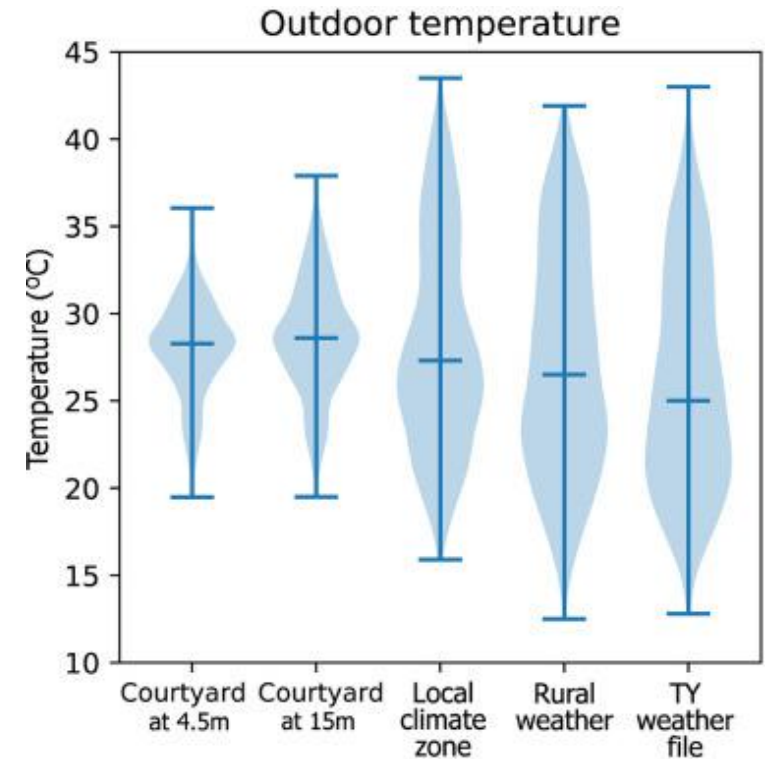
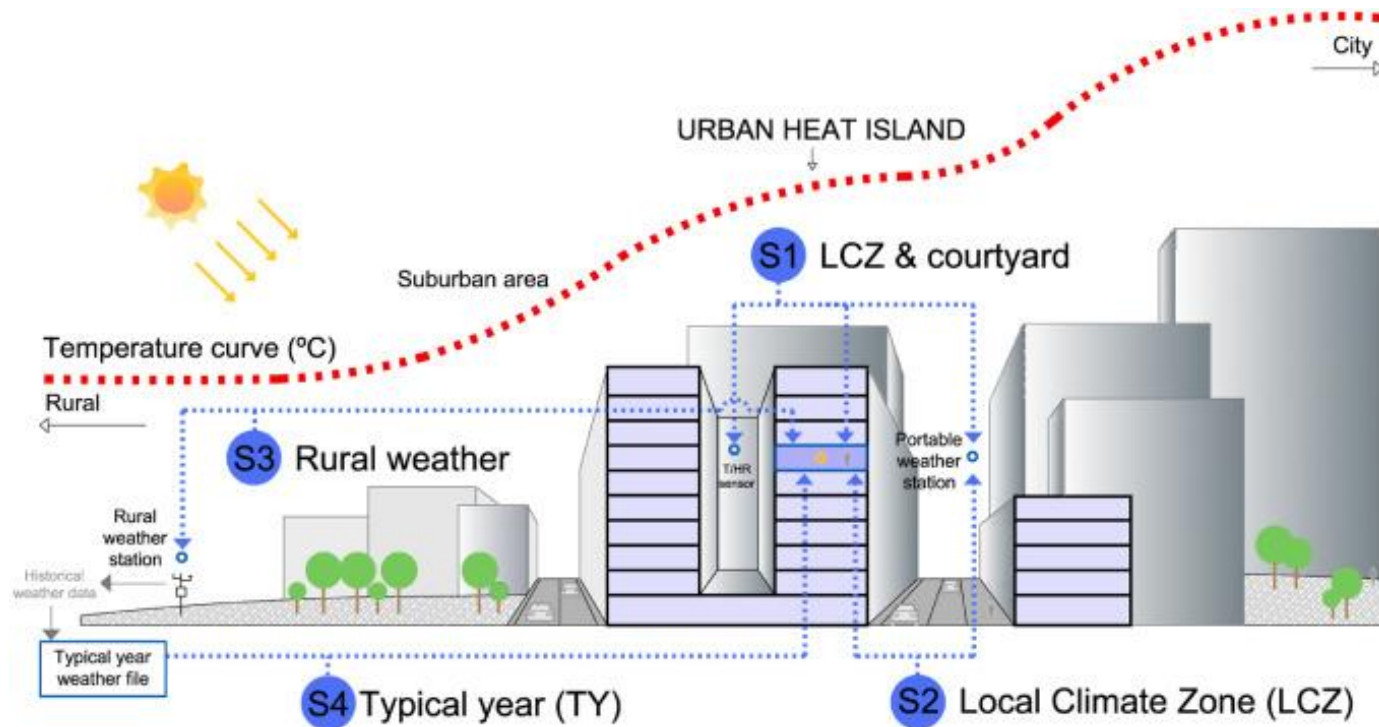
Thermodynamic effects in courtyards. CFD simulation. a) Stratification. b) Convection. c) Flow patterns from the effect of wind. Adapted from *Rojas, Galán-Marín and Fernández-Nieto, 2012*.

ENERGY SIMULATION TOOLS:
NO THERMAL DELTA



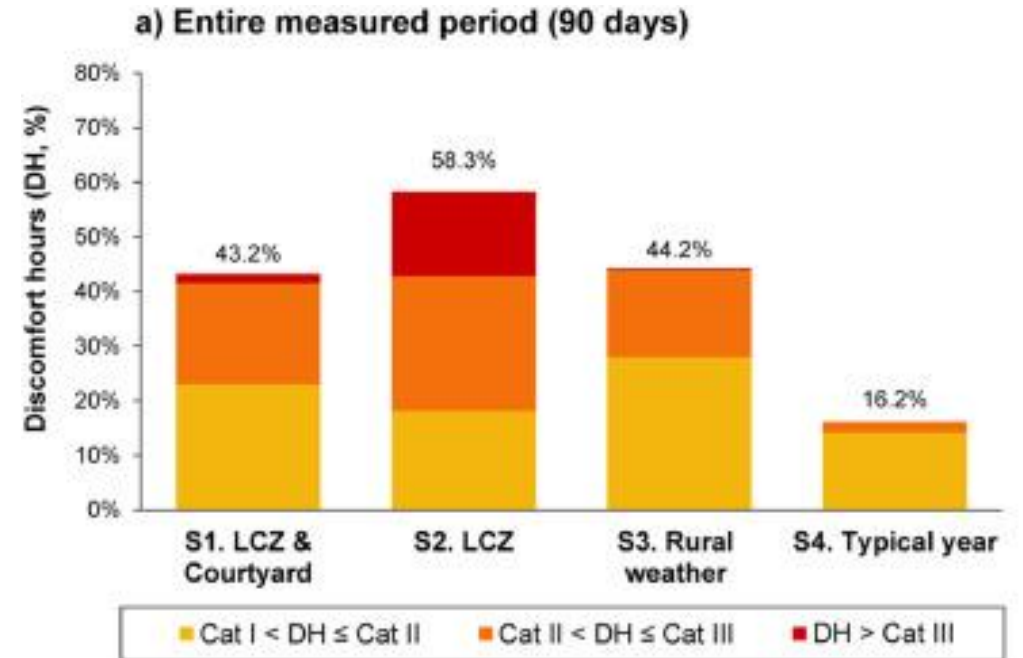
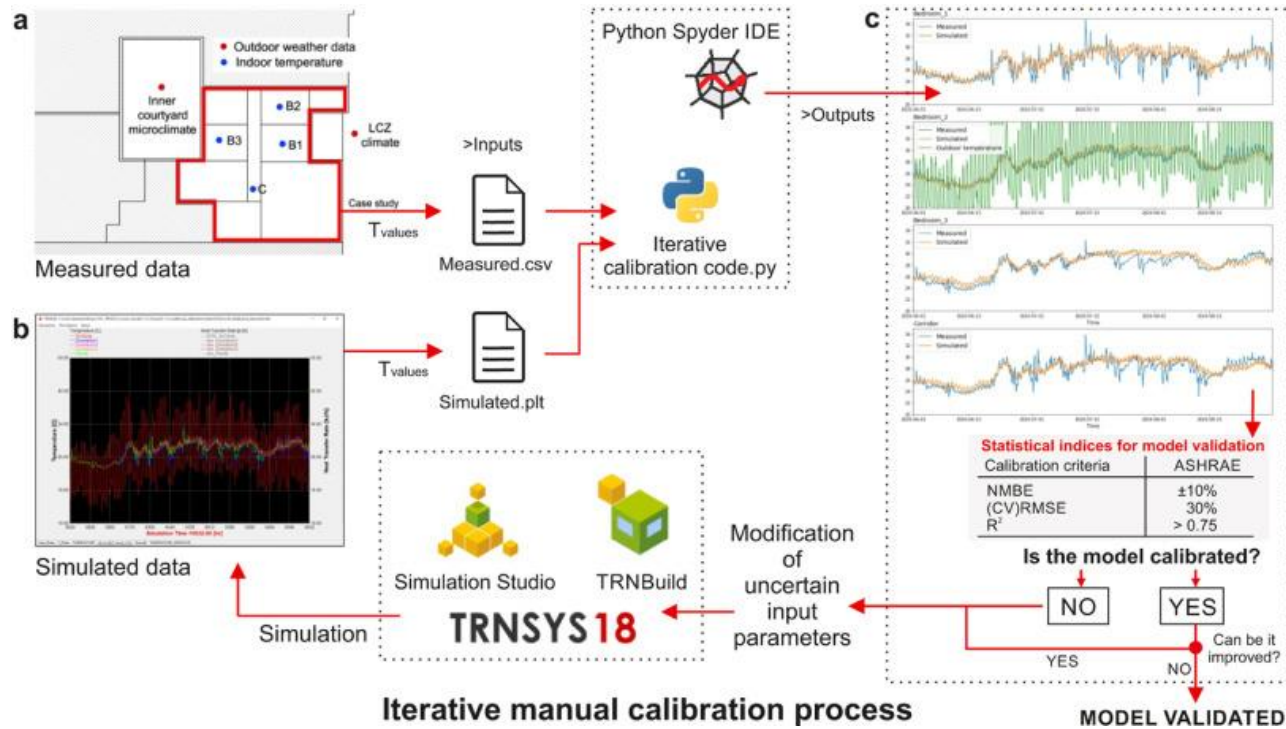
What is considered by most energy simulation tools.

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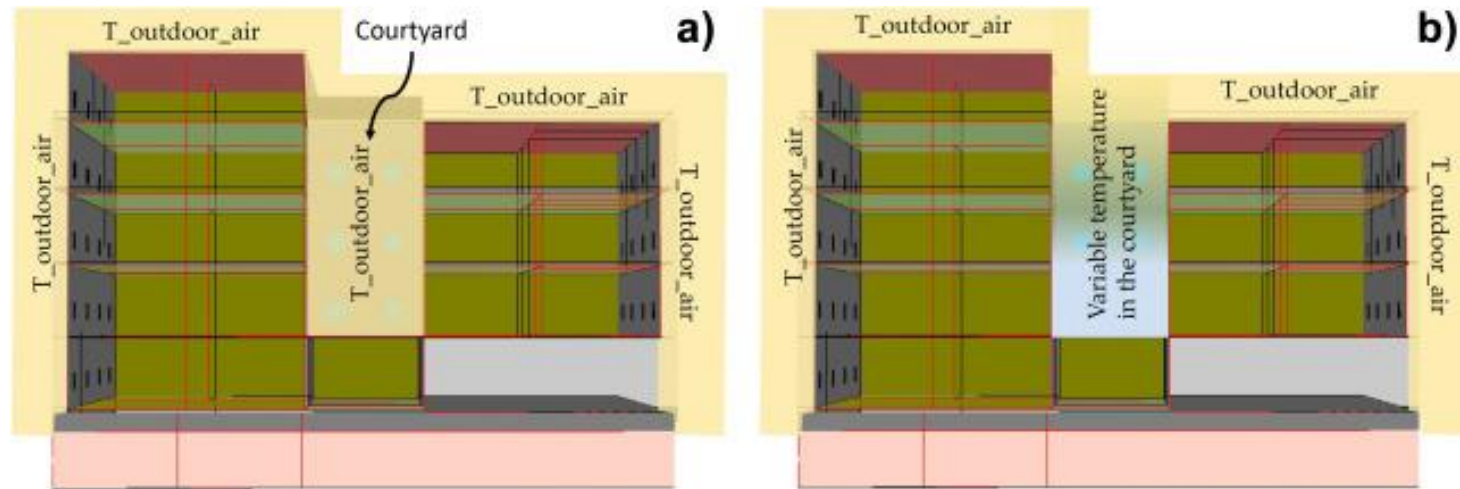
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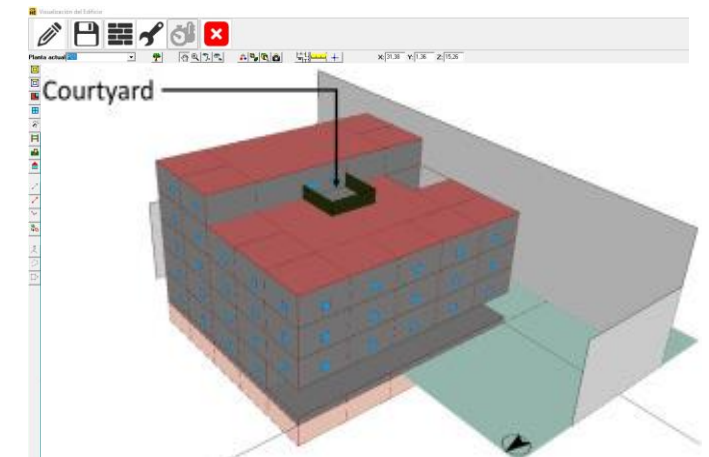


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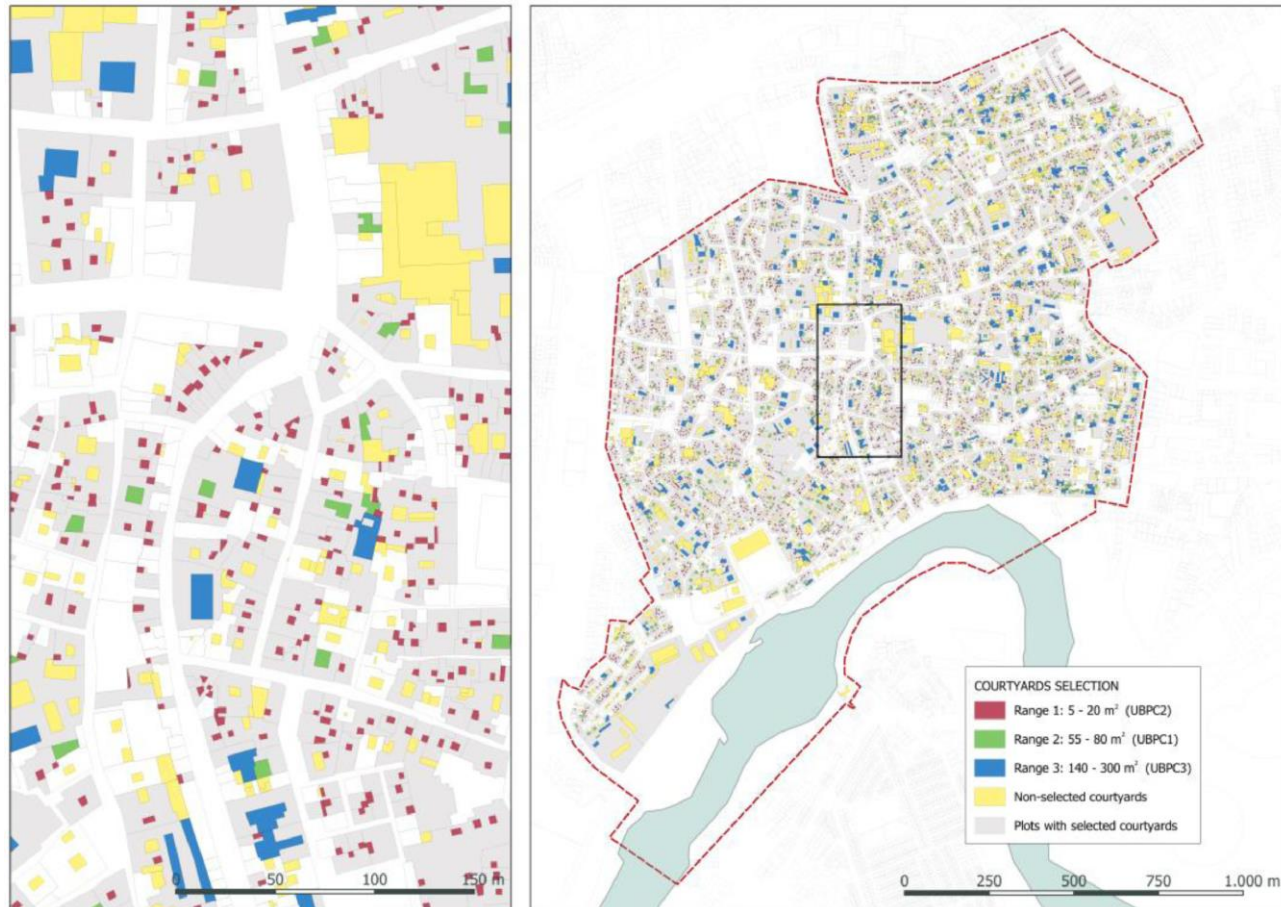
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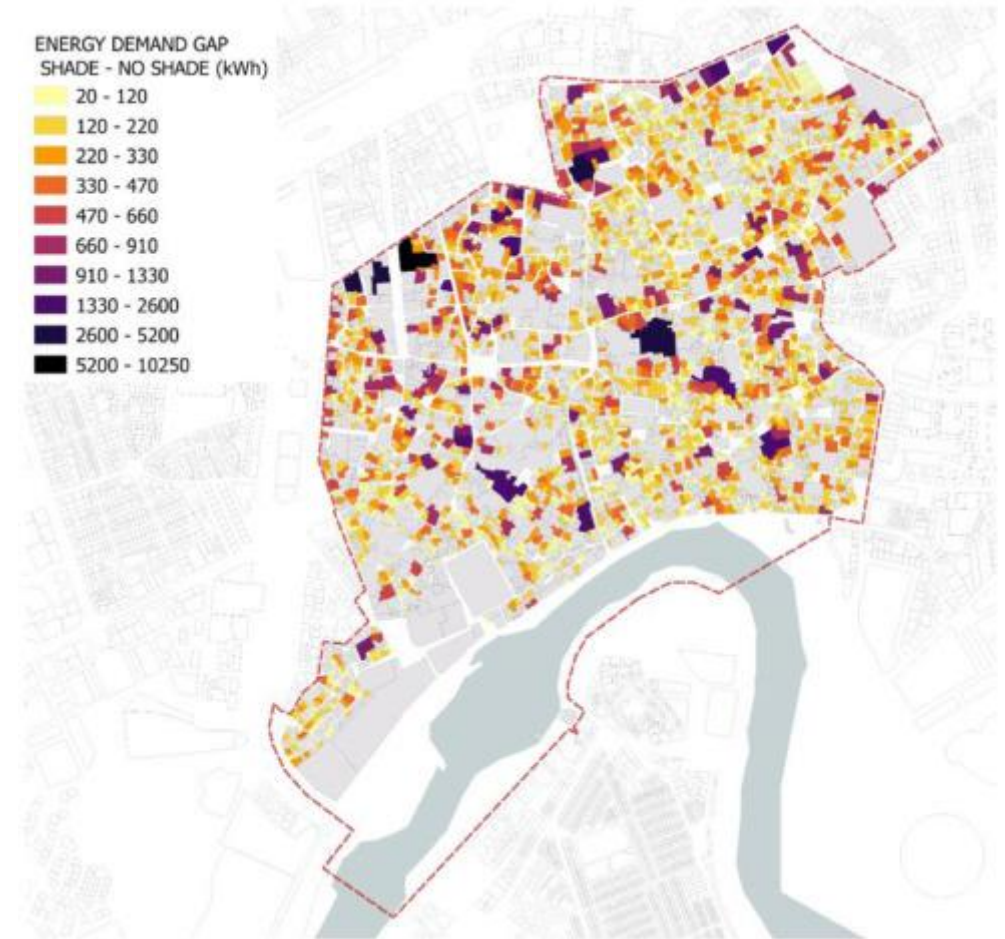
Space	Case study (kWh/m ²)	Reference case (kWh/m ²)	Absolute difference (kWh/m ²)	Percentage difference
Third floor 1	23.67	25.74	2.07	9%
Fourth floor 1	18.38	20.17	1.79	10%
Fifth floor 1	27.62	29.27	1.65	6%
Third floor 2	15.47	15.96	0.49	3%
Fourth floor 2	16.09	16.65	0.56	4%
Fifth floor 2	17.20	17.75	0.55	3%



ENERGY-SAVINGS POTENTIAL OF COURTYARDS

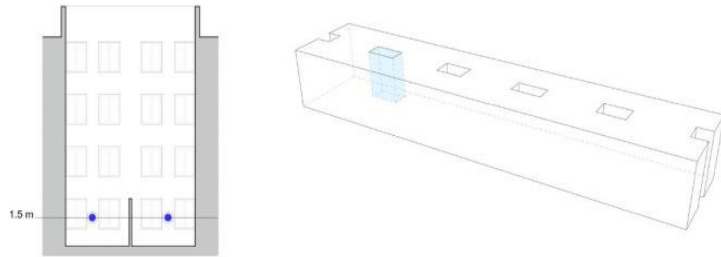


GIS model of courtyard dimensions in the city center of Cordoba.

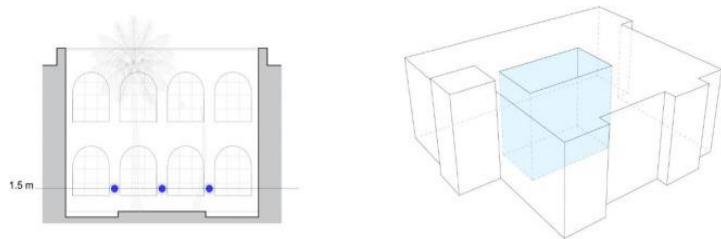


GIS model of energy demand difference between courtyards with shade and unshaded.

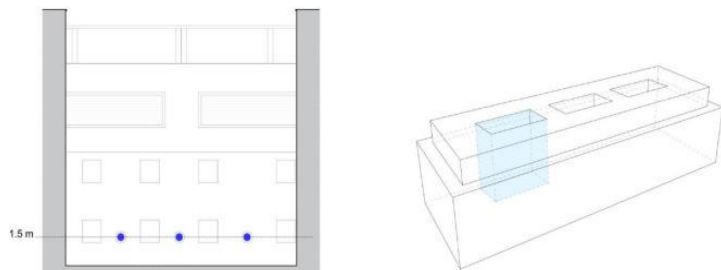
CFD STUDIES



a) Case 1. Residential. South-west façade and perspective.



b) Case 2. School. South-east façade and perspective.



c) Case 3. Residential. South façade and perspective.

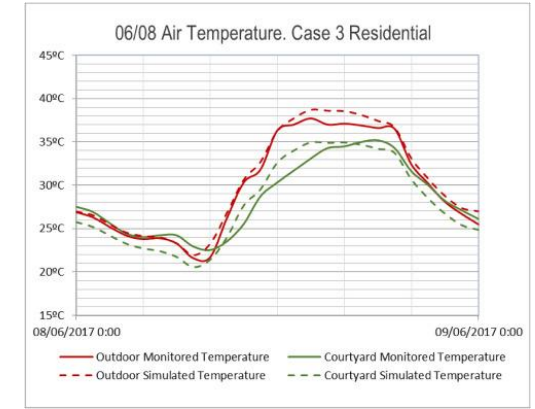
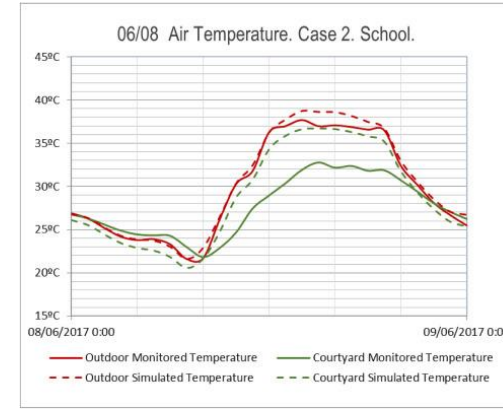
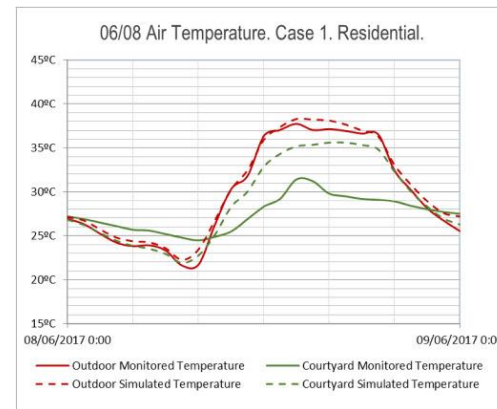
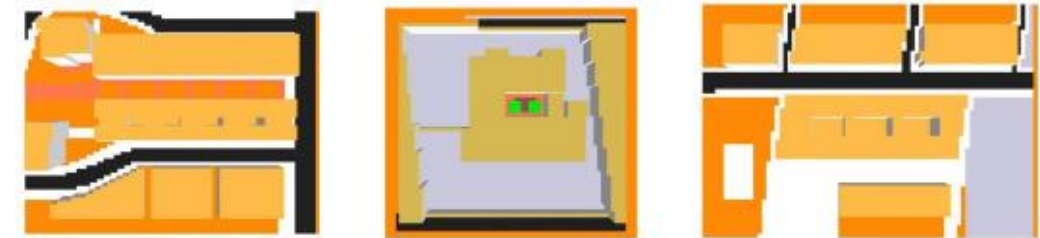
• Sensor position

		R ²	RMSE (°C)
Case 1	Outdoor	0.99	0.77
	Courtyard	0.84	3.35
Case 2	Outdoor	0.99	0.73
	Courtyard	0.88	2.92
Case 3	Outdoor	0.99	0.82
	Courtyard	0.93	1.52

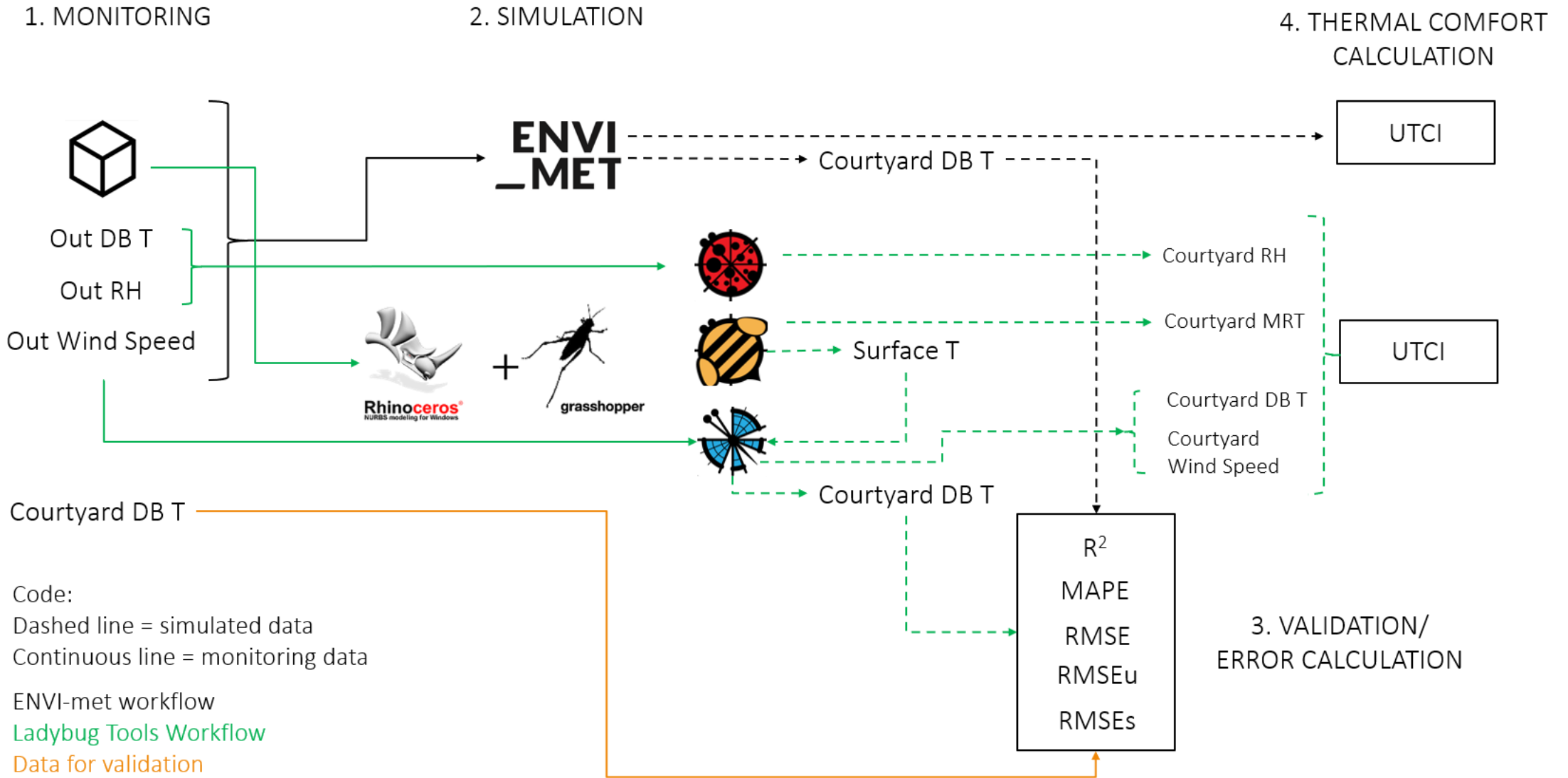
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HYBRID WORKFLOWS



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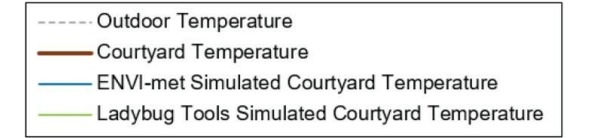
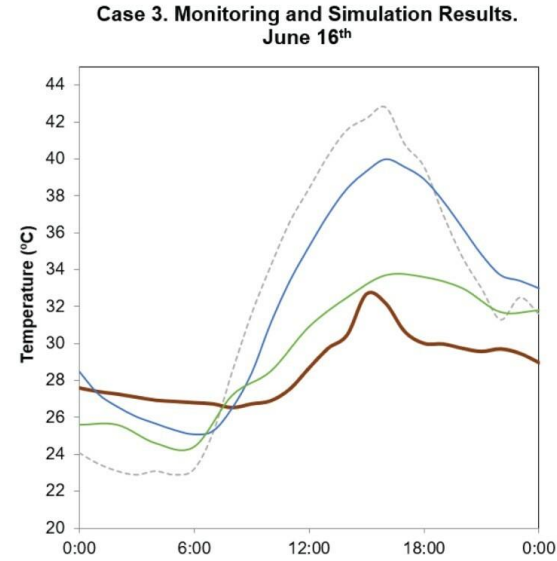
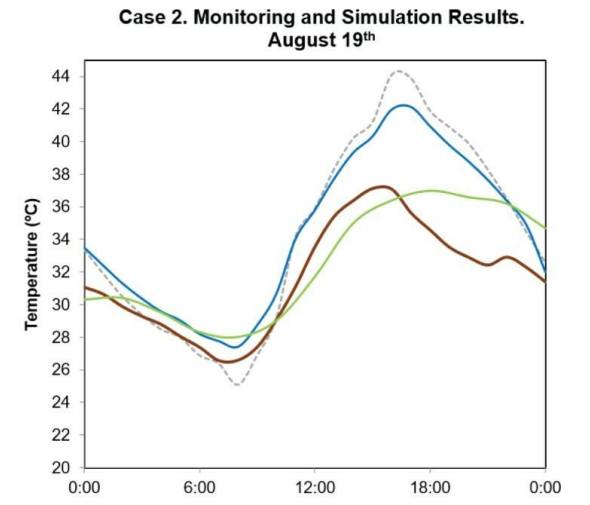
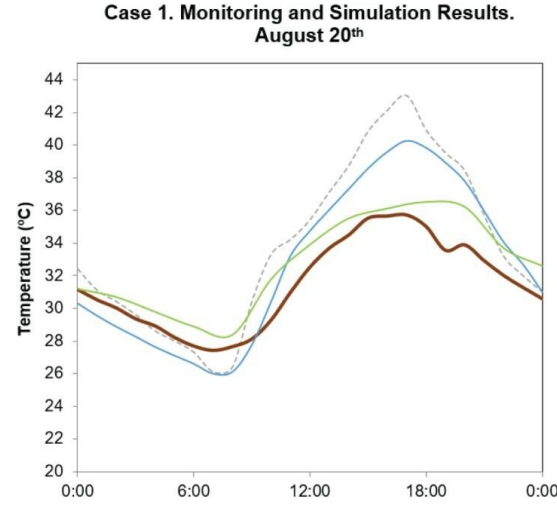
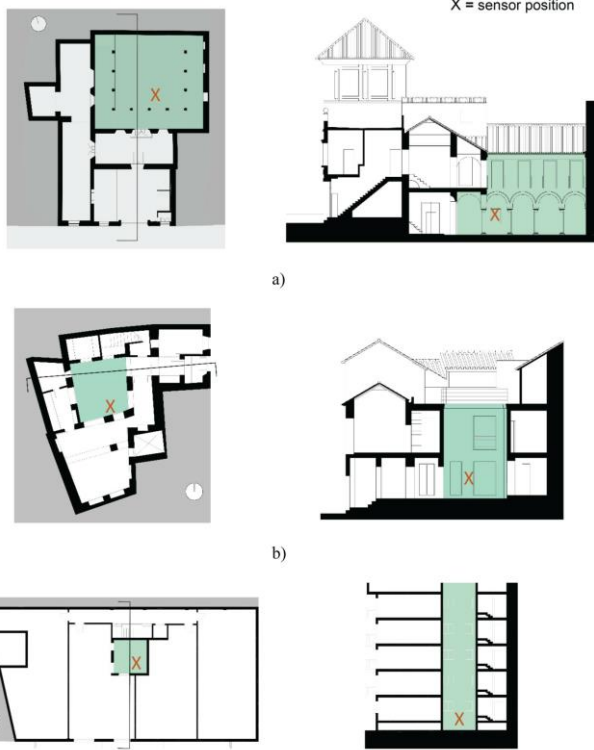
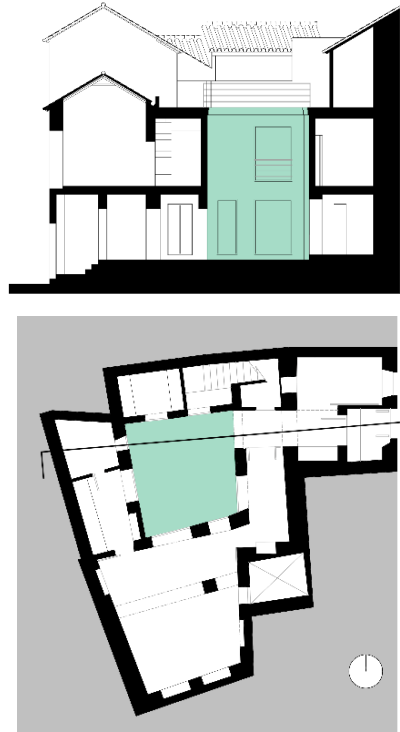
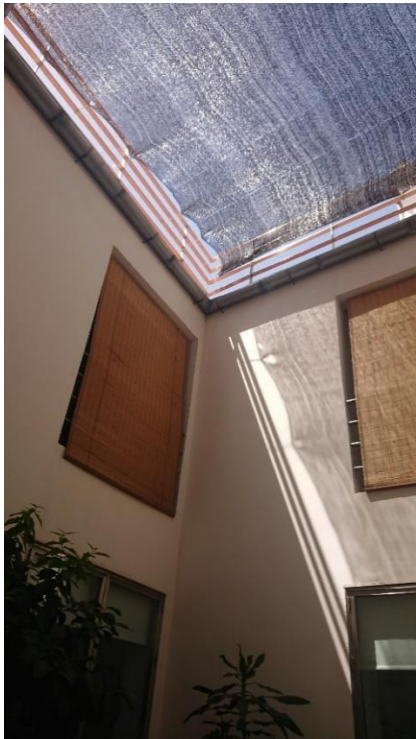


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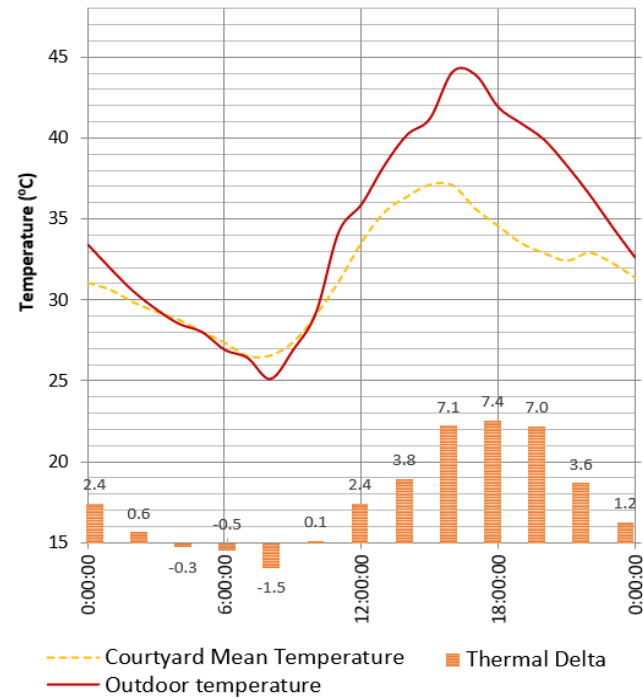
		AR	R^2	MAPE (%)	RMSE (°C)	RMSEu (°C)	RMSEs (°C)
ENVI-met simulation	Case 1	0.9	0.96	6.85	2.61	3.96	1.42
	Case 2	1.5	0.92	8.74	3.46	5.54	2.20
	Case 3	4.6	0.84	14.38	5.22	6.76	1.66
Ladybug Tools simulation	Case 1	0.9	0.94	3.81	1.37	2.41	1.12
	Case 2	1.5	0.73	5.07	2.00	2.41	0.96
	Case 3	4.6	0.78	7.55	2.29	3.09	1.03

Legend: Best result of each parameter between the two simulations
 Worst result of each parameter between the two simulations

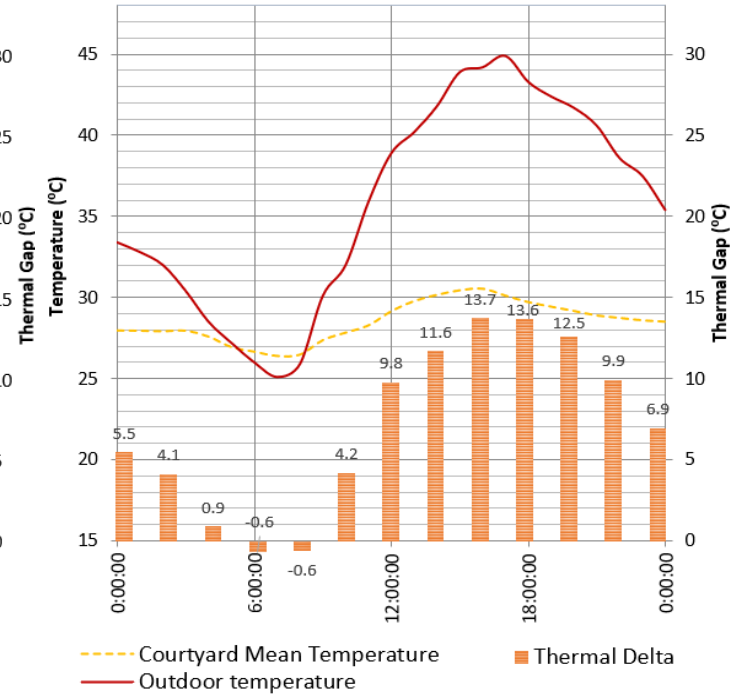
SHADING DEVICE



**Monitored Temperature. No shaded
August 19th**

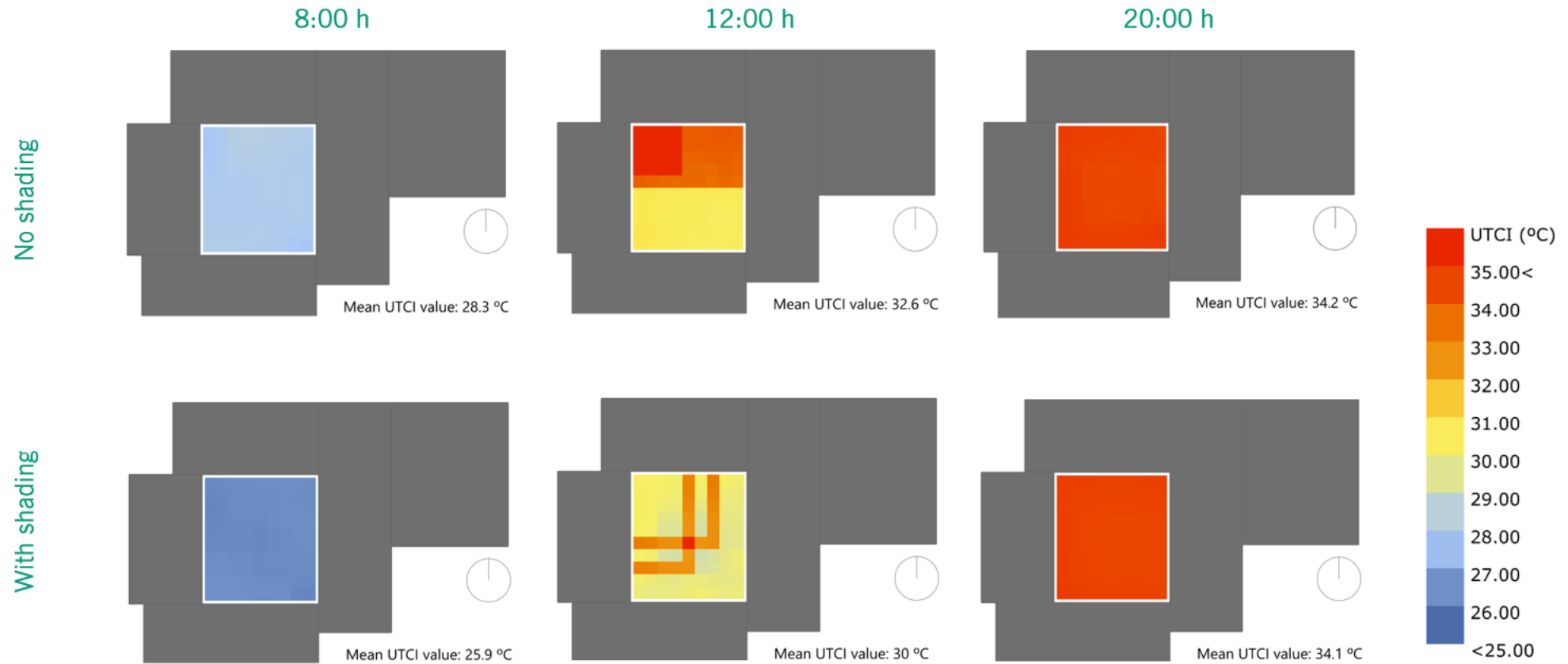


**Monitored Temperature. Shaded
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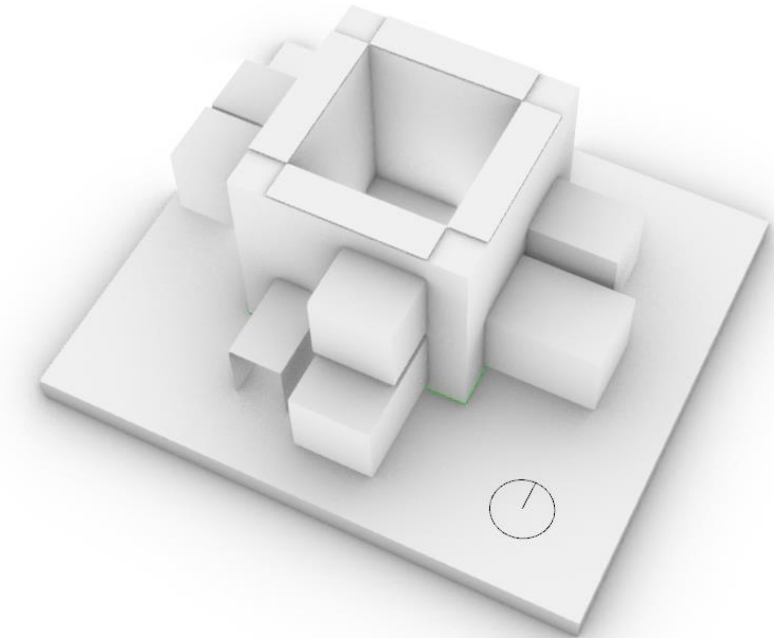
Monitored Outdoor and Courtyard Dry Bulb Temperature on the selected days.

SHADING DEVICE



UTCI values at 1.5 m height in the courtyard at different hours from the Ladybug Simulation Workflow.

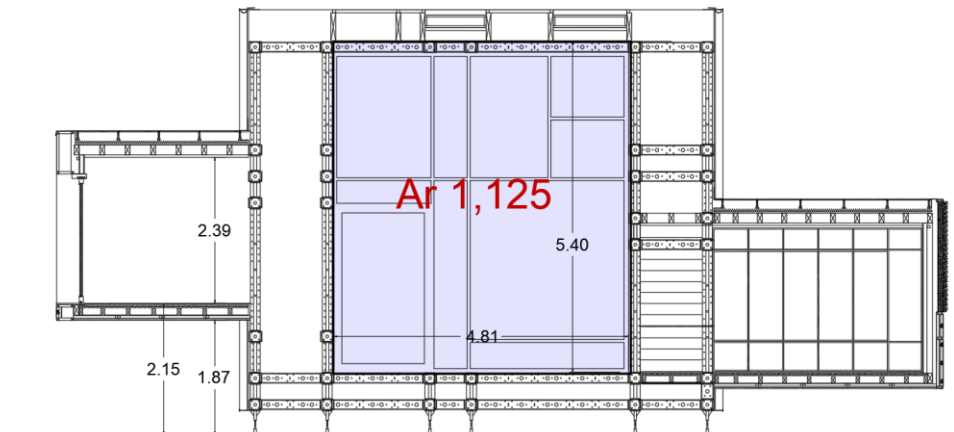
THERMAL INERTIA AND VENTILATION



Simulation model in Rhinoceros for the Case Study.



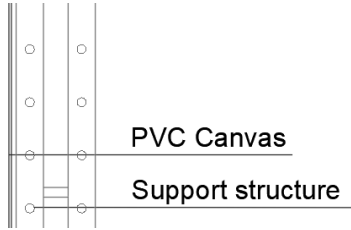
On site view of the Case Study.



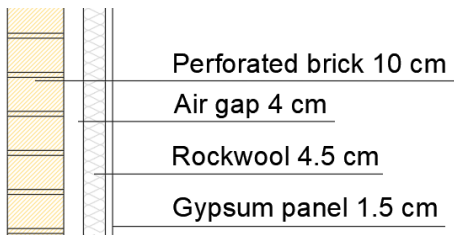
Cross section through the courtyard.

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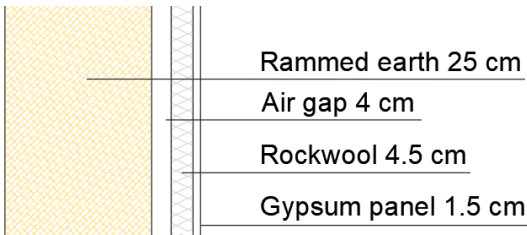
CS9-BC



CS9-1

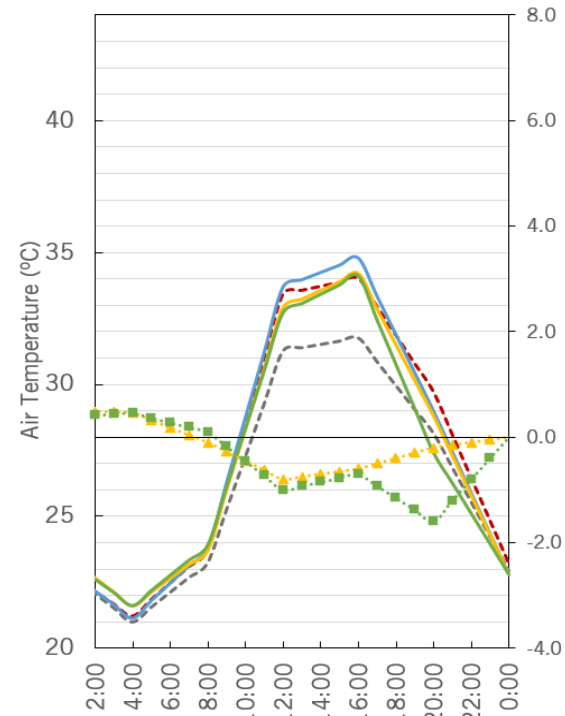


CS9-2

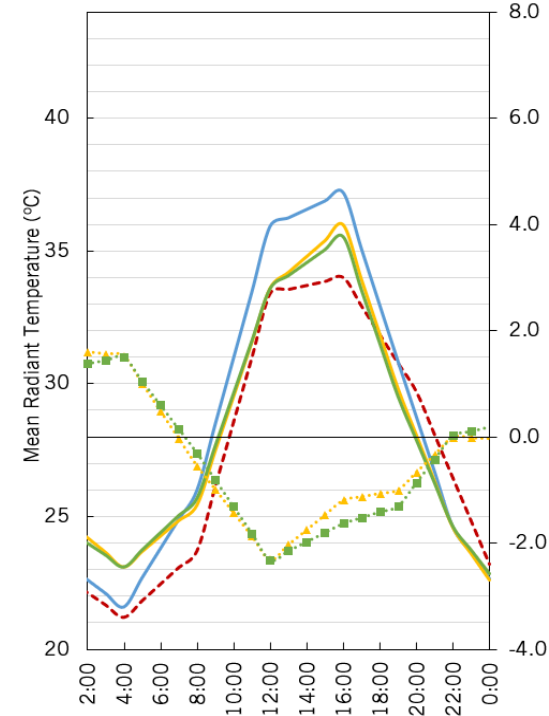


Detail sections of the three types of courtyard wall analyzed.

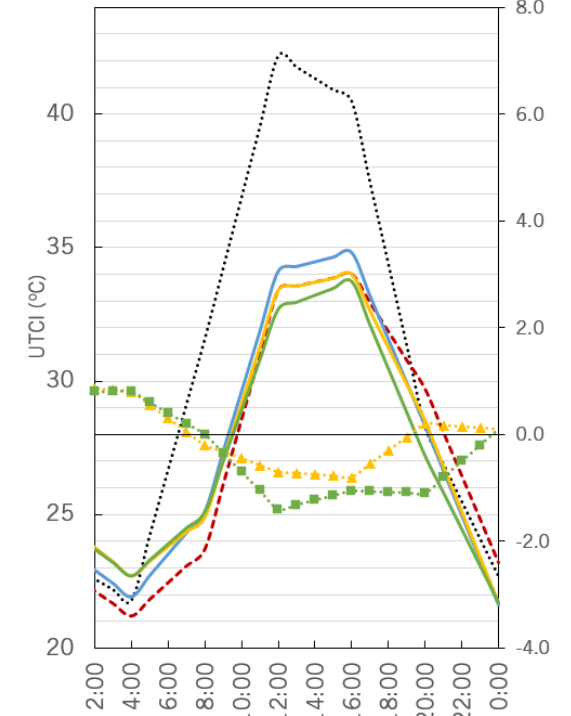
a) Air temperature



b) Mean Radiant Temperature



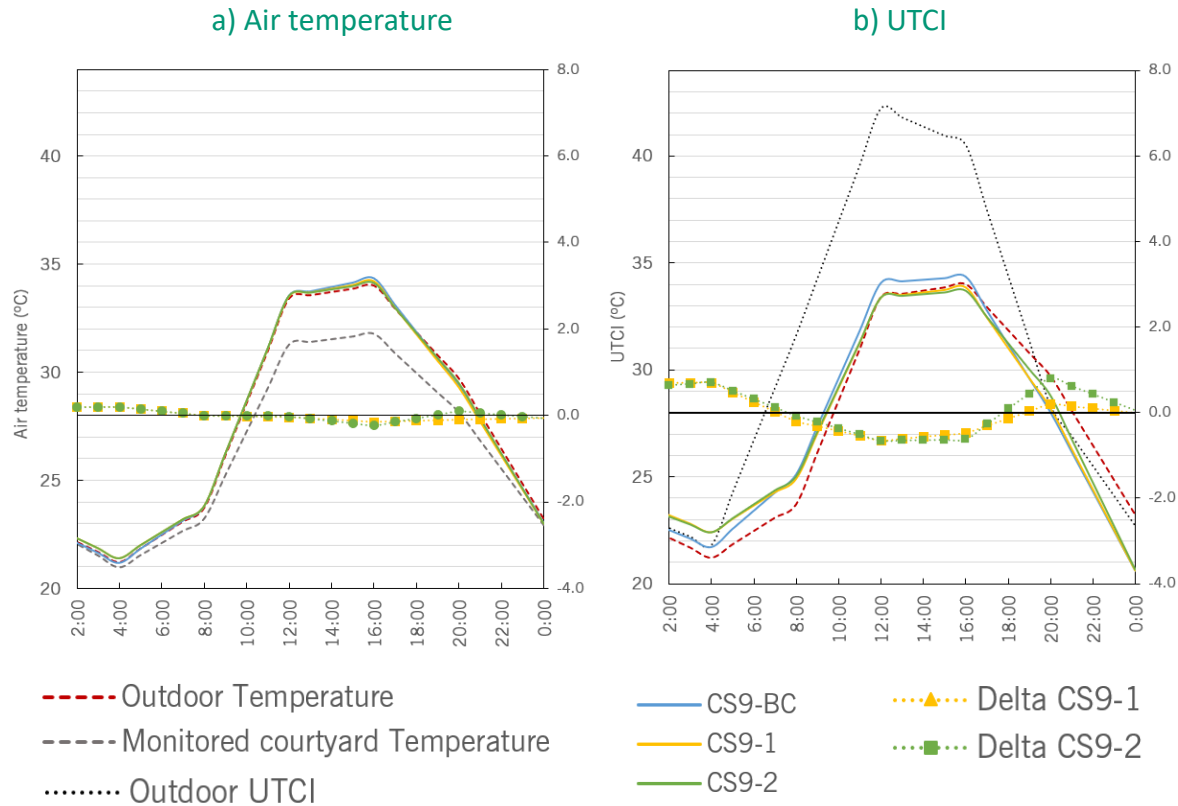
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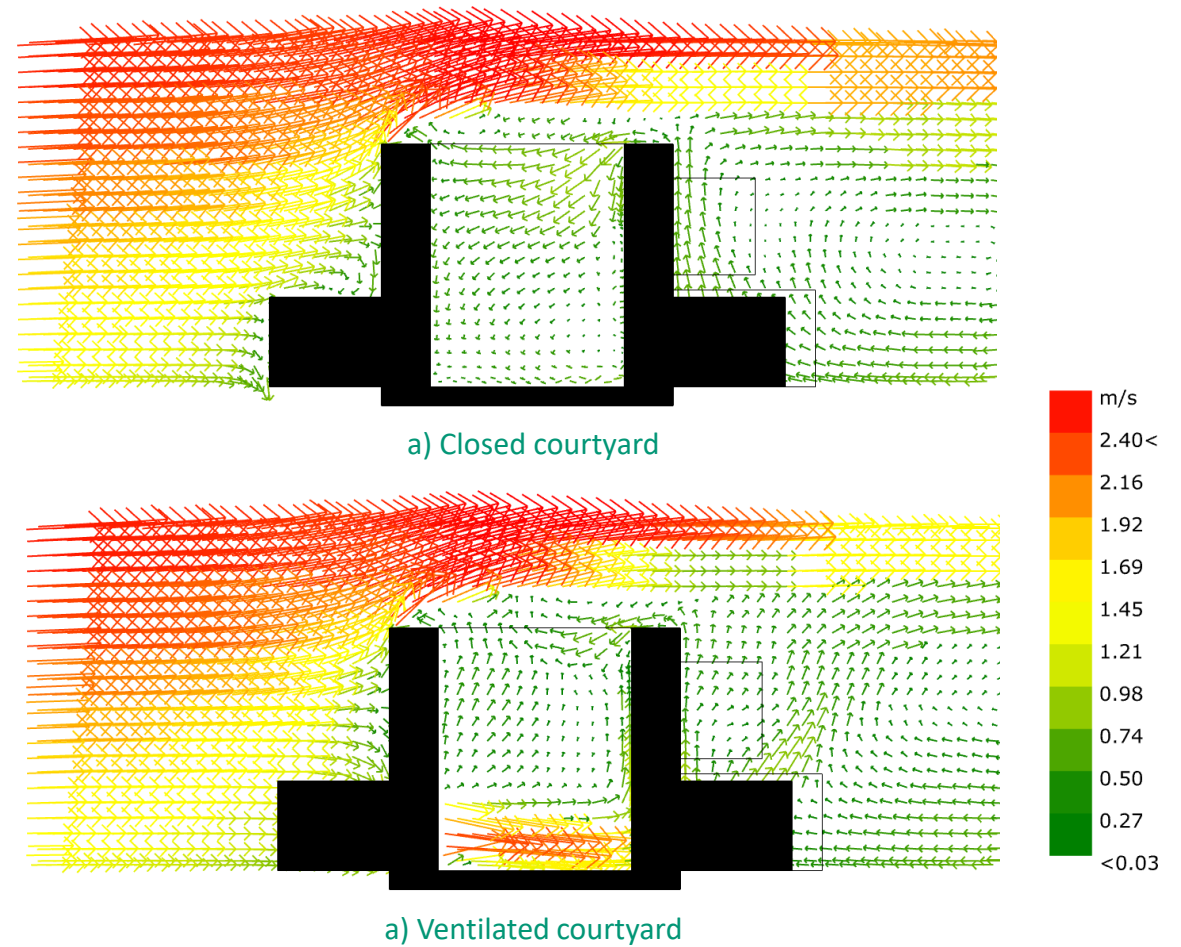
- - - Outdoor Temperature — CS9-BC -▲- Delta CS9-1 - - - - Outdoor UTCI
- - - - Monitored courtyard Temperature — CS9-1 -■- Delta CS9-2
— CS9-2

Closed courtyard simulation results at 1.5 m above the ground.

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Open courtyard simulation results at 1.5 m above the ground.



Wind flow pattern in a cross-section of the courtyard in the wind direction at 16.00 hours.

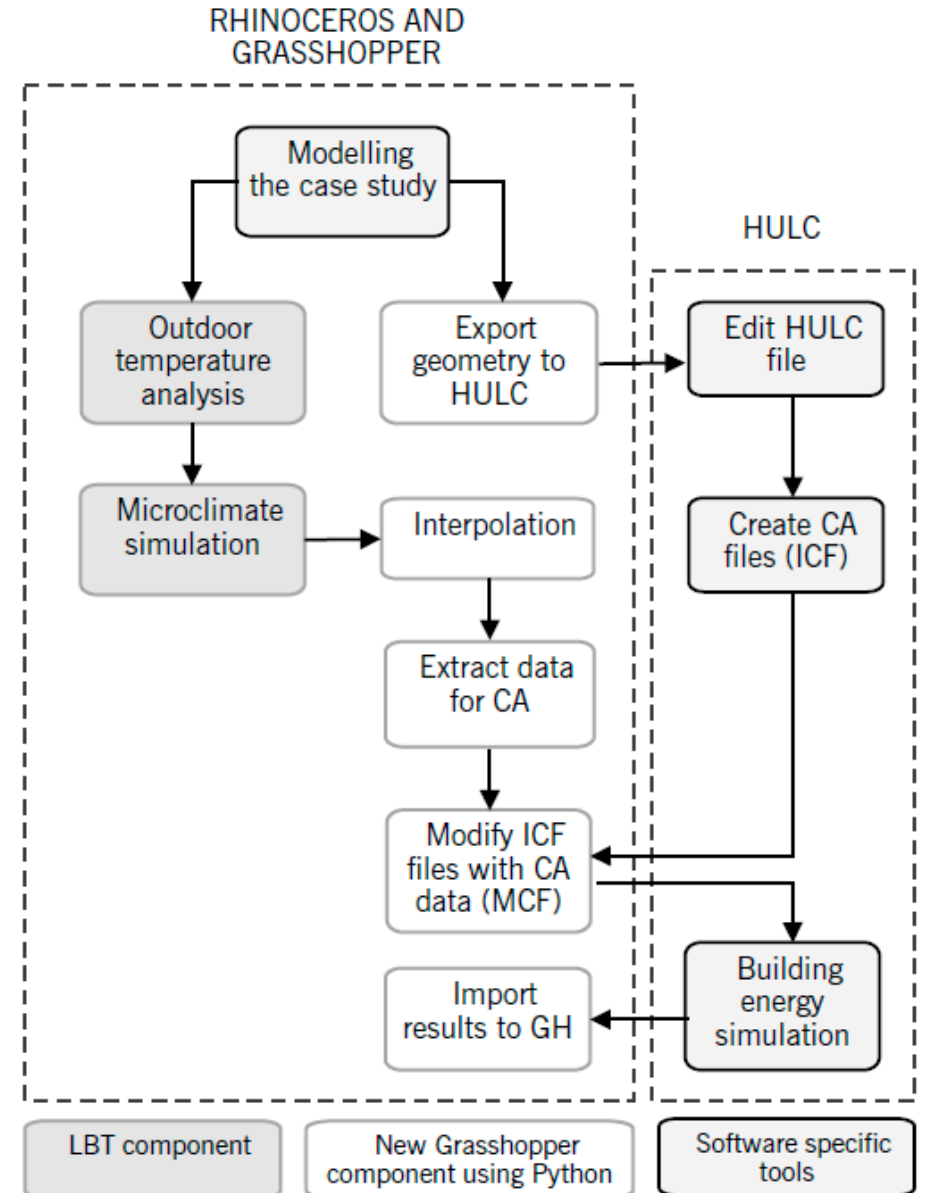
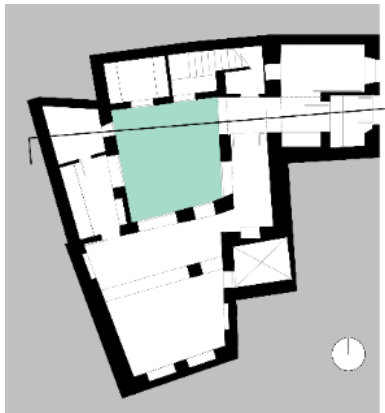
COUPLING COURTYARD SIMULATION WORKFLOW WITH ENERGY CERTIFICATION TOOL

HULC: Spanish energy certification tool provided by government

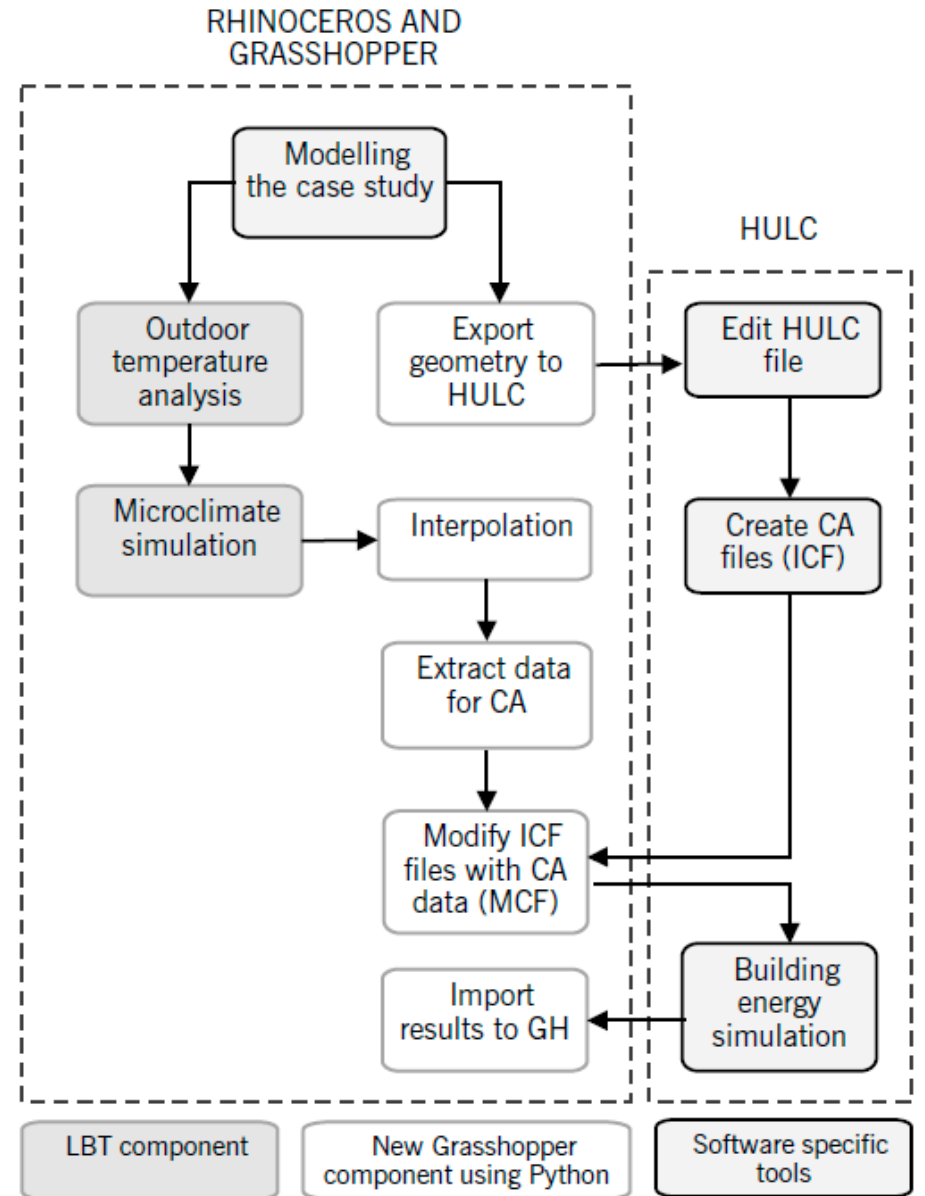
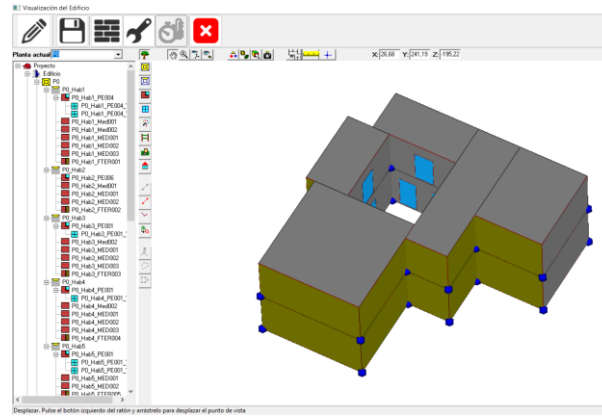
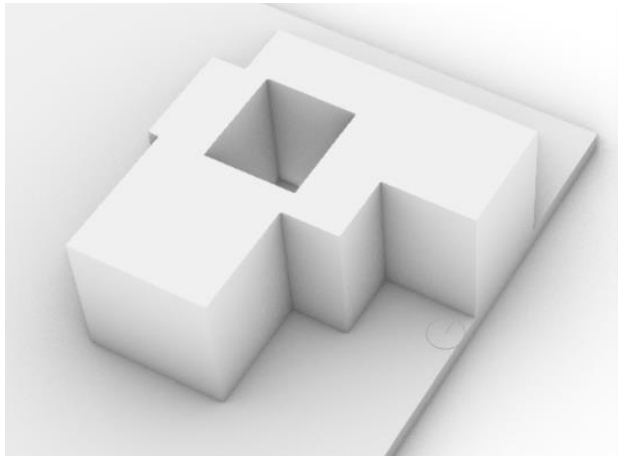
- BES → Based on DOE2
- Additional Capacities (CA)



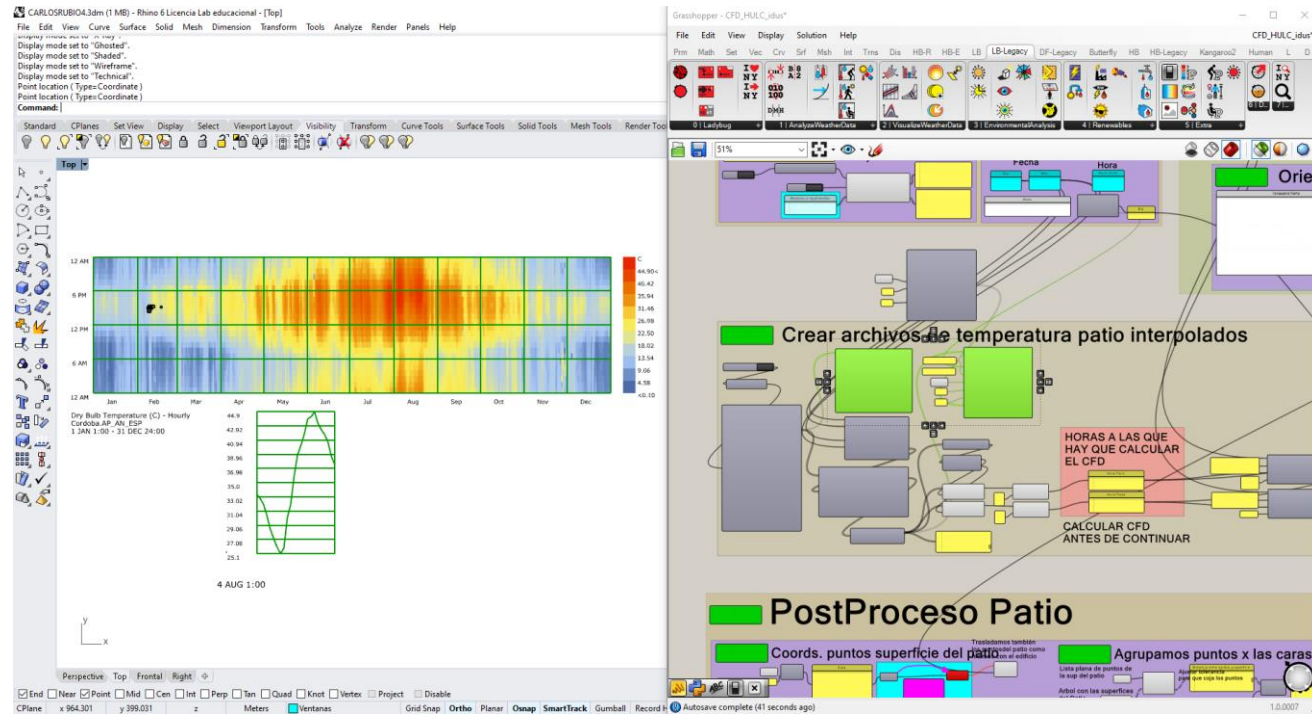
Objective: Link HULC with courtyard simulation workflow



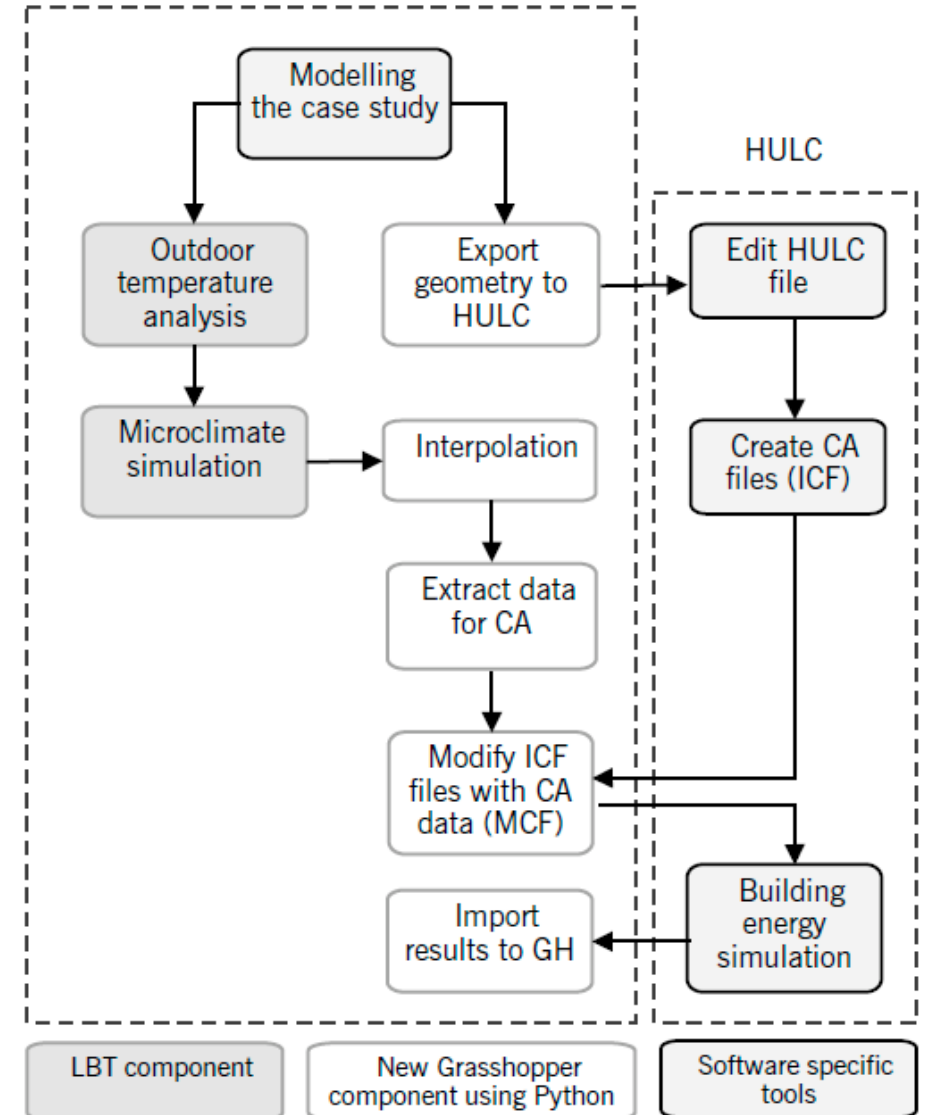
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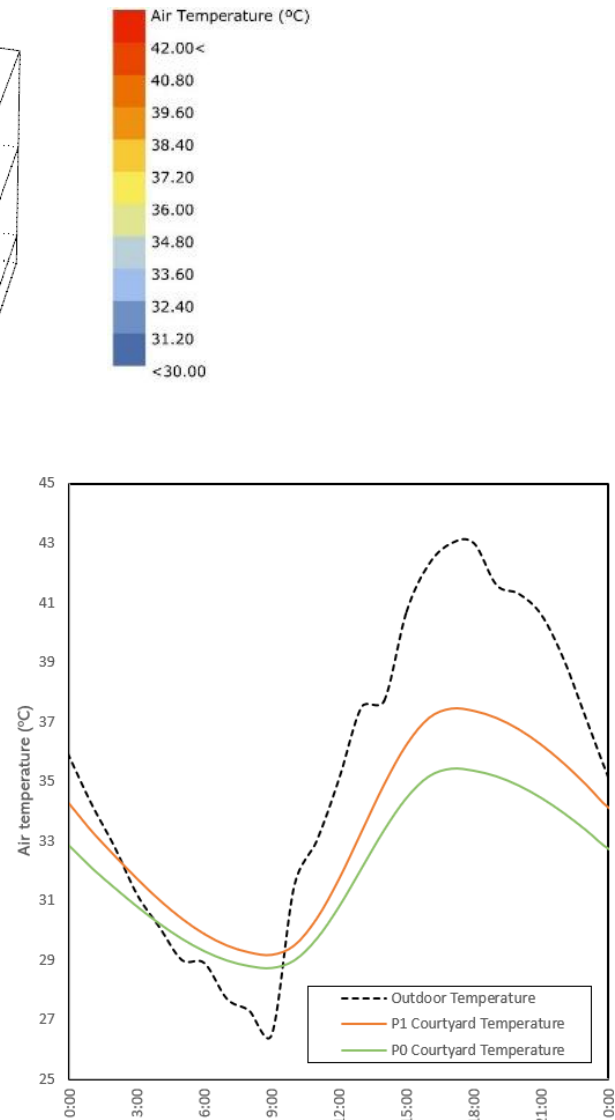
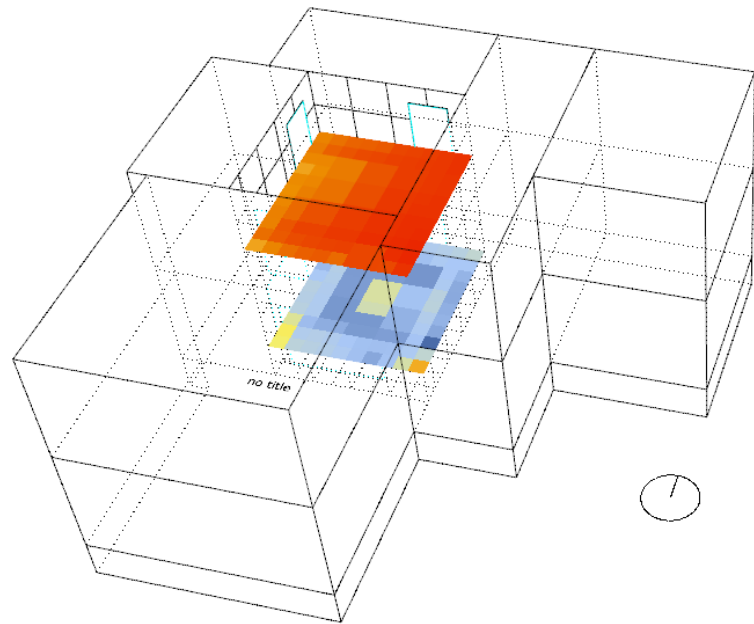
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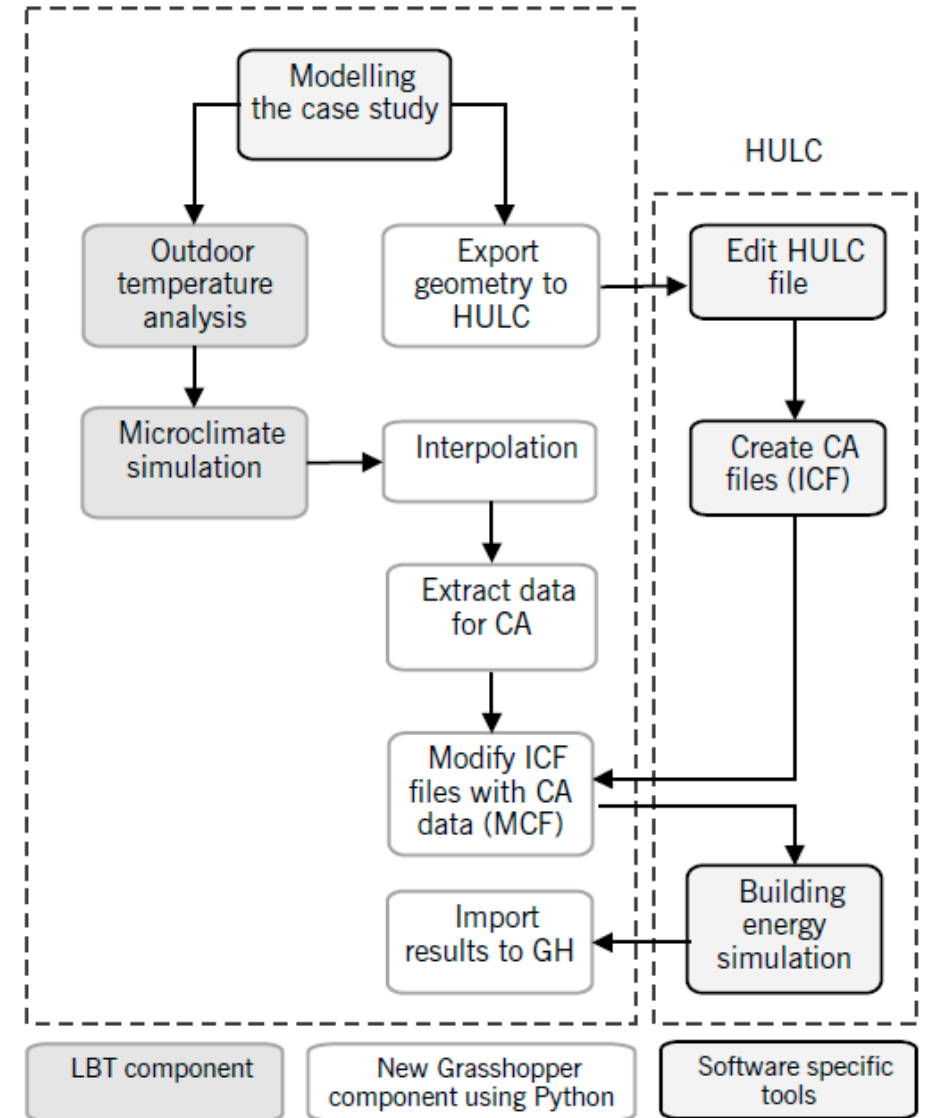
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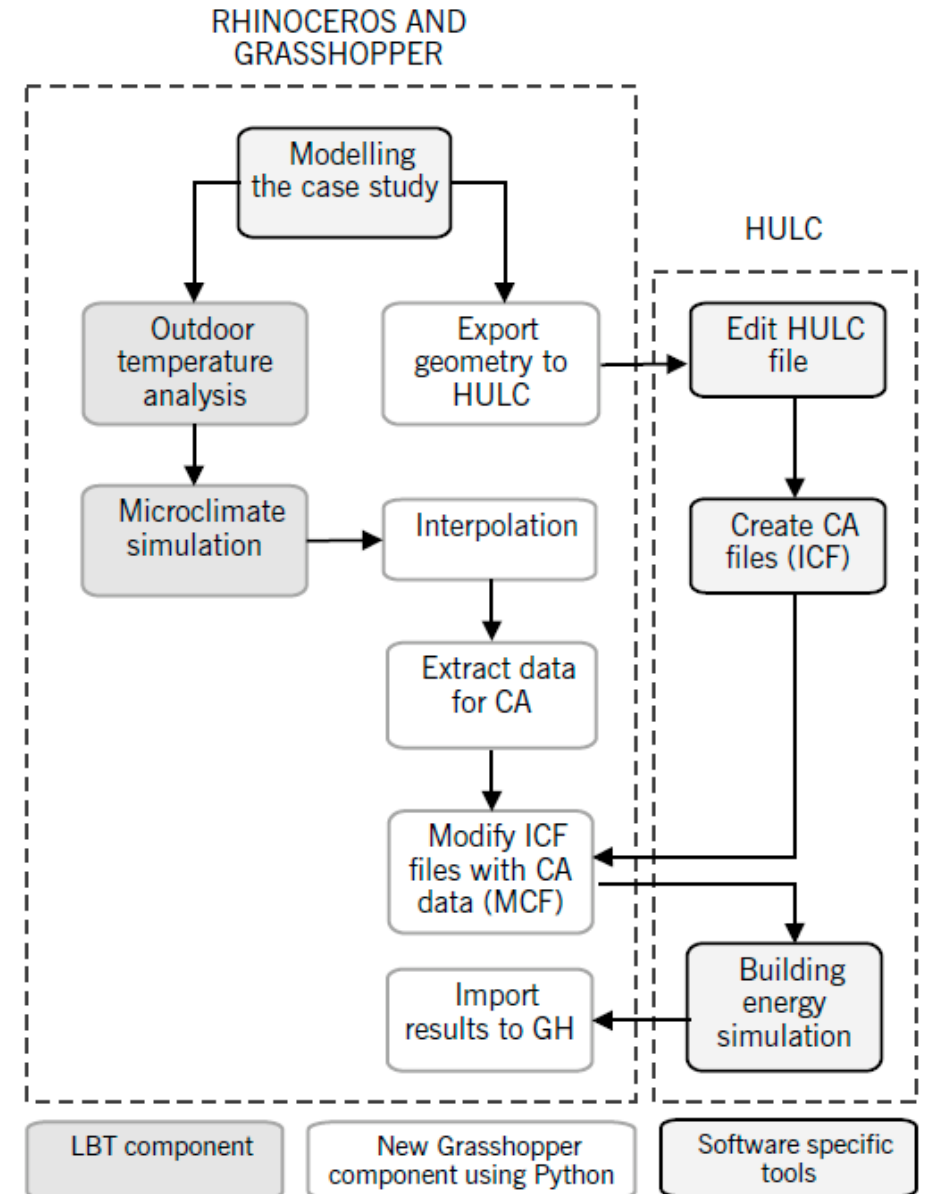
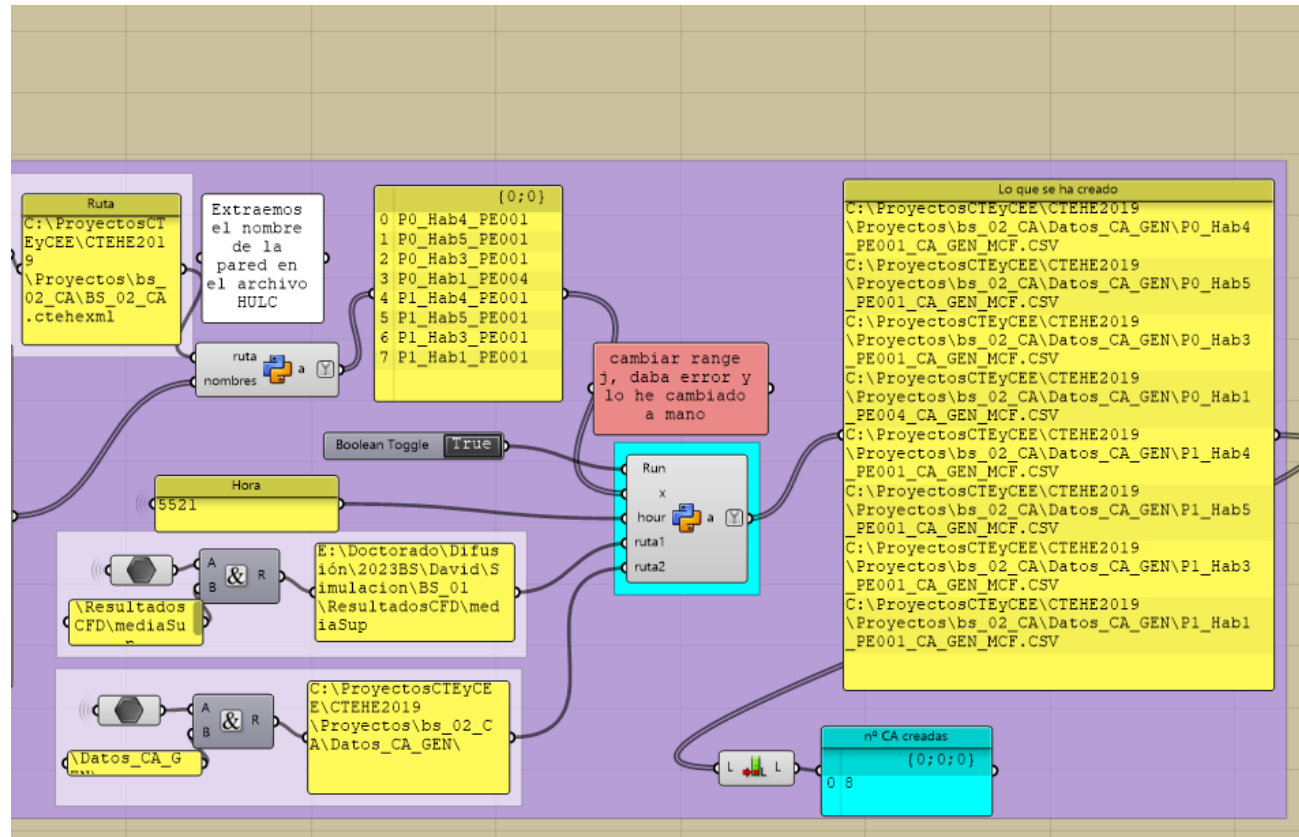
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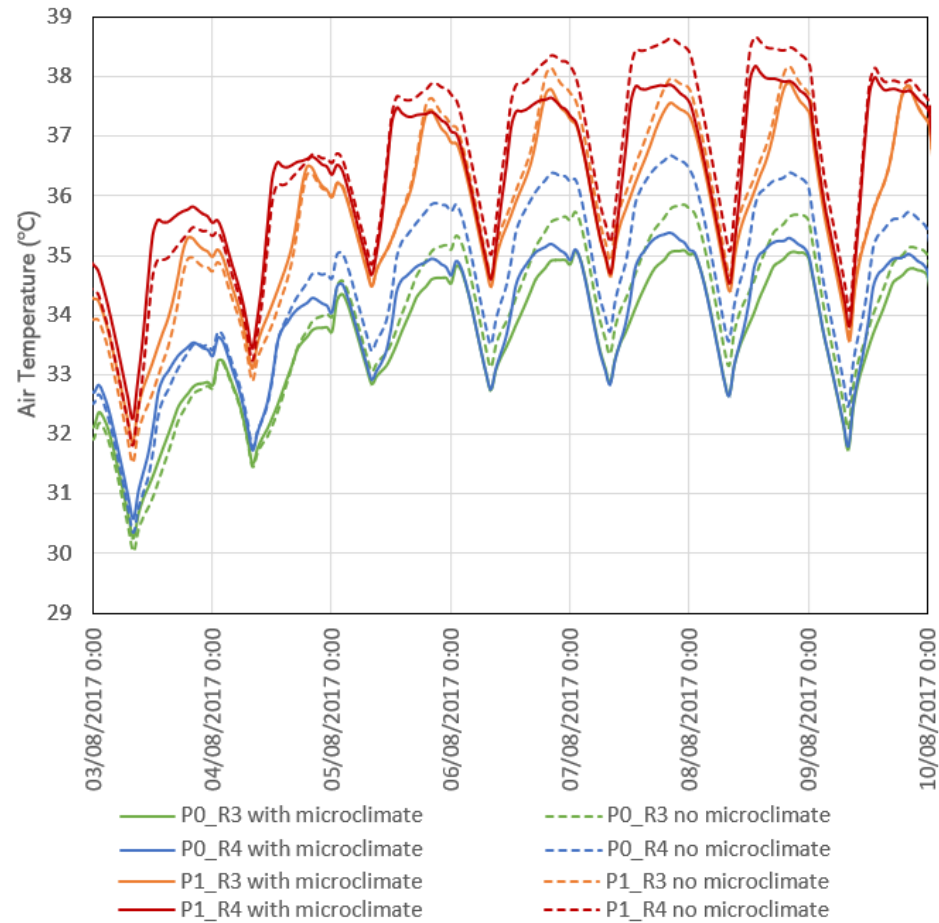
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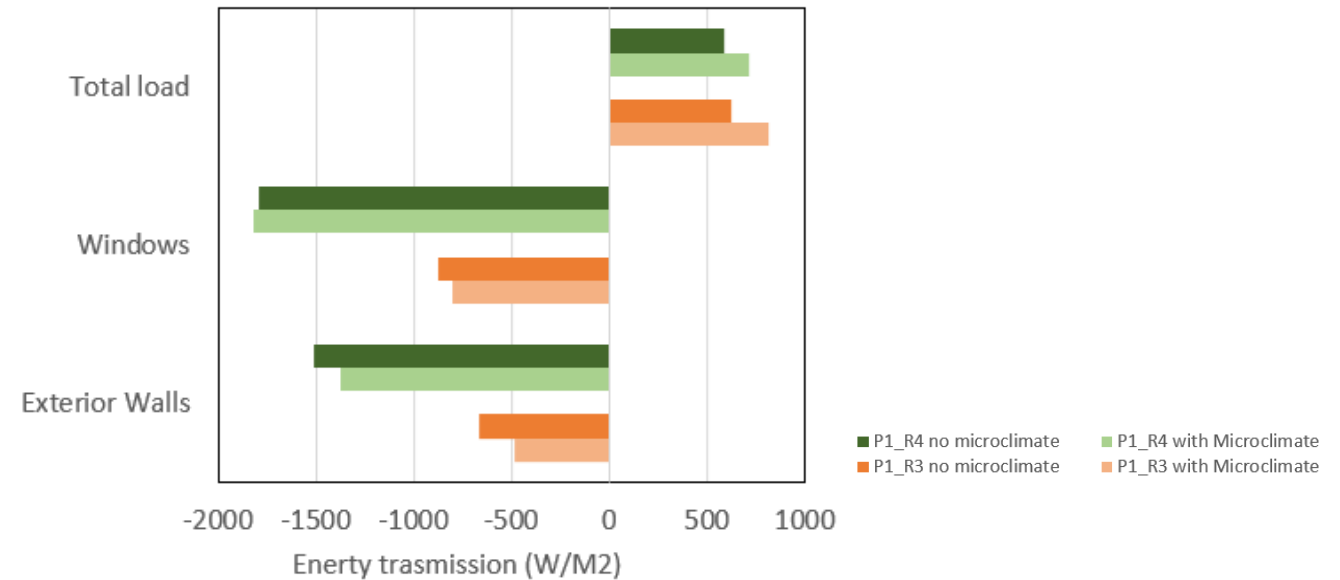
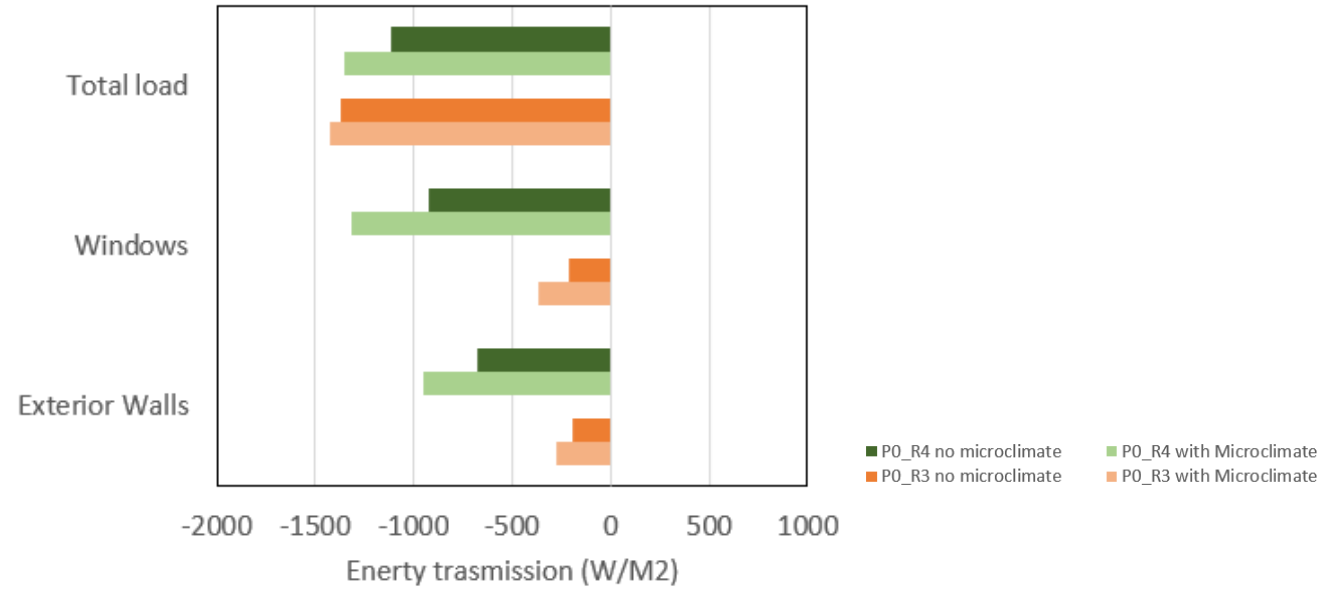
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COUPLING COURTYARD SIMULATION WORKFLOW WITH ENERGY CERTIFICATION TOOL



Room	Exterior Walls	Windows	Total load
P0_R3	30%	43%	4%
P0_R4	29%	30%	18%
P1_R3	38%	9%	24%
P1_R4	10%	1%	18%



CONCLUSIONS

- **Microclimates** generated in the outdoor spaces of buildings **influence the energy demand and thermal comfort** of users.
- The simulation of the microclimate of these spaces is not possible using the traditional energy simulation tools for buildings.
- Hybrid workflows connecting different kind of simulations are a suitable approach.
- It is still essential to enable better accessibility to the professional sector to promote a better climate change adaptation of the built environment
- The connection of a CFD-BES hybrid simulation workflow and an existing BES tool required for regulations compliance is proposed and tested.
- The effect of the microclimate in a courtyard is quantified.

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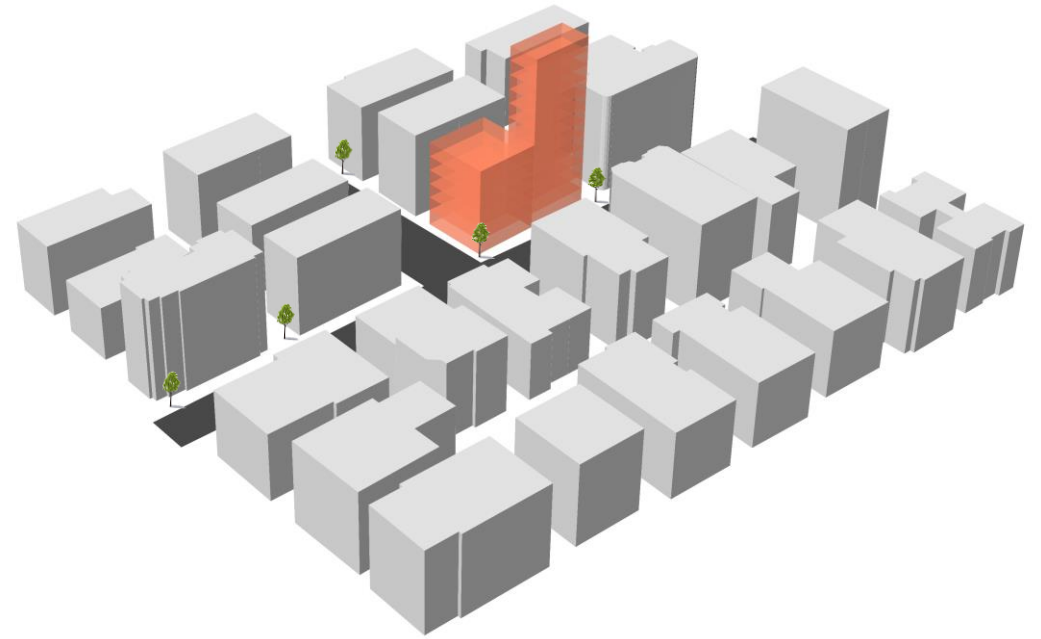
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Urban microclimate *integrated* Building energy modeling

neither “*Simple*” nor “*Complex*” ...

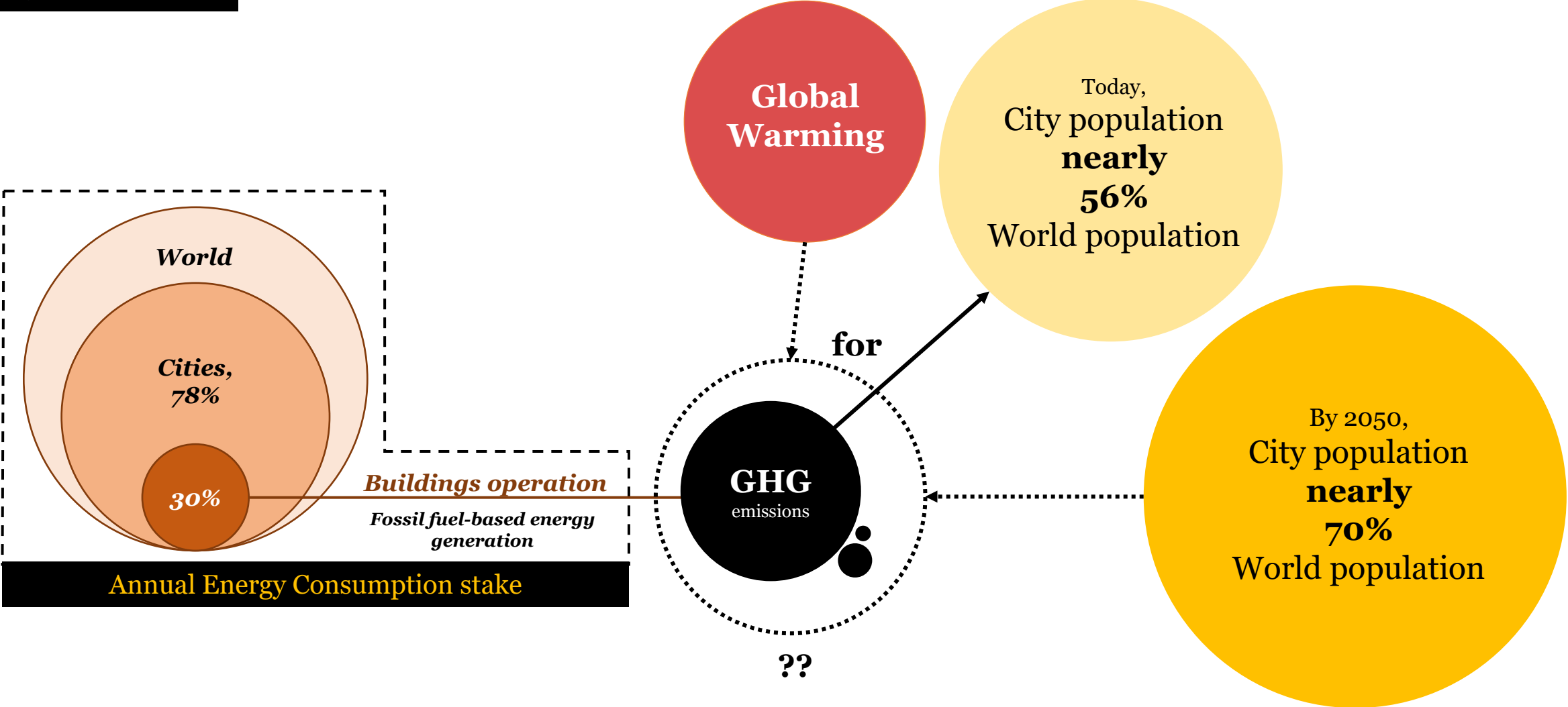


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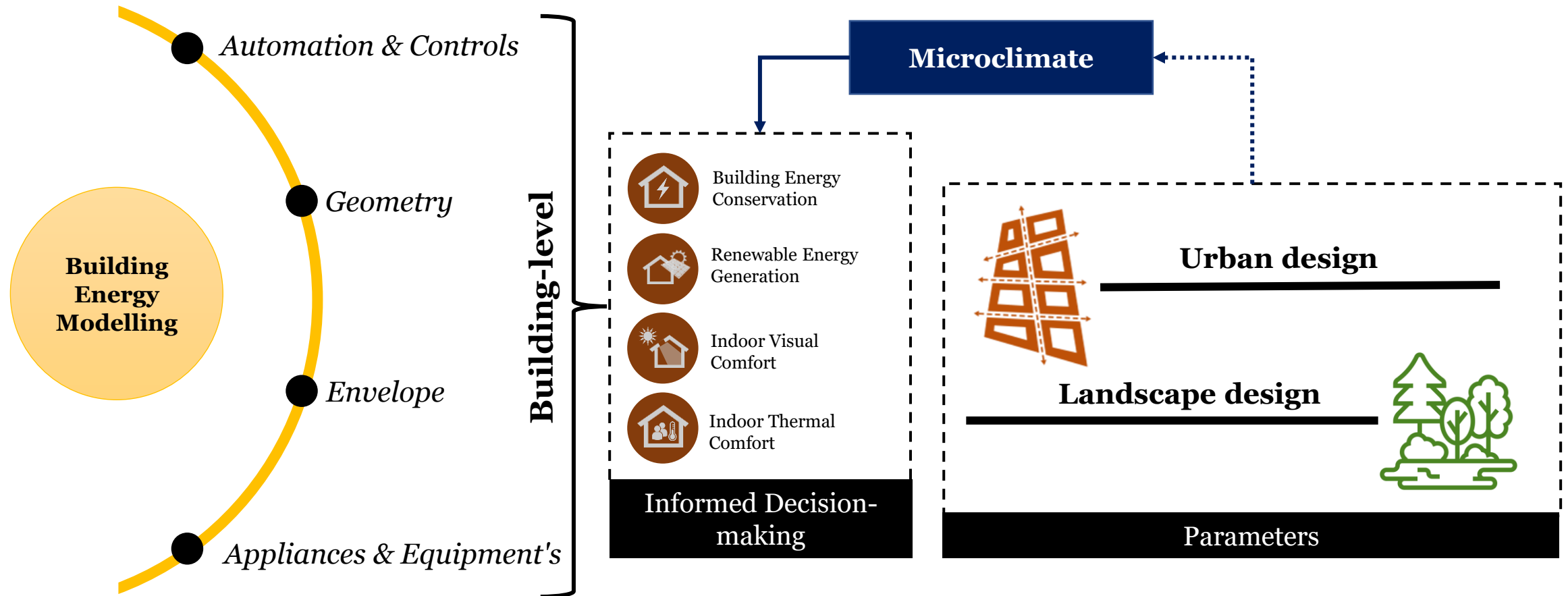
To understand -

1. Why is integrated simulation required?
2. What are the methods available for integration? (In-brief)
3. How are integration approaches neither simple nor complex?

Context



BEM - benefits & limitations

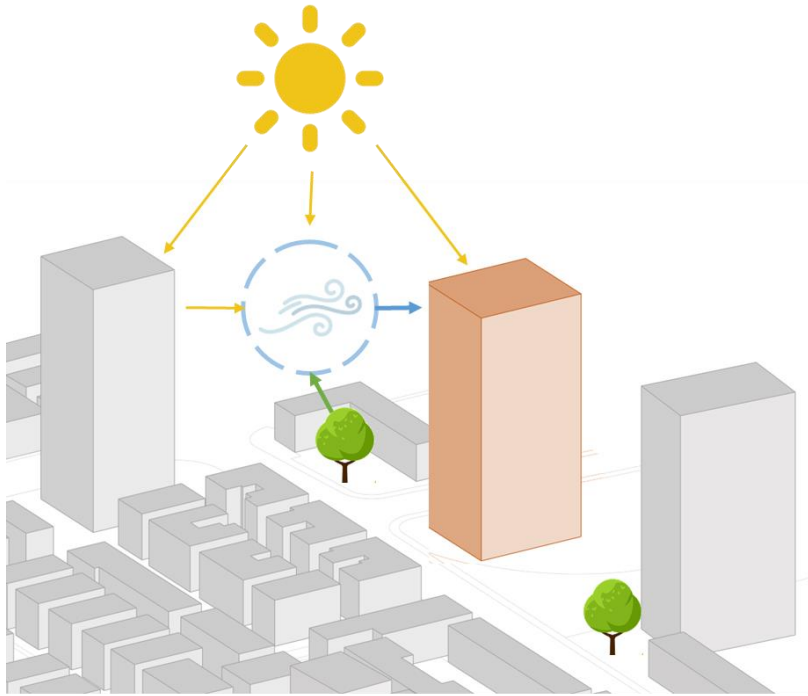


Urban microclimate impact

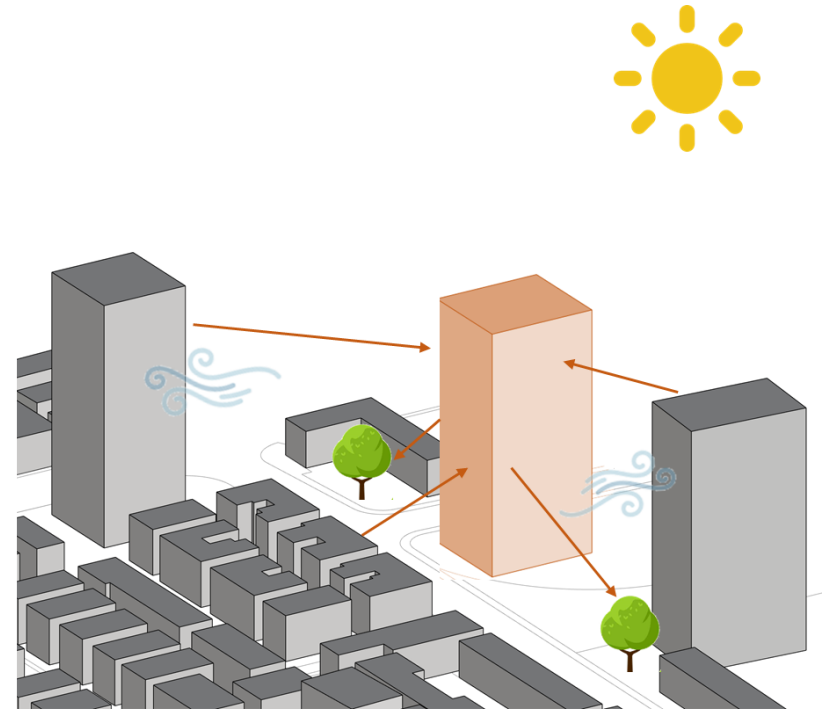
“ Previous studies have shown that **15% - 89% of energy for heating is neglected** if the urban context and climate are not considered, **131% - 200% for space cooling**, and several degrees for indoor air temperature for non-air-conditioned spaces in summer. ”

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Classification of approaches

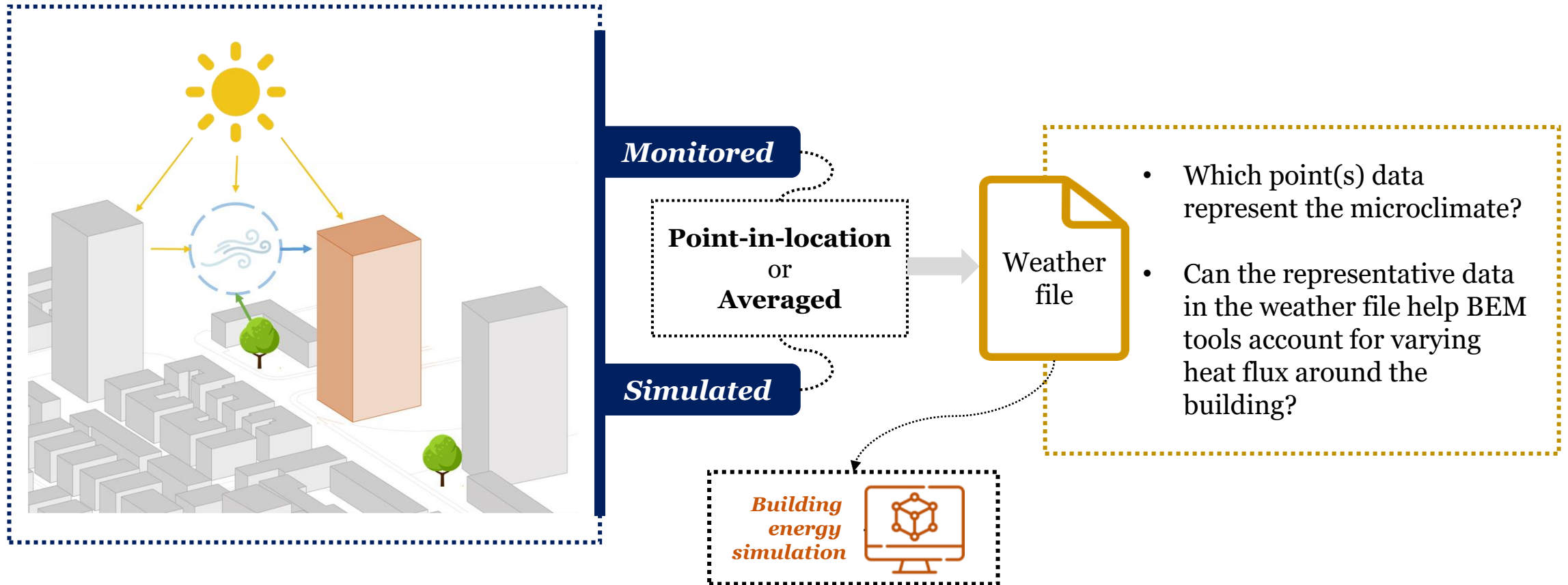


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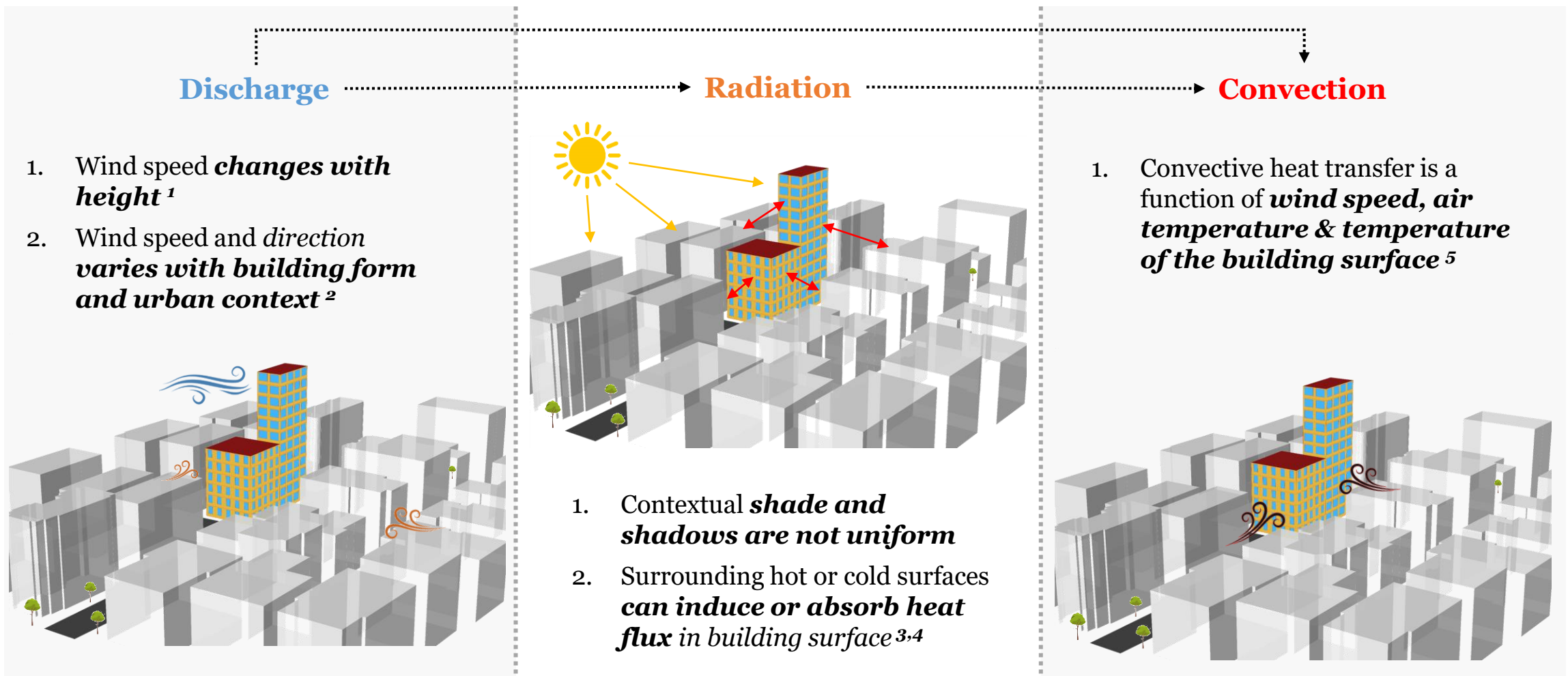


Surface-specific data

Representative data



Heat transfer in urban context



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Default & custom BEM

Local outdoor air temperature

Variation in outdoor air temperature is calculated using the U.S. Standard Atmosphere (1976). According to this model, the relationship between air temperature and altitude in a given layer of the atmosphere is:

$$T_z = T_b + L(H_z - H_b) \quad (3.70)$$

where

T_z = air temperature at altitude z

T_b = air temperature at the base of the layer, i.e., ground level for the troposphere

L = air temperature gradient, equal to -0.0065 K/m in the troposphere

H_b = offset equal to zero for the troposphere

H_z = geopotential altitude.

The variable H_z is defined by:

External Longwave radiation

The ground surface temperature is assumed to be the same as the air temperature. The final forms of the radiative heat transfer coefficients are shown here.

$$h_{r,gnd} = \frac{\varepsilon\sigma F_{gnd}(T_{surf}^4 - T_{air}^4)}{T_{surf} - T_{air}} \quad (3.66)$$

$$h_{r,sky} = \frac{\varepsilon\sigma F_{sky}\beta(T_{surf}^4 - T_{sky}^4)}{T_{surf} - T_{sky}} \quad (3.67)$$

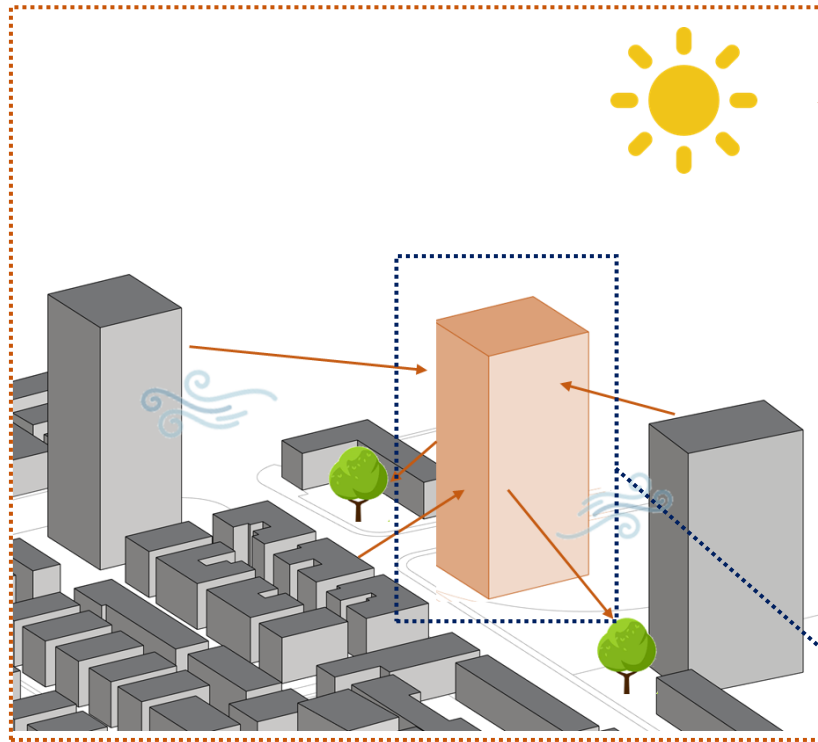
$$h_{r,air} = \frac{\varepsilon\sigma F_{sky}(1 - \beta)(T_{surf}^4 - T_{air}^4)}{T_{surf} - T_{air}} \quad (3.68)$$

Local outdoor wind speed

In Chapter 16 of the Handbook of Fundamentals (ASHRAE 2005), the wind speed measured at a meteorological station is extrapolated to other altitudes with the equation:

$$V_z = V_{met} \left(\frac{\delta_{met}}{z_{met}} \right)^{\alpha_{met}} \left(\frac{z}{\delta} \right)^{\alpha} \quad (3.73)$$

Surface-specific data



Urban climate model

Climate variables

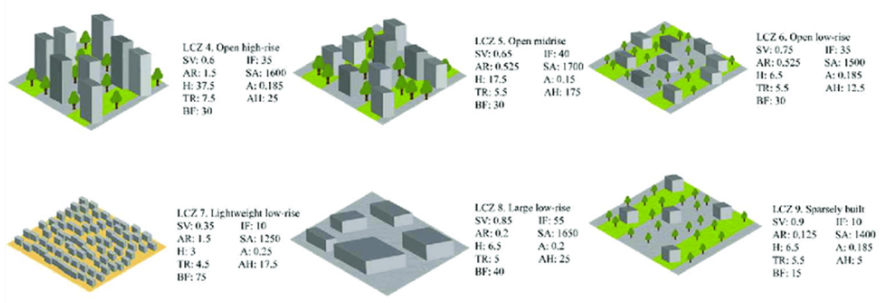
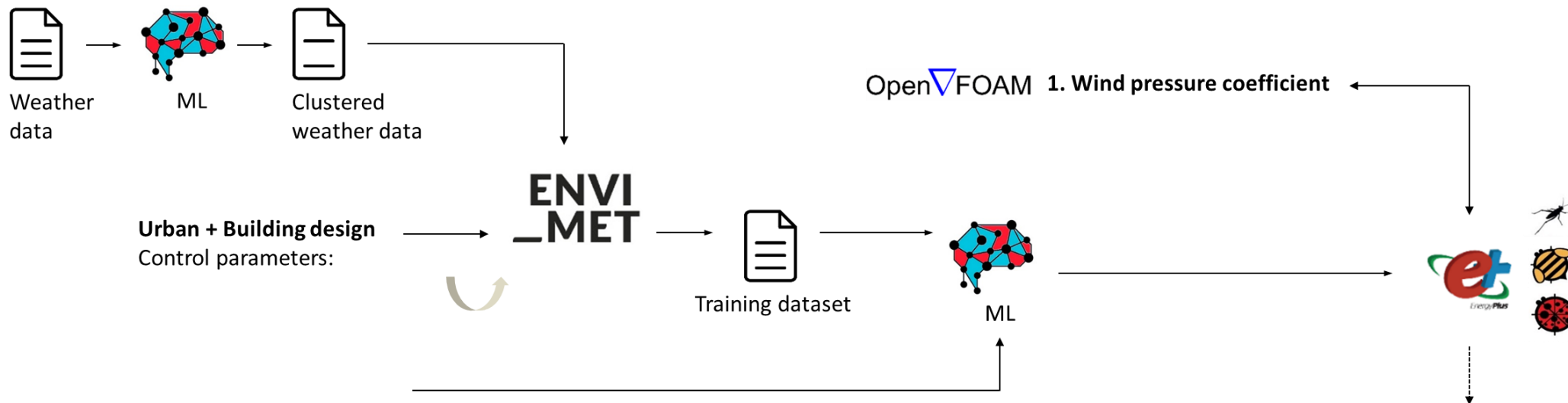
Coefficients

Building energy model

- **No current approach** accounted for **all heat transfer modes**.
- There are only **one-way coupling approaches** devised.
- The **physical process adopted** by UCMs to assess **heat flux from buildings** is **not equal** to the estimate by the BEM.
- **CFD-based UCMs** are **computationally expensive**.
- **Co-simulation** requires **programming skill**

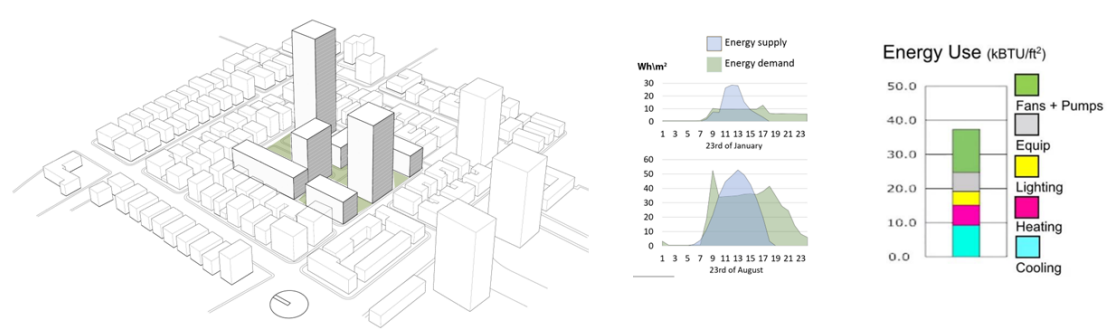
Simple or complex?

Coupling | Chaining



Microclimate metamodels training

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for microclimate integrated energy evaluation

Thank you



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BUILD UP



Discussion



Coffee break

We will return at 12.40



Session 2:

Microclimate, Form and Surfaces

Urban Microclimate: Ongoing projects

Carmen Galán-Marín. Professor at E.T.S. Arquitectura. Universidad de Sevilla. cgalan@us.es



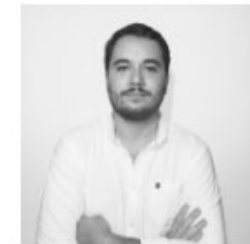
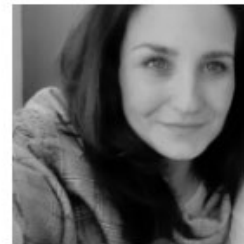
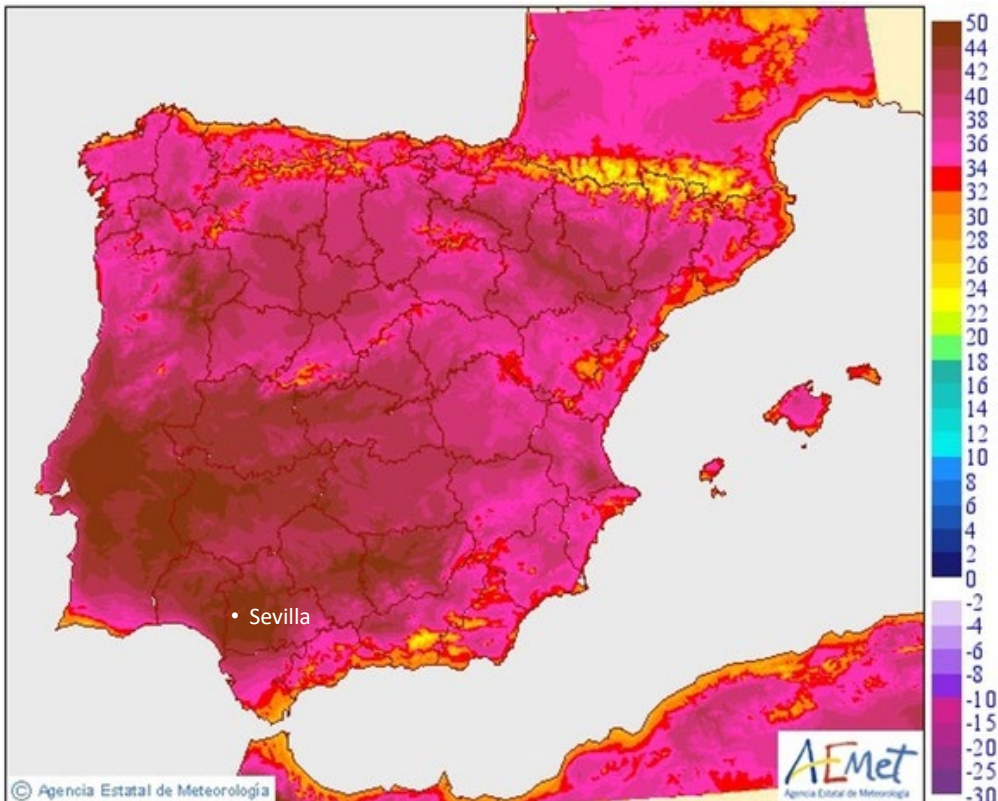
PRESENTATION

TEP206

SATH Sustainability in Architecture: Technology and Heritage



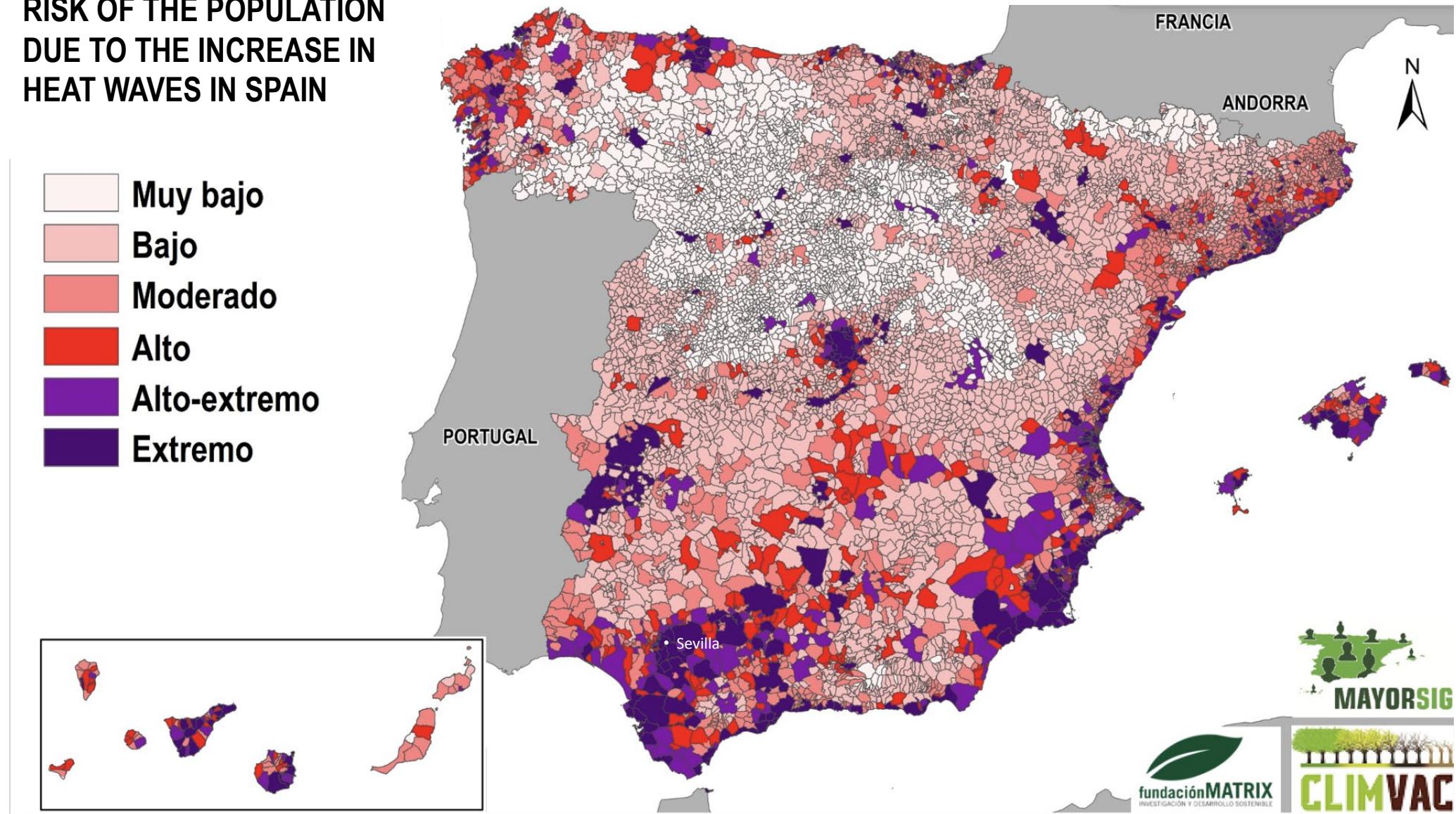
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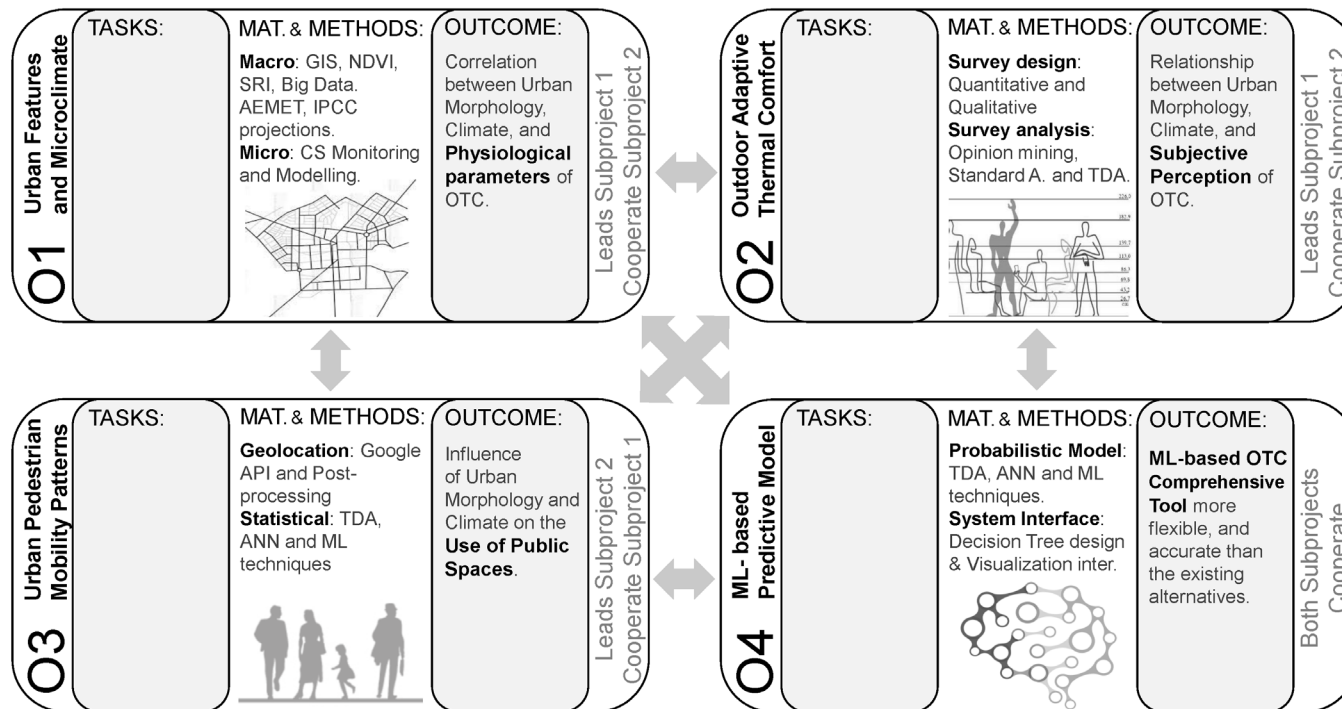


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RISK OF THE POPULATION DUE TO THE INCREASE IN HEAT WAVES IN SPAIN



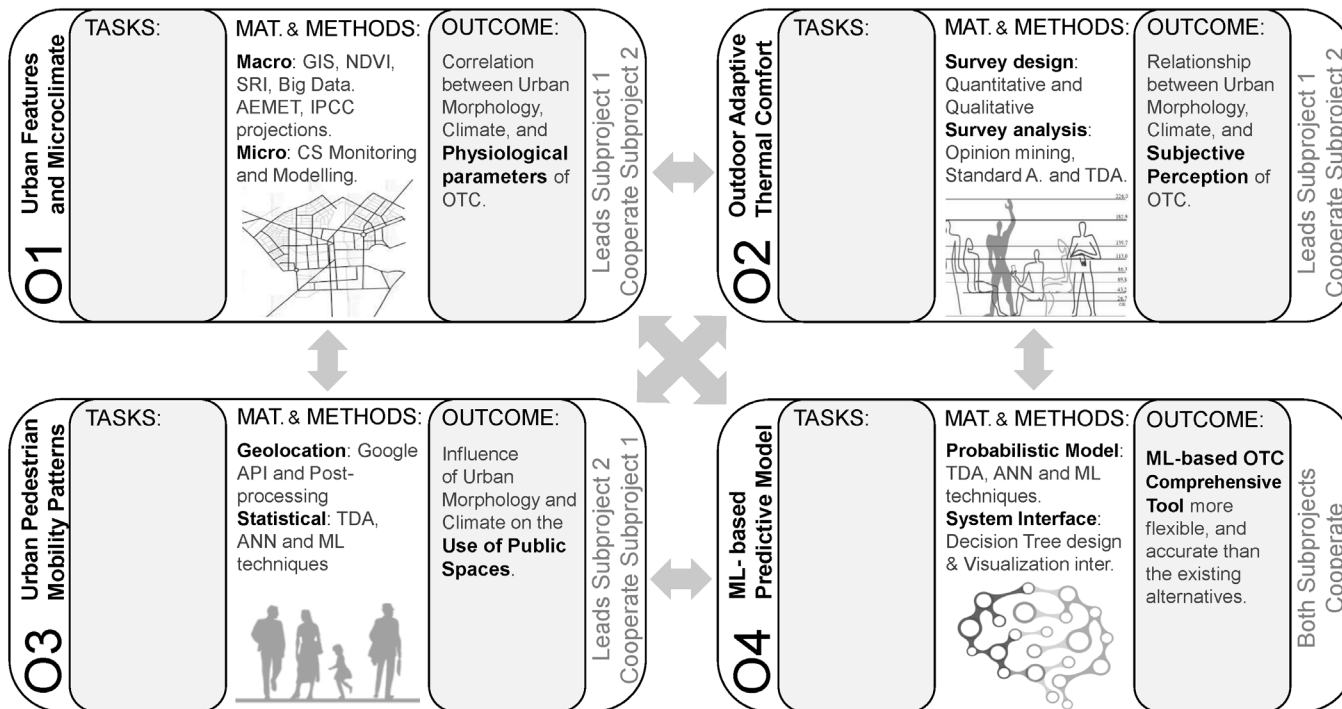


REACTS

TED2021-129347B-C21
2022 - 2024

Benchmarking urban morphology by Reviewing Adaptive Comfort and Thermal Stress

Project TED2021-129347B-C21 financed by MCIN/ AEI /10.13039/501100011033/ and by European Union NextGeneration EU / PRTR Plan de Recuperación, Transformación y Resiliencia de España



REACTS

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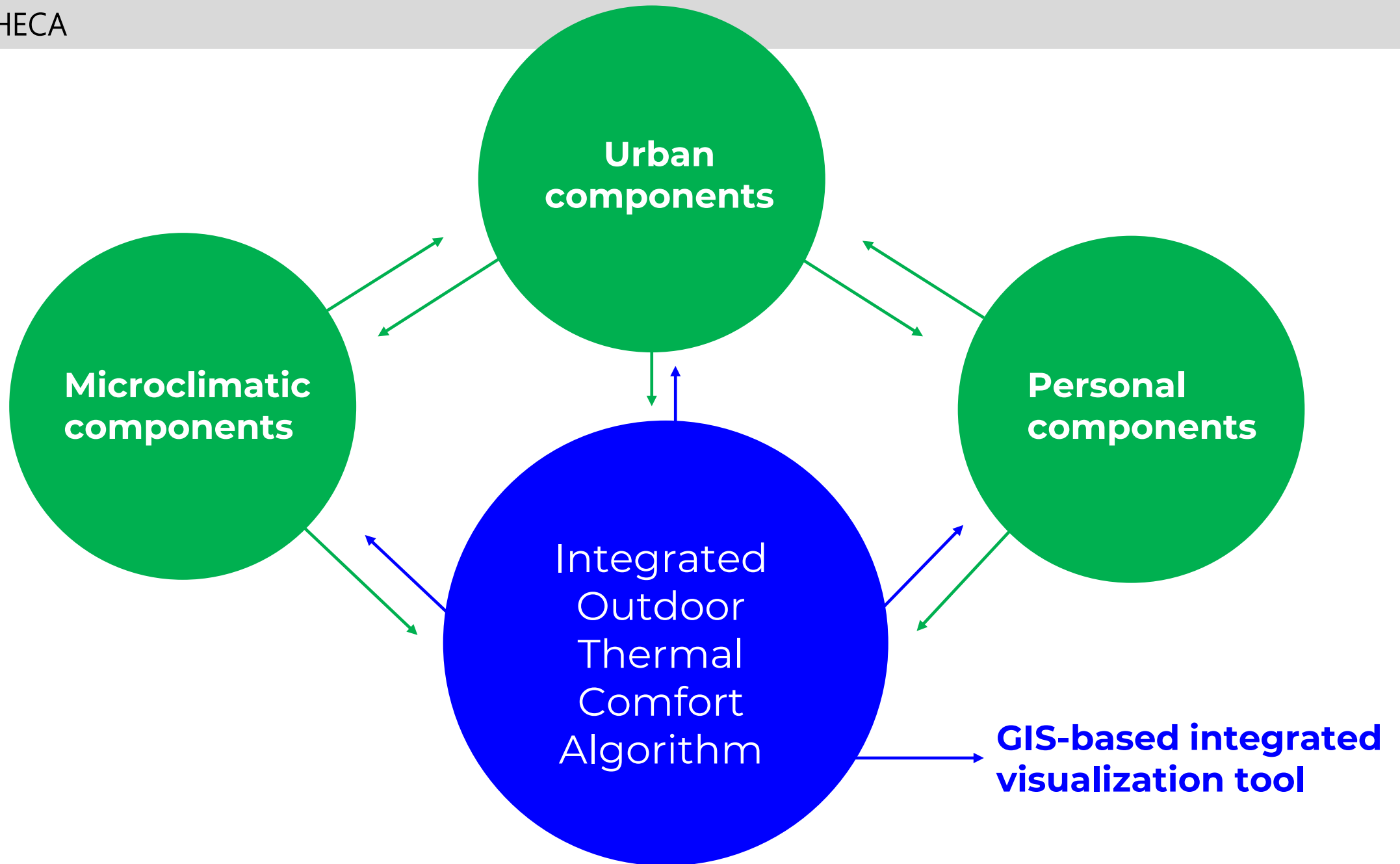
UTHECA (COORDINATED PROJECT)
Machine Learning-based forecasting model for integrated assessment of thermal resilience using **Urban Thermal Comfort Algorithms.**

Project TED2021-129347B-C21/22
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Currently there is no integrated and harmonized outdoor thermal comfort index

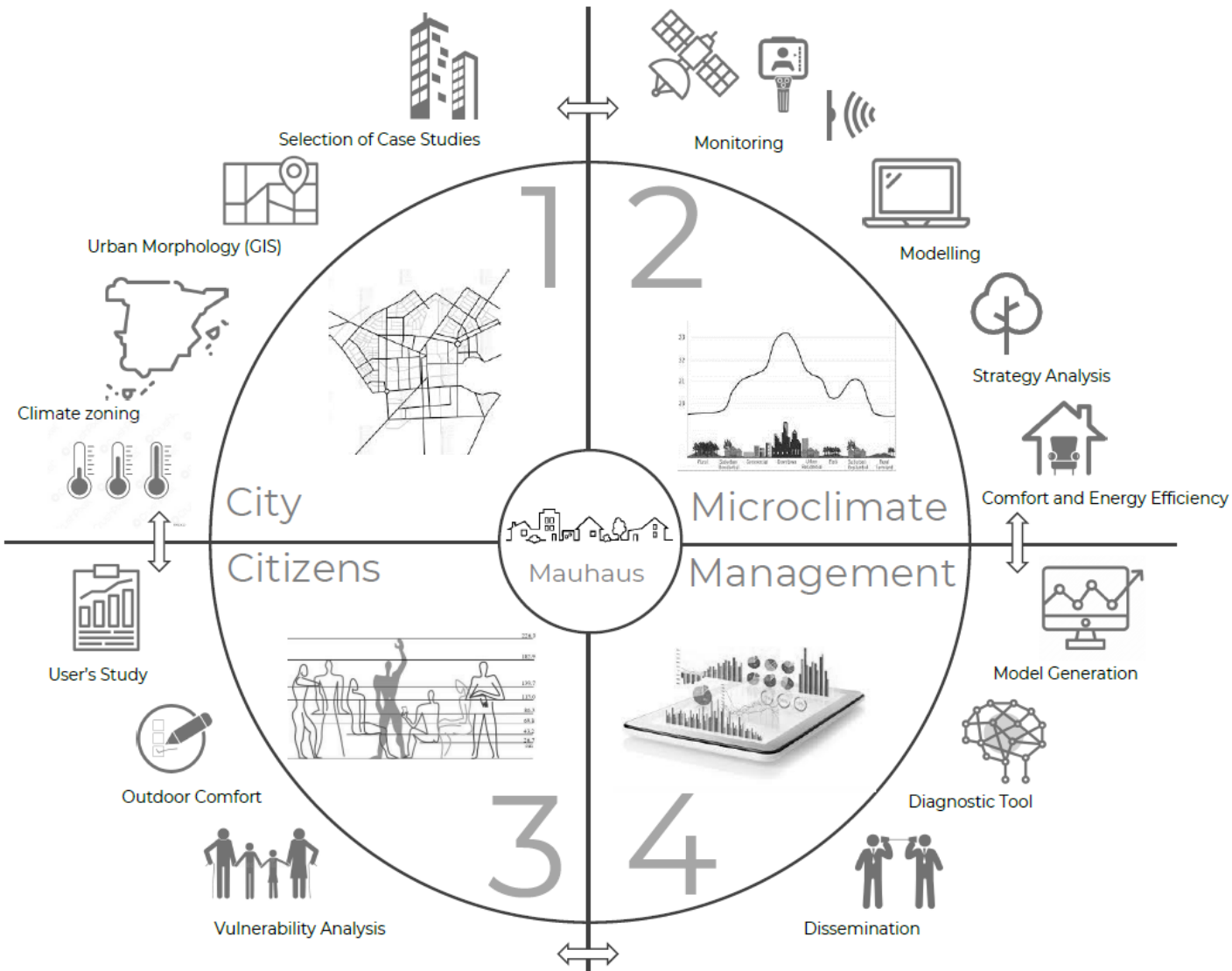
Drawbacks:

1. The most frequent indices (UTCI and PET) do not consider the subjective perception of comfort.
2. UTCI and PET do not adequately describe the subjective perception of thermal comfort.
3. As a complex system, there is no global tool for assessing thermal comfort.
4. It is not possible to optimize thermal resilience conditions due to undefined or inaccurate ranges of thermal comfort.
5. It is not possible to discriminate the thermal comfort range for the population segments more sensitive to thermal stress.
6. Cross-analyses cannot be performed to determine specific comfort conditions according to the attributes of one, or more, population segments.
7. Urban interventions to improve climate resilience follow partial, incomplete and / or wrong guidelines



Motivation of the Project

This project aims to improve urban thermal resilience in a Climate Change context by developing **ML-based models** to accurately predict the subjective perception of comfort and its interactions with the climatic and built environments in order to generate **better intervention strategies oriented to adaptation and improvement of outdoor public spaces**. In addition, the inclusion of Subproject 2 will allow the use of topological data analysis for the attribute data input and management, enabling optimization of model evaluation algorithms.



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PID2021-124539OB-I00.
2022 - 2025

Multiscale Assessment of Urban Heat-Island Applied to Urban Suburbs (MAUHAUS)

Project PID2021-124539OB-I00
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Aim of the Project

To contribute to the climate adaptation challenges of our cities from a multi-scale, comprehensive and innovative approach, promoting urban public policies that are capable of identifying risk areas and incorporating proposals that guarantee their resilience to the effects of climate change, contrasting their technical and social viability.

Proposal

- ❑ Holistic, hybrid and multiscale perspective that contemplates the dimension of the problem from a quantitative approach (different urban scales and their microclimatic patterns) and qualitative ones (climate vulnerability, thermal comfort, social habits, functionality and habitability).
- ❑ Identify public spaces with a high viability of climate adequacy within cities, spaces of opportunity or potential Urban Cool Islands, which can serve as climatic and social laboratories have to incorporate new evaluation mechanisms that facilitate the identification of strategies.
- ❑ Systematize the instrumental nature of the results of the study that must materialize in tools to help decision-making in the field of public administration.

Objectives

1. CITY

- ❑ Value the importance of urban porosity through its analysis and climate contextualization in order to determine a priority zoning and obtain case studies (through GIS and study of seasonal climatic severity for outdoor urban spaces)

2. MICROCLIMATE

- ❑ Evaluate UHI of the selected cities by determining the possibilities of mitigation of excess urban heat at local scale (micro and meso scales) considering the characteristics of the macro scale (remote sensing systems, aerial thermography, conventional, intra-urban and in situ meteorological stations or field work will be used; to validate simulation results).

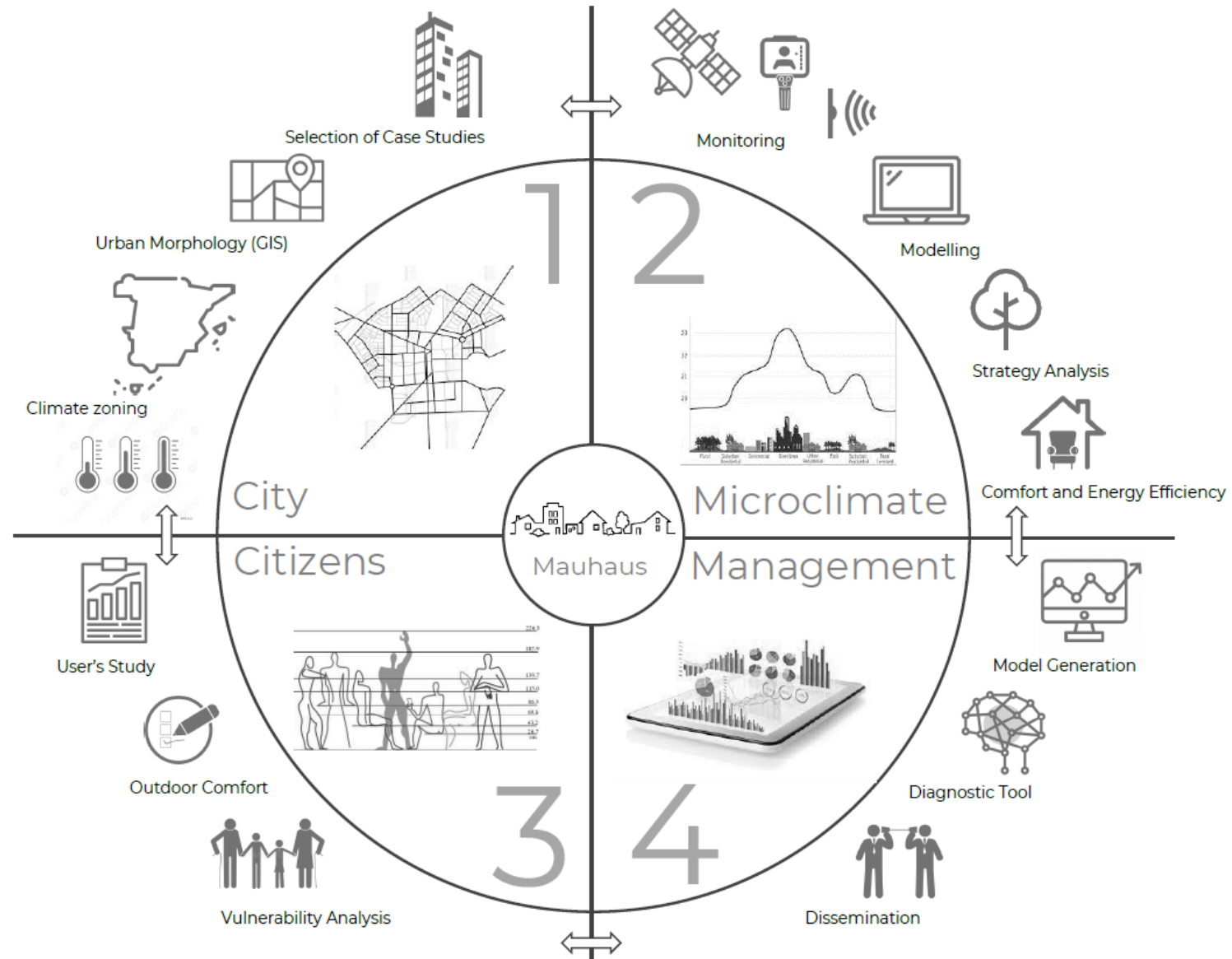
3. CITIZENS

- ❑ Identify the impact of the climate of public space on the citizens, defining the concept of climate vulnerability (social, functional and thermal comfort studies: census data, urban information and questionnaires on the perception of thermal comfort).

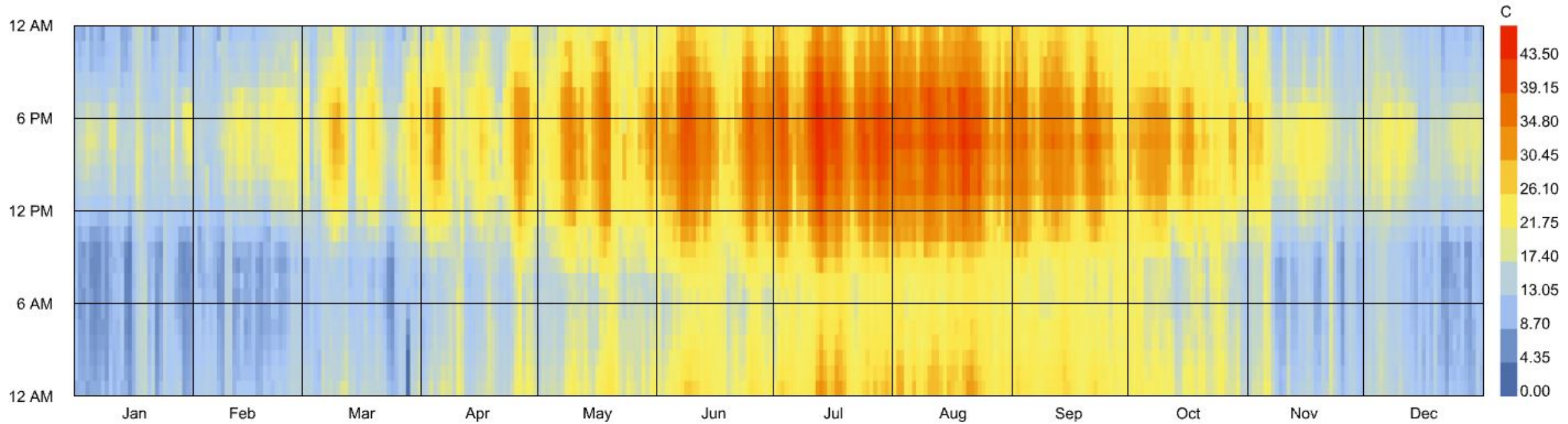
4. MANAGEMENT

- ❑ Develop decision-support tools that facilitate the choice of effective and viable action proposals at the urban scale that mitigate the risk of overheating. Guides will be generated for the identification of priority areas, optimization of existing infrastructures, hierarchization of areas to intervene and selection of specific strategies. Tools based totally or partially on machine learning are mainly proposed.

Metodology



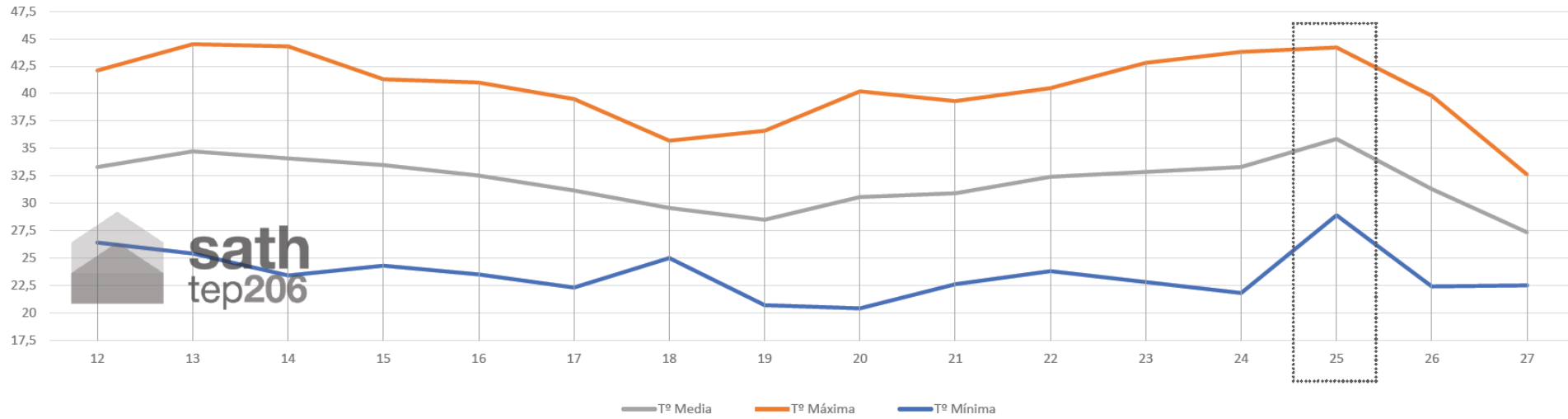
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Dry Bulb Temperature (C)
1/1 to 12/31 between 0 and 23 @1
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Dry bulb temperature of the city of Seville during one year. Extracted from Ladybug Tools.

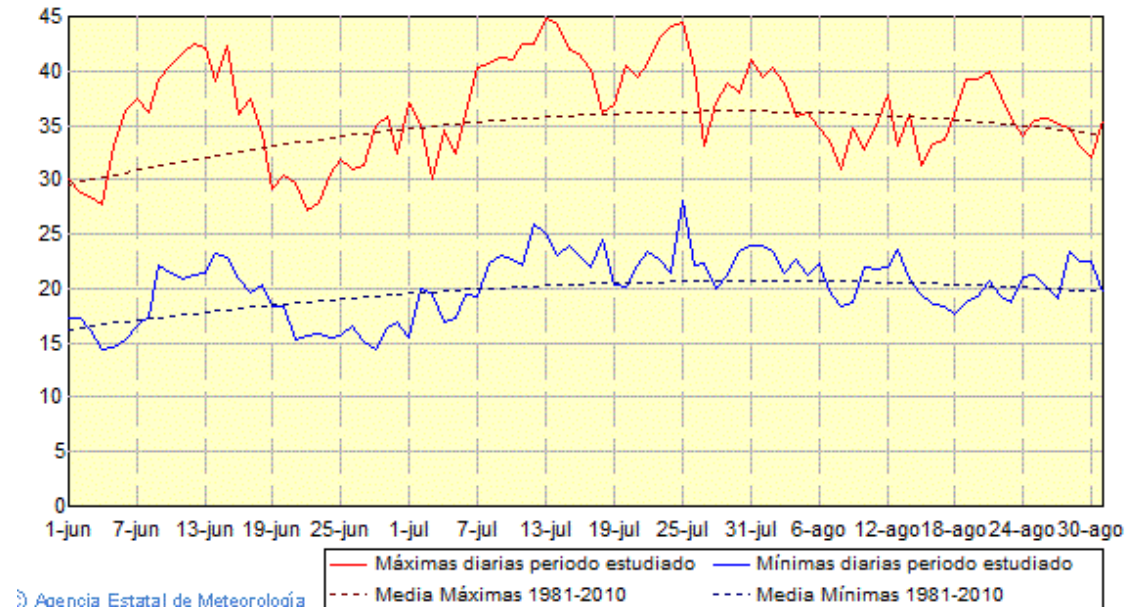
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Temperaturas (°C) junio - agosto 2022
Sevilla Aeropuerto



Summer 07/2022
Heat wave



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Identification
(satellite images) of
locations in the urban
context with higher
levels of urban
overheating potential
risk (UOPR)

Temperatura del aire a 1,5 m del suelo. Sevilla, 25 de julio de 2022. Hora: 10:45



Imagen elaborada a partir de tomas del satélite Landsat 8-TIRS

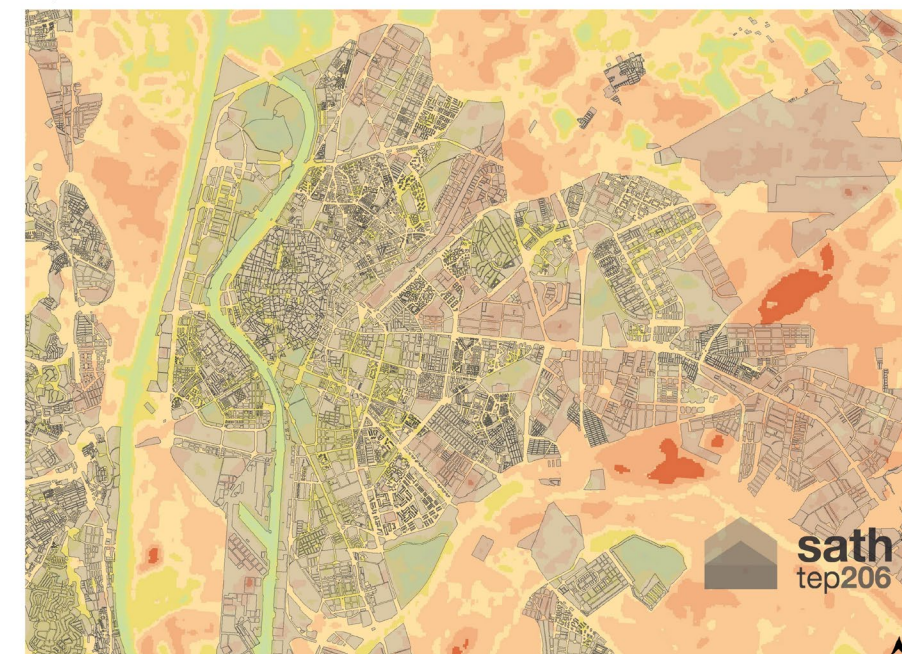
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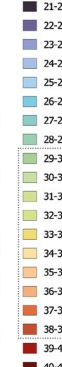
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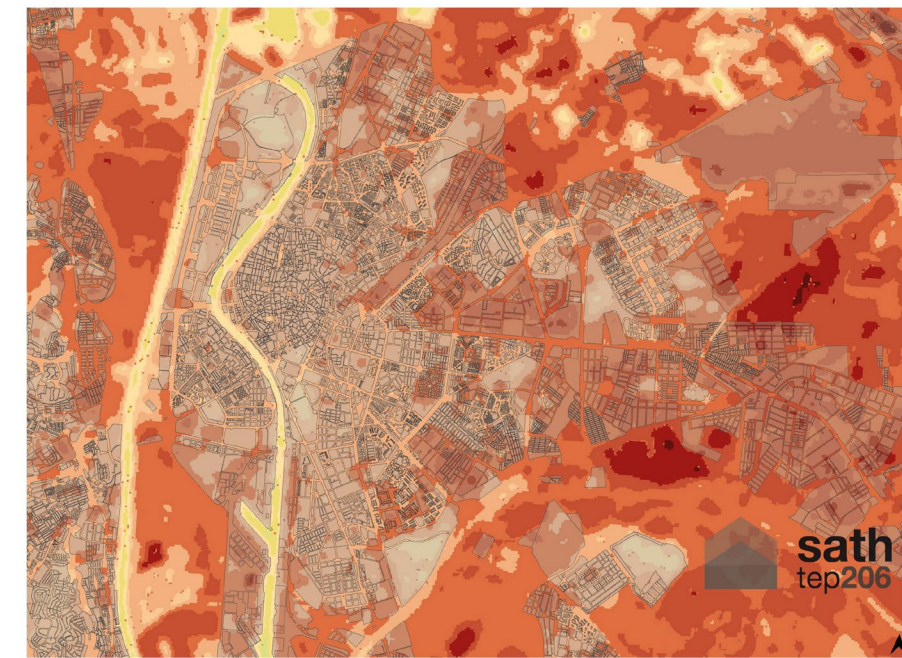
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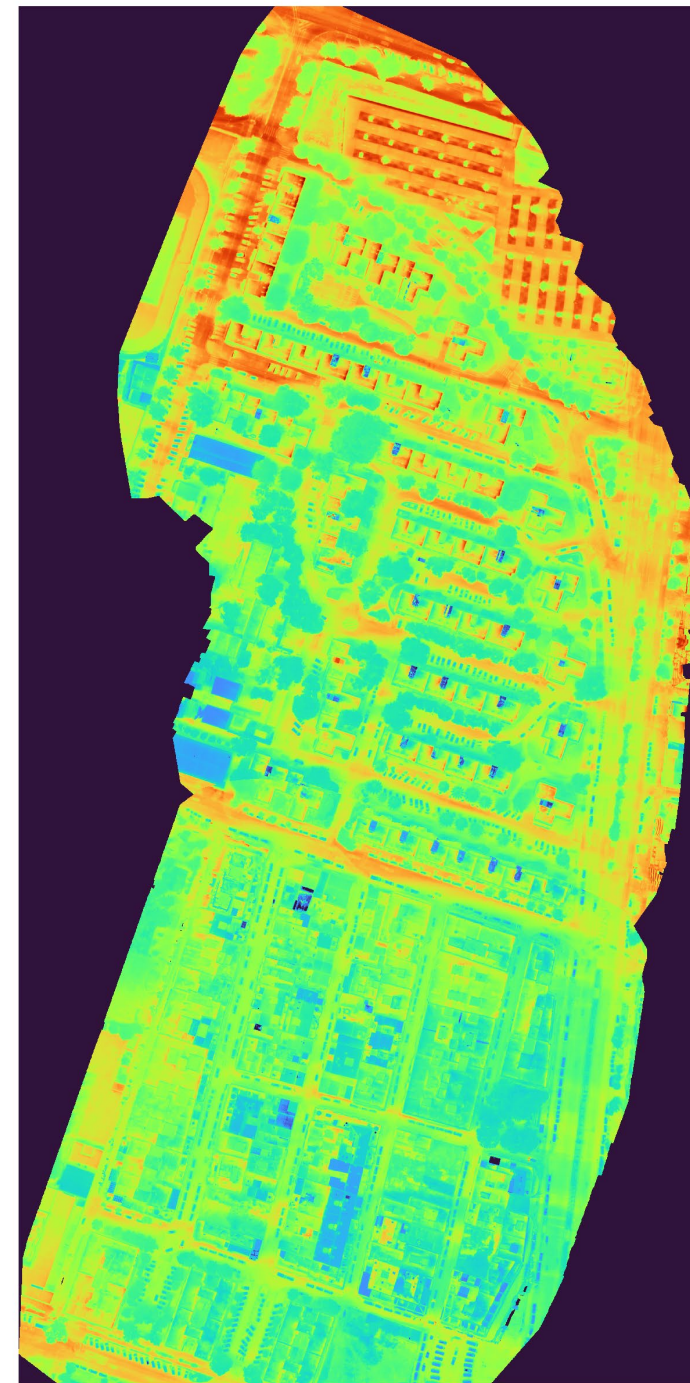


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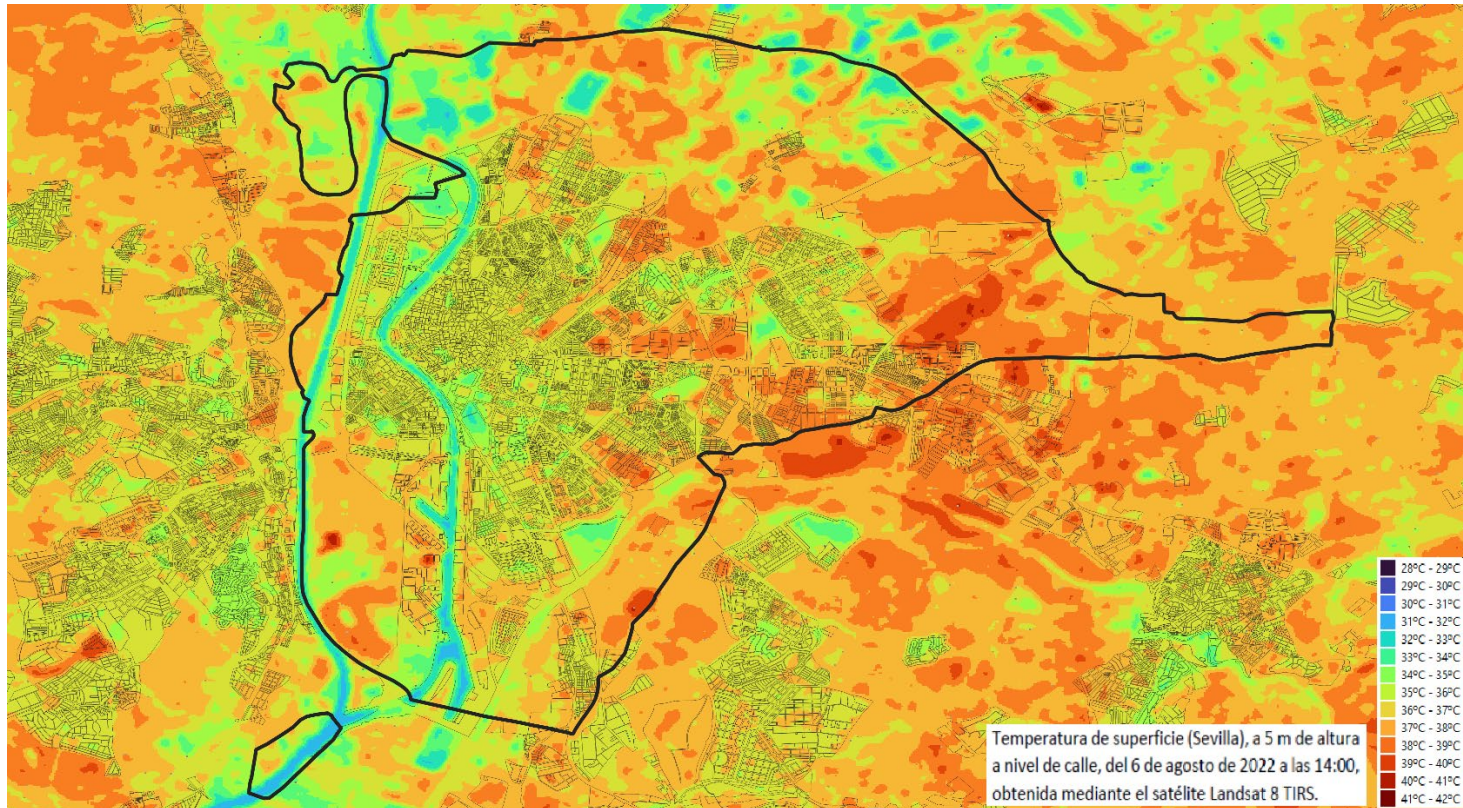
Aerial Thermography

Global characterization of the UOPR corresponding to the groups of dwellings selected as study models.



Temperatura (°C)

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URBATHERM

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2022-2024

Climate Resilience and Perception of
Comfort: Potential Overheating Risk
Urban Zoning in Andalusian cities.

Consejería de Fomento, Articulación
del Territorio y Vivienda.
Junta de Andalucía.

Aim of the Project

The project aims to analyze the thermal profile of Andalusian cities determining both risk areas and the possibilities of mitigating excess urban heat at the local level.

It is also intended to identify the urban characteristics that determine the impact of public space on the perception of thermal stress of the citizen, considering parameters of adaptive comfort and climate vulnerability through functional studies.

It is also proposed to value the importance of urban morphology through its analysis and climatic contextualization in order to determine a climatic categorization and zoning.

URBATHERM

Identify areas of thermal risk due to the persistence of excessive temperatures and locate public spaces with a high viability of climatic adequacy within cities, spaces of opportunity or potential *Urban Cool Islands*.

Cátedra Confort Climático
SVQ URBANLAB.
Ayuntamiento de Sevilla / US



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Hyderabad, India, showing a dense urban grid and a prominent river. A large stadium is visible in the upper left quadrant. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red and orange color scheme.

Thank you!



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Creating a set of urban weather files from a monitoring campaign

Recent experience and future prospects

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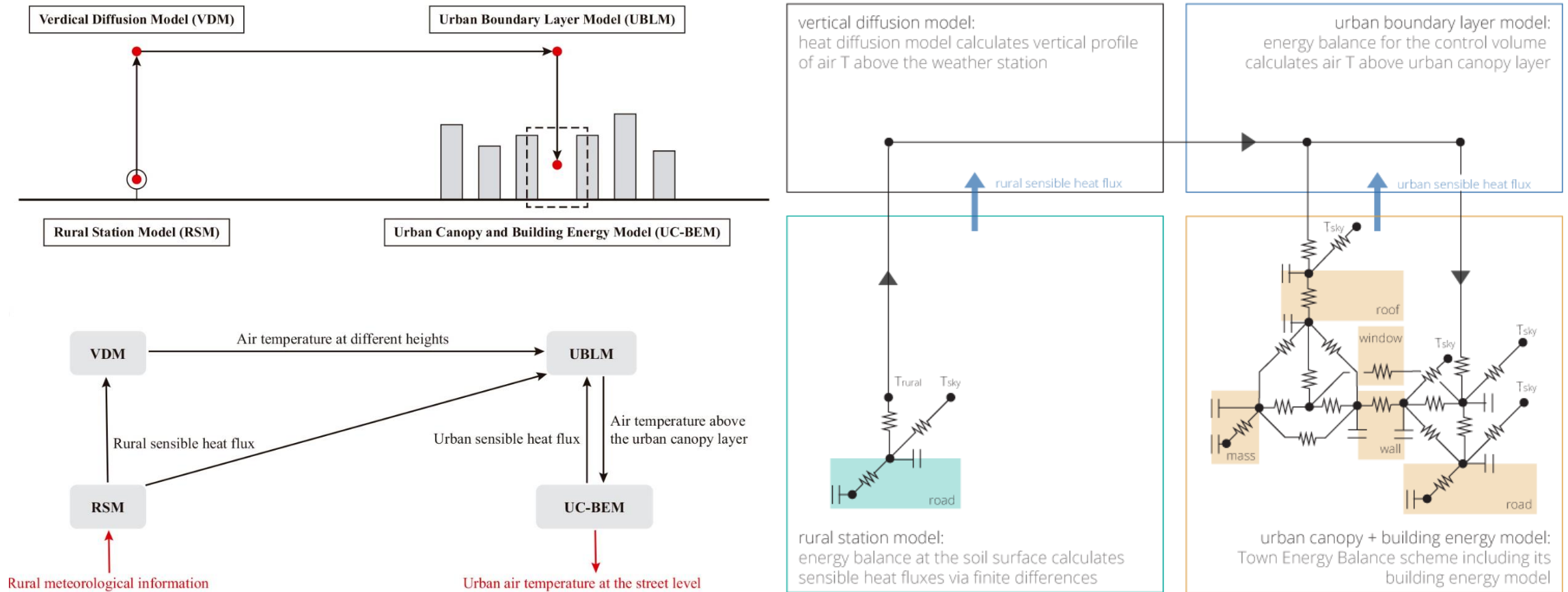


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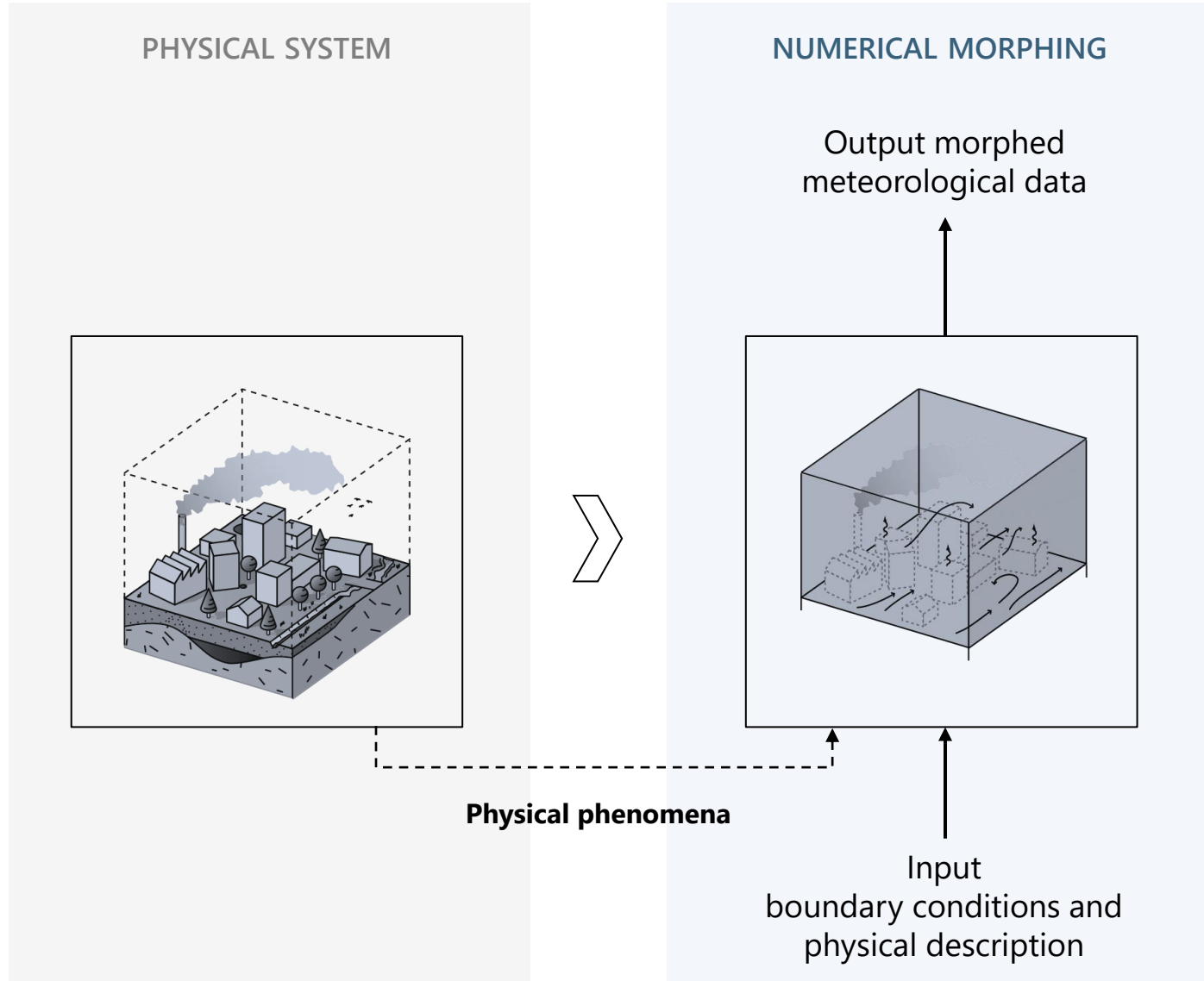
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The example of the *Urban Weather Generator* (Bueno et al. 2013)



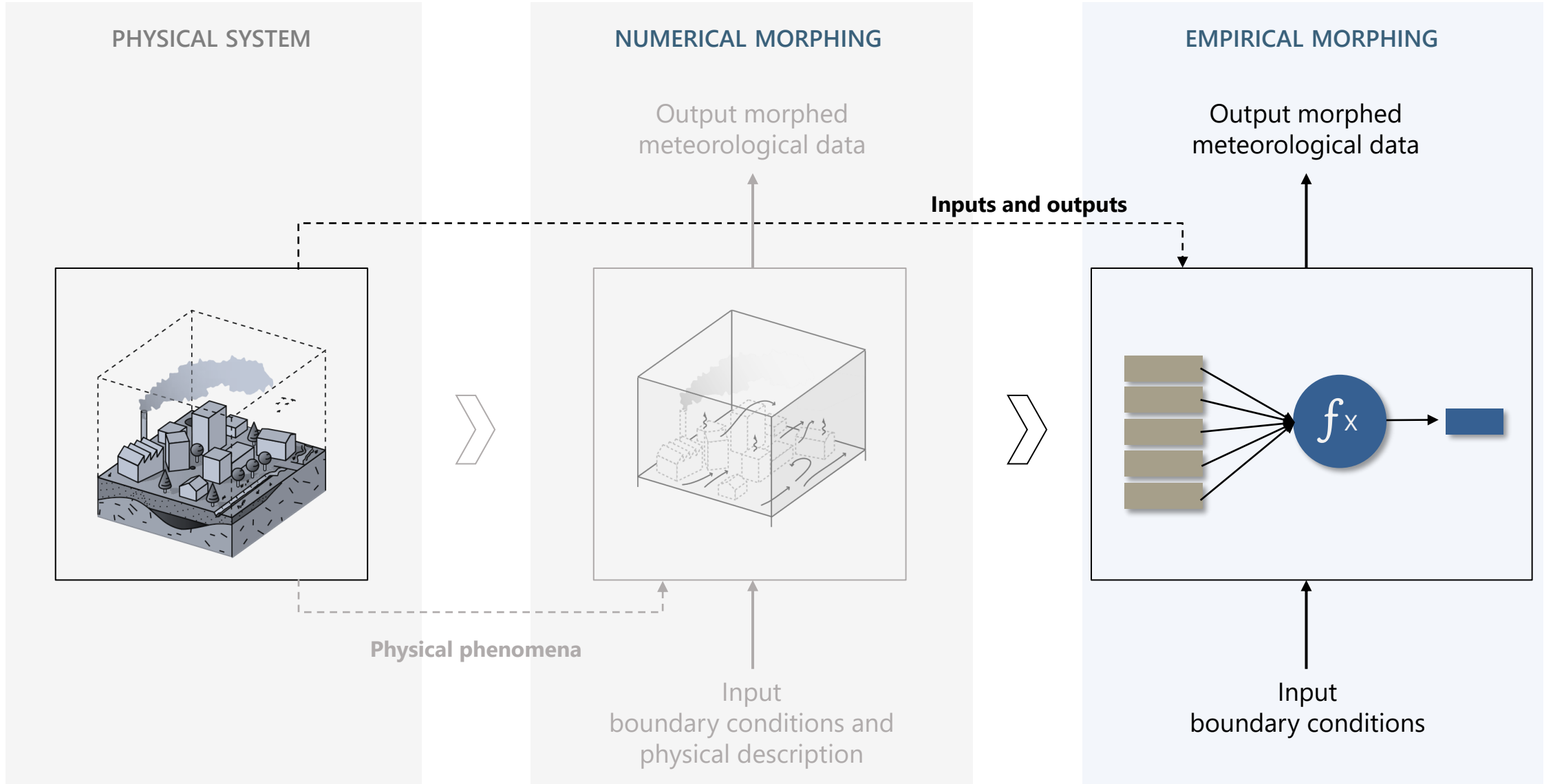
Source: Mao & Nordford (2021); urbanmicroclimate.scripts.mit.edu

Alternative approach to weather files morphing



Credits illustrations: Oke et al. (2017)

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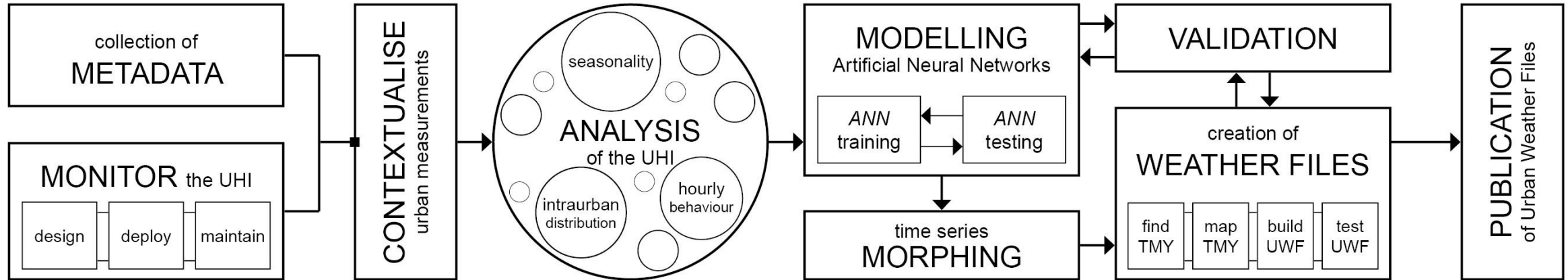


Credits illustrations: Oke et al. (2017)

Why empirical morphing

1. **More and better access to data.** Information coming from satellites and land-based networks.
2. **Improved data contextualisation.** Metadata, urban climate classification schemes and source area definitions
3. **Improved Quality Assessment and Quality Control** procedures. WMO, specific procedures for CWS,...
4. **More and better modelling tools.** Artificial Intelligence

Designed workflow



Monitoring campaigns

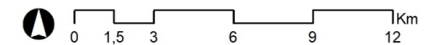
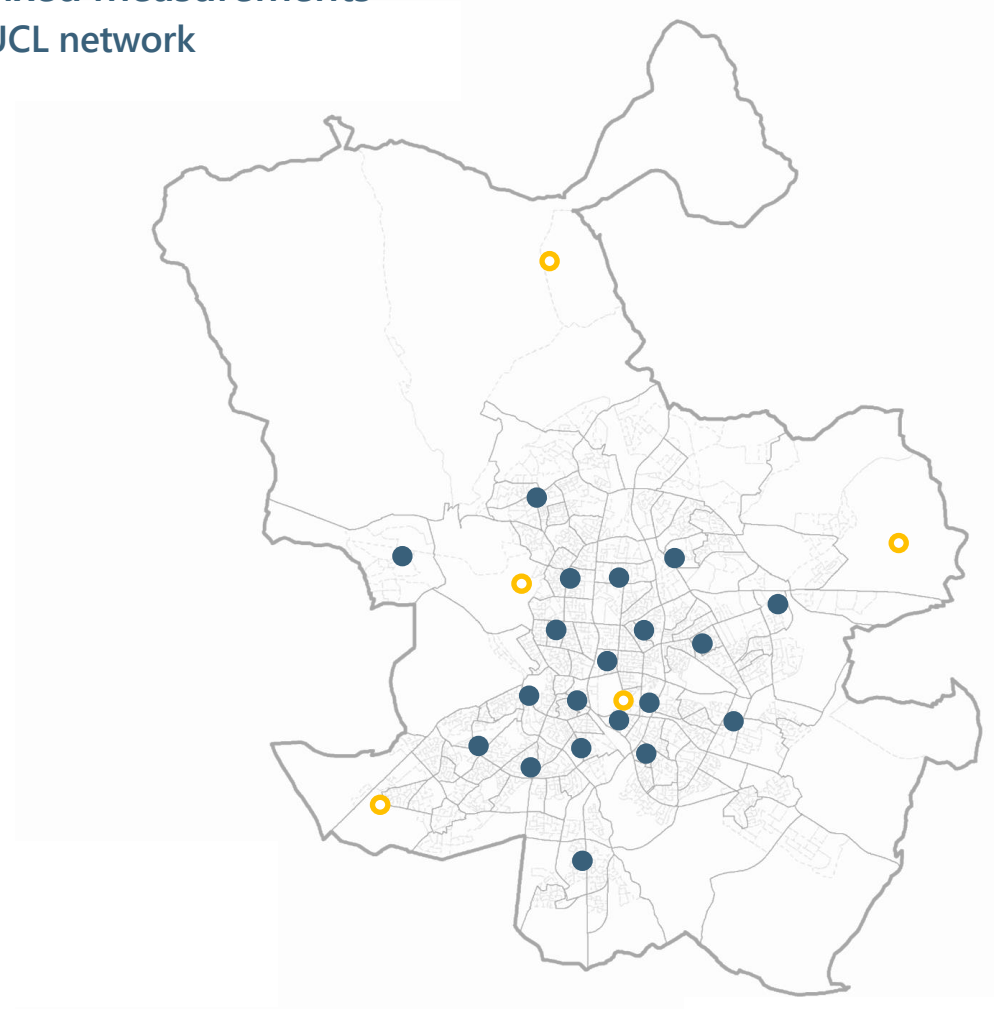
Mobile measurements

UCL traverses



Fixed measurements

UCL network

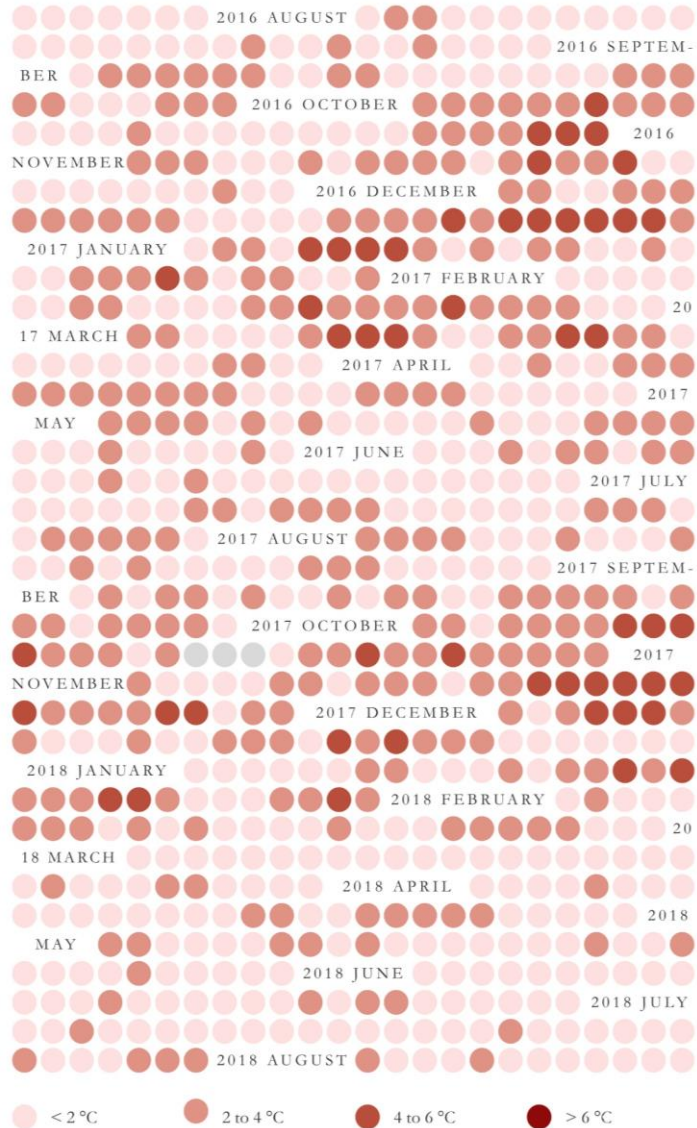


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Annual evolution of urban heat: 01 – Embajadores

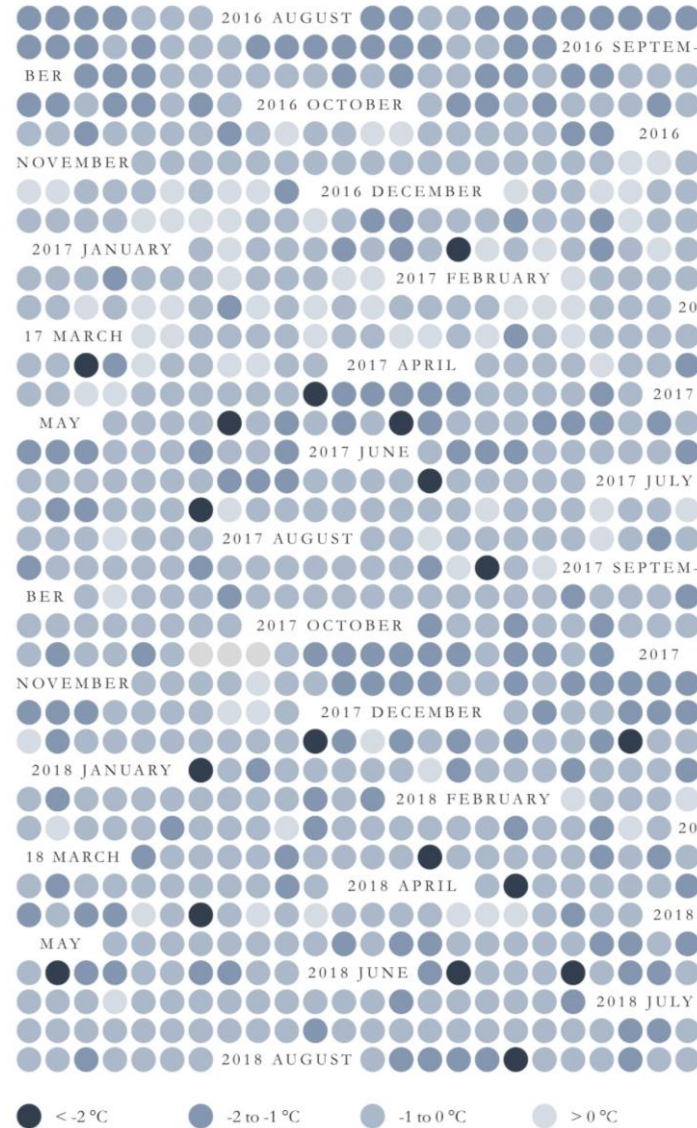
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Average daily intensity



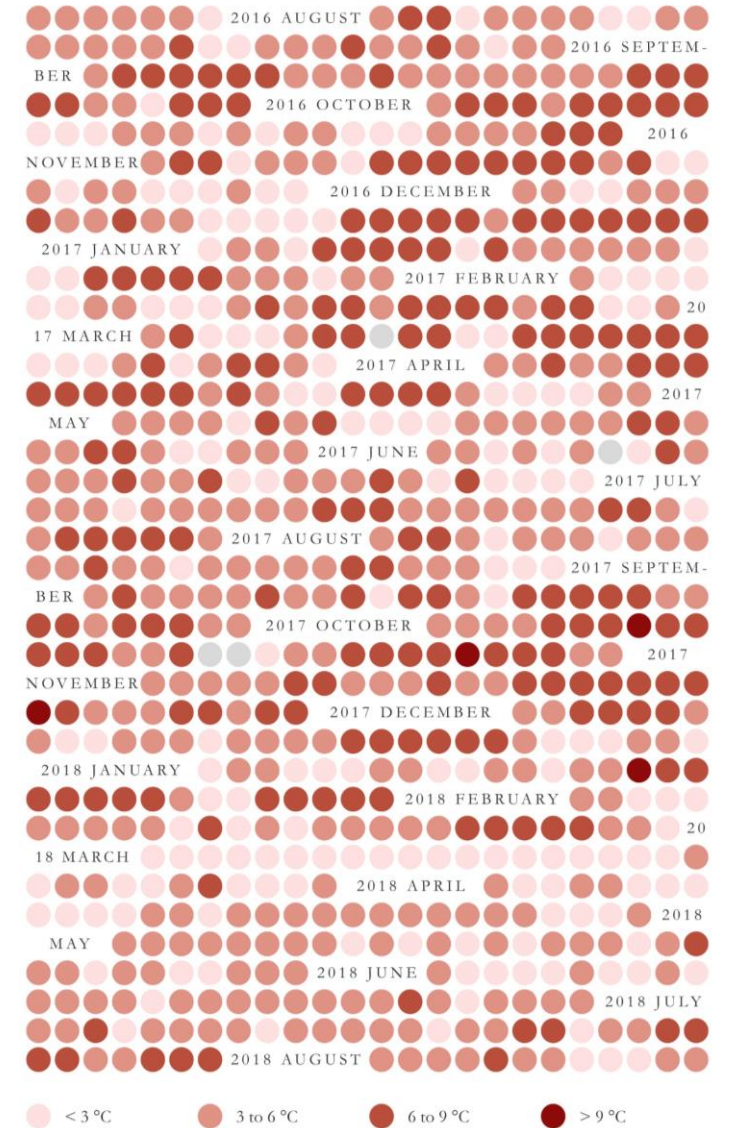
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Minimum daily intensity

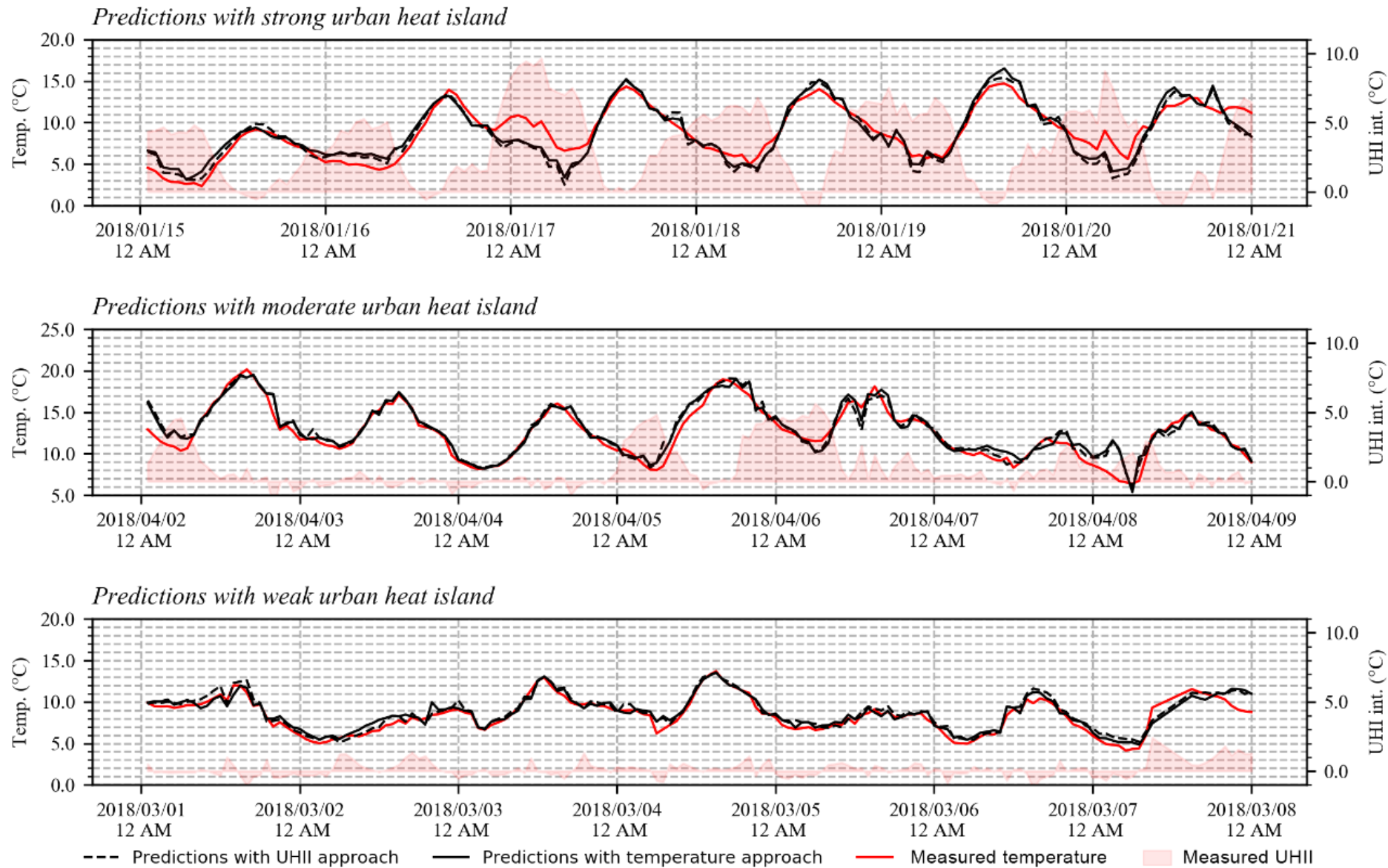


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Maximum daily intensity



Data morphing: Context of standard data availability (12 months)



Source: Núñez-Peiró et al. (2021b)

Aproximación: Datos disponibles

Extraction of **Typical Meteorological Year**
ISO 15927-4:2005

Complementary data from OWS

Wind

Solar R.

Cloudiness

Morphed data for each urban site

Temp

RH

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

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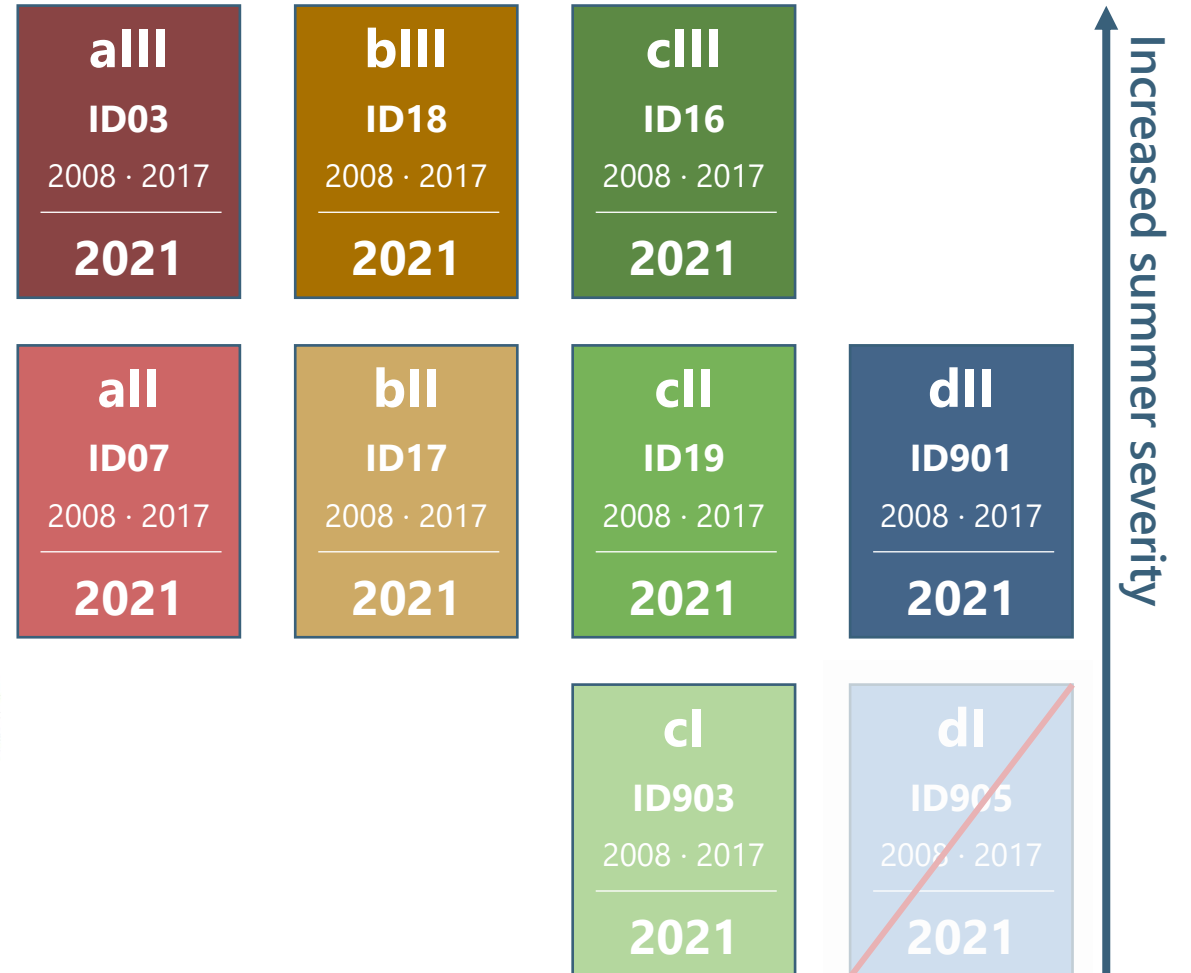
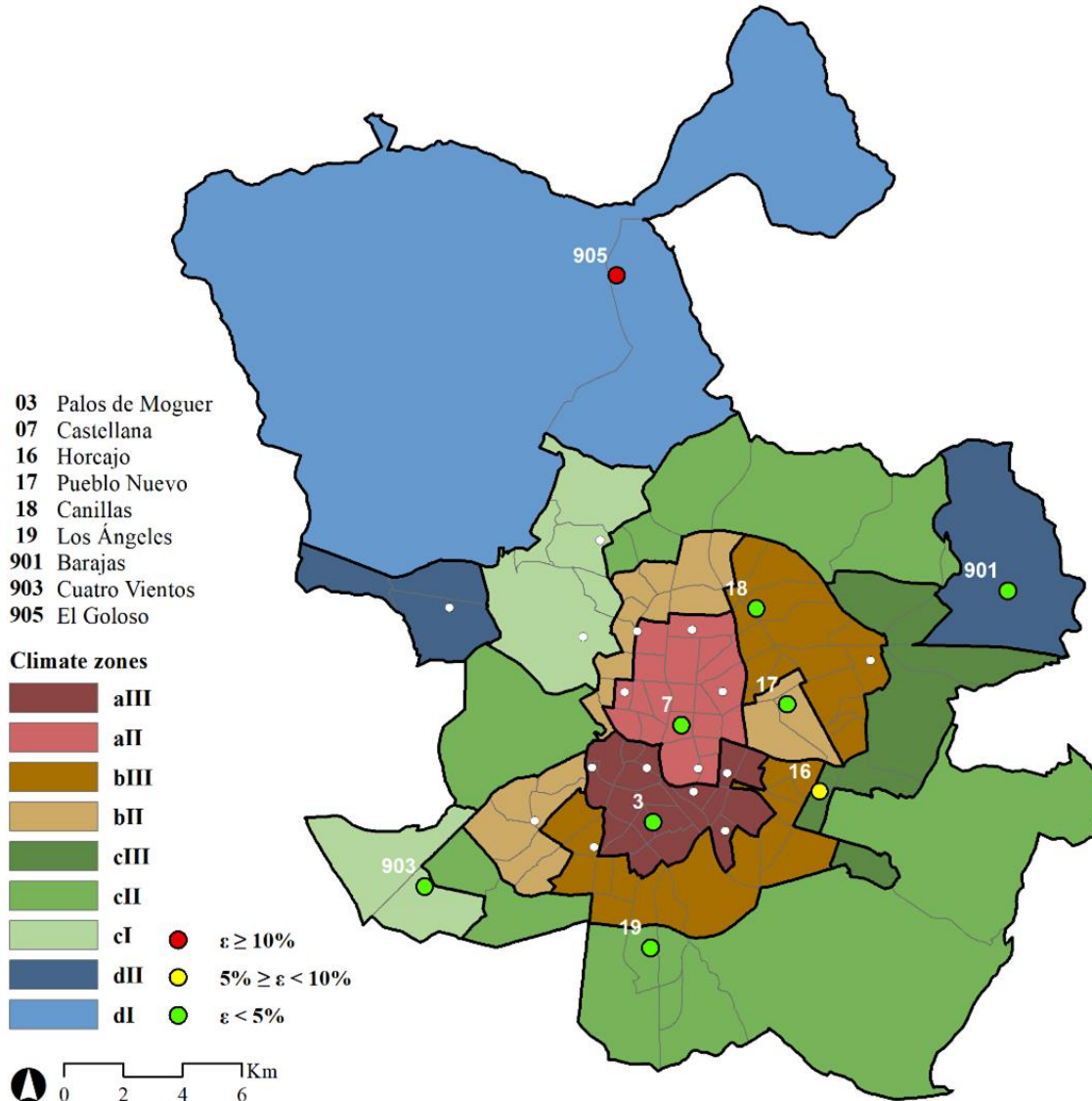
2016

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2018

Case study: city of Madrid, Spain

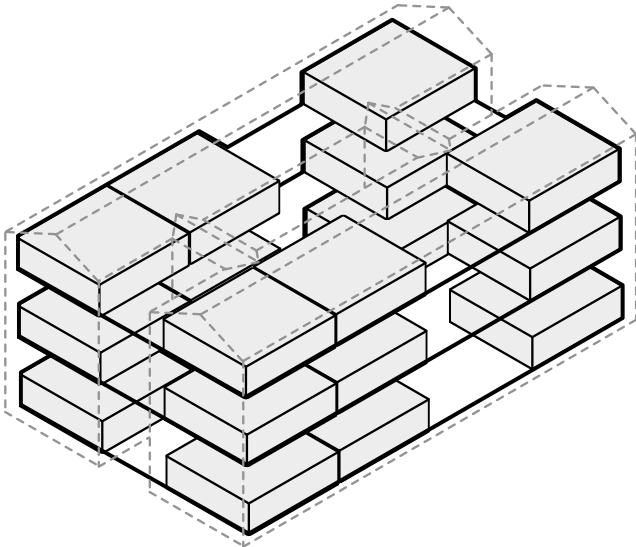
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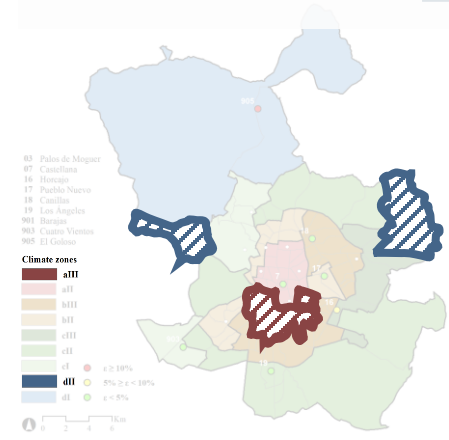
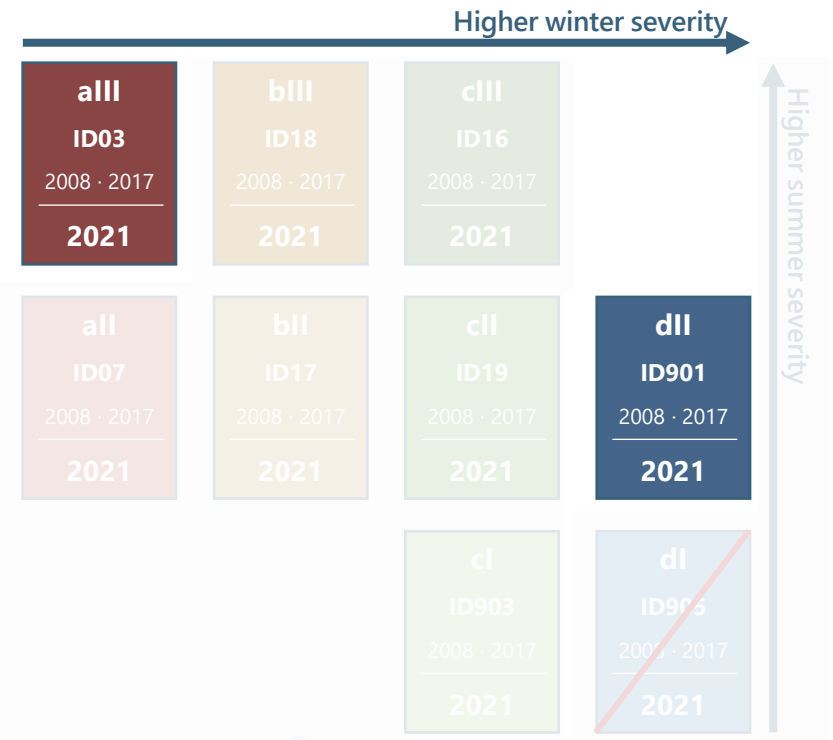
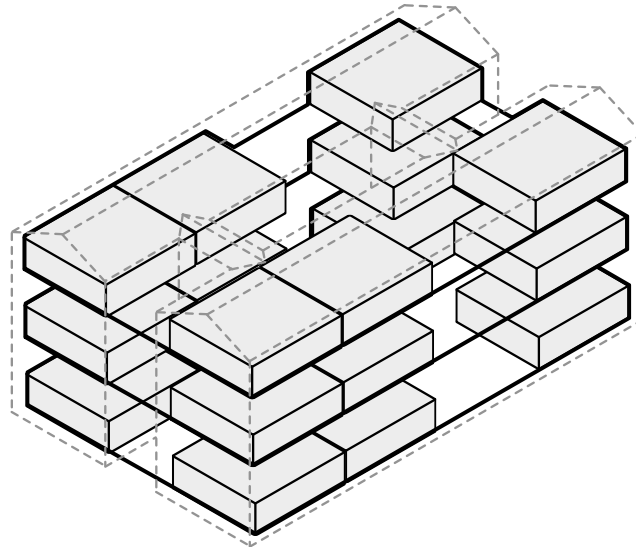
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Heating energy demand

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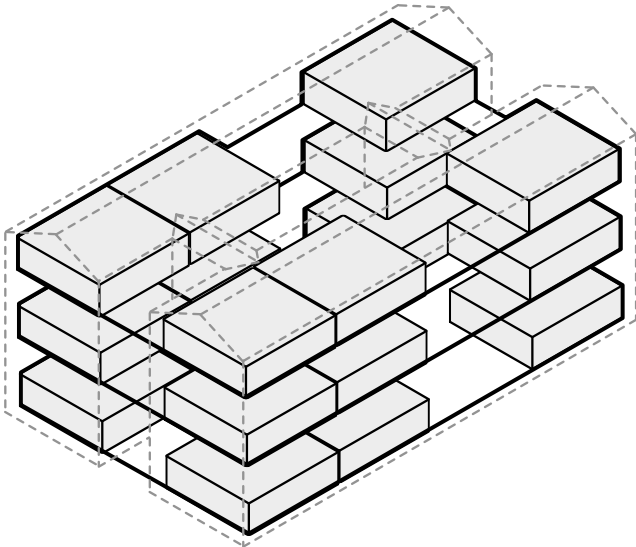


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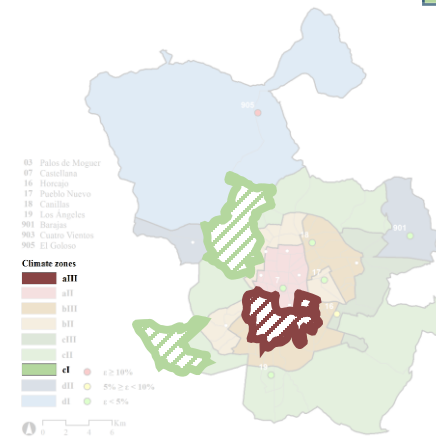
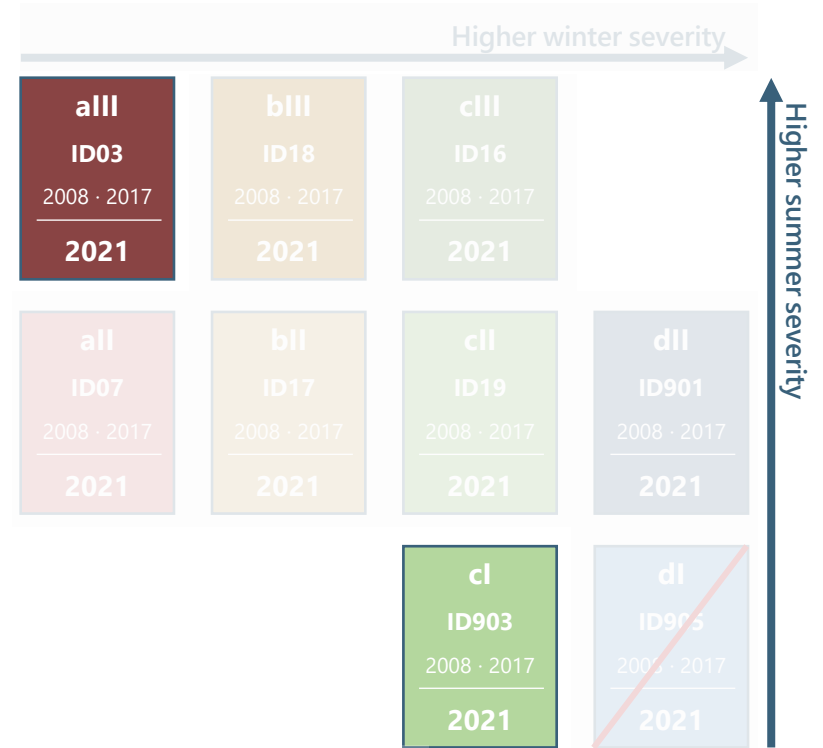
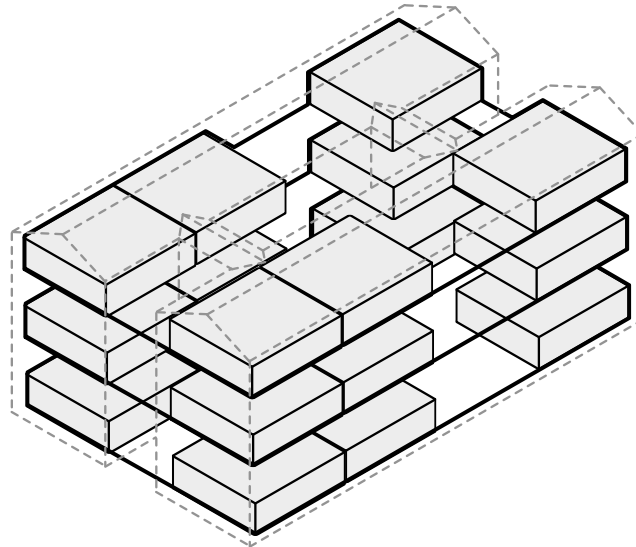


Cooling energy demand

Zone all



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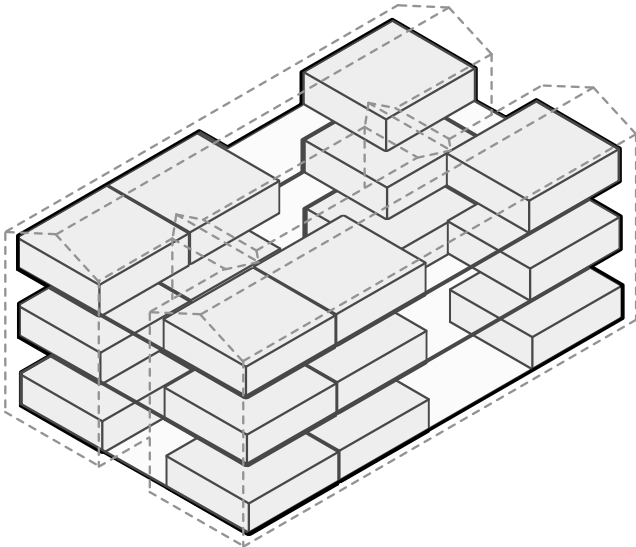


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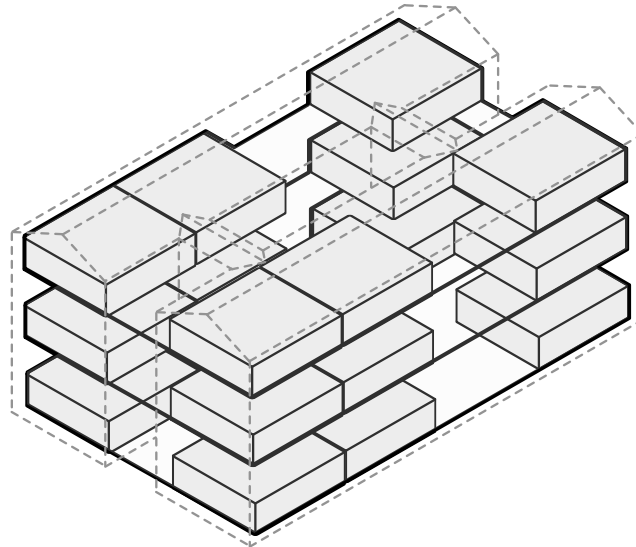
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Heating energy demand per building

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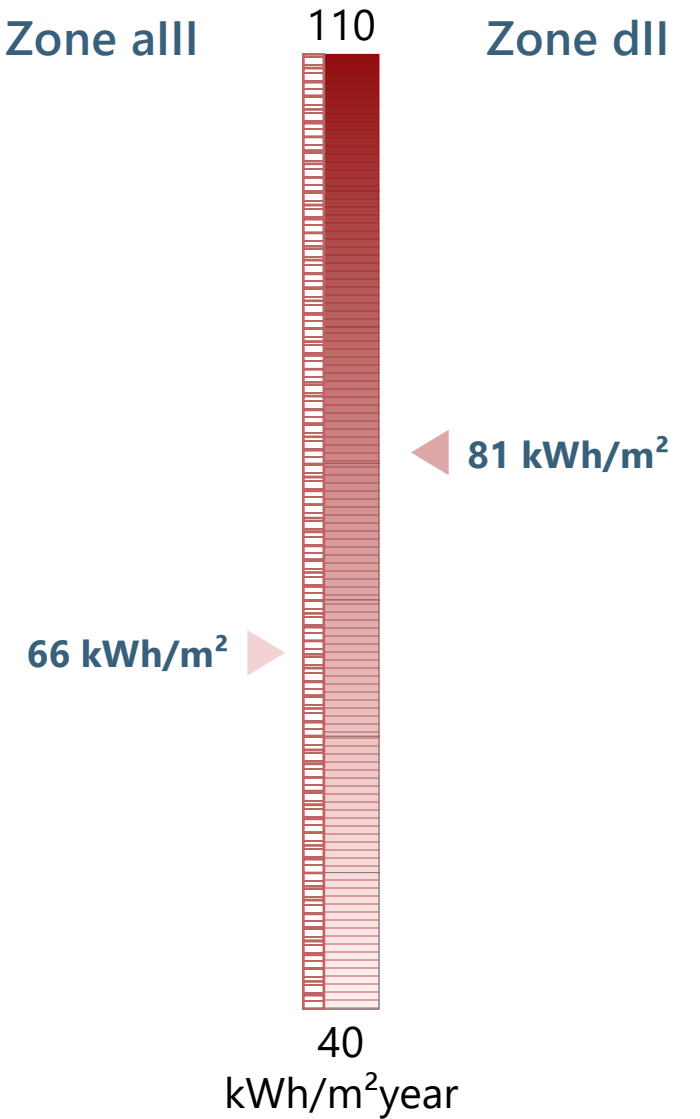


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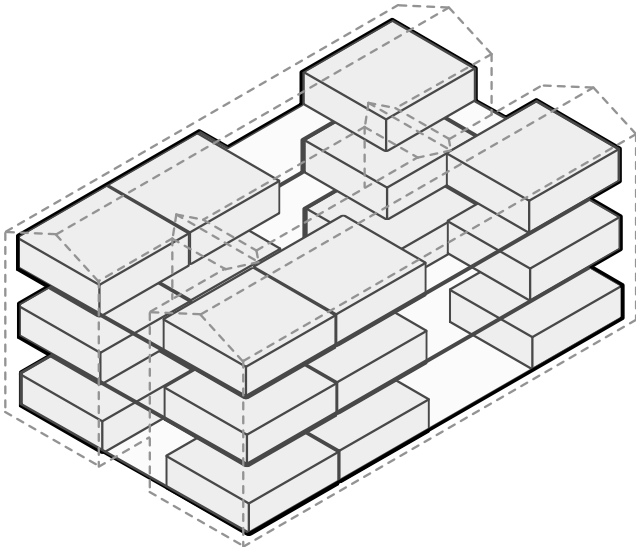
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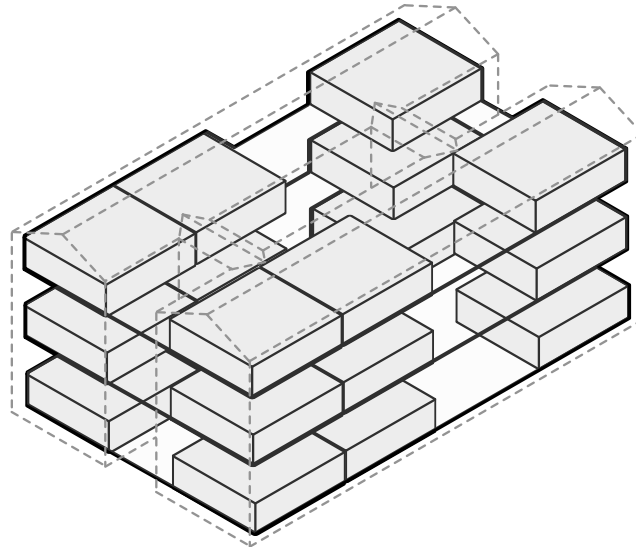


Cooling energy demand per building

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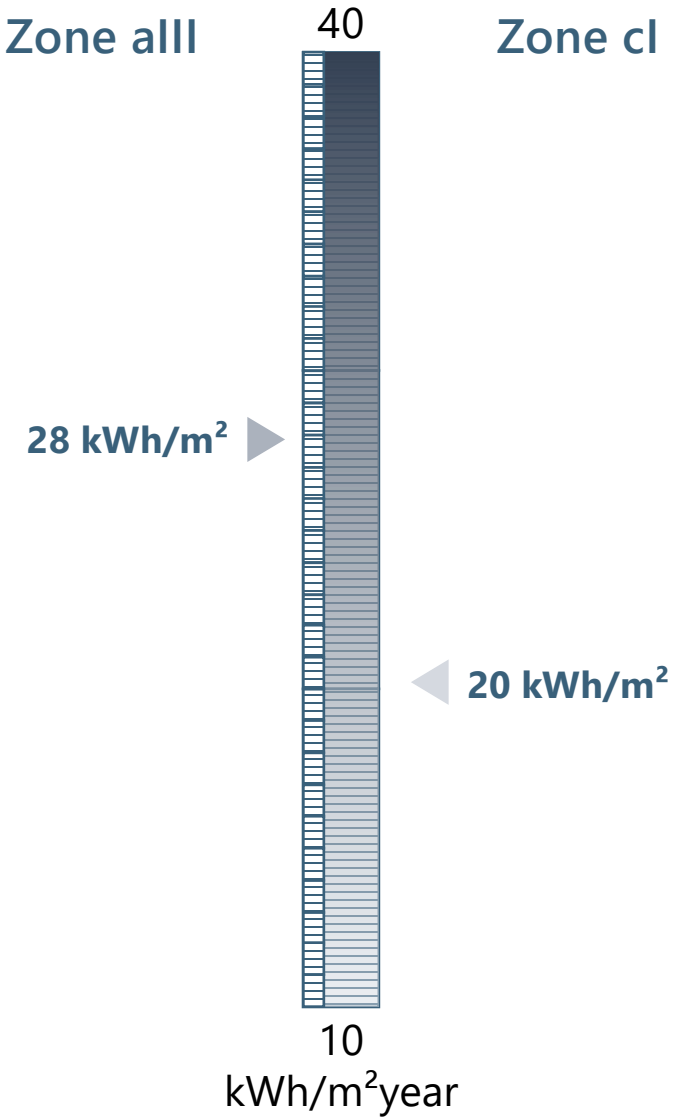


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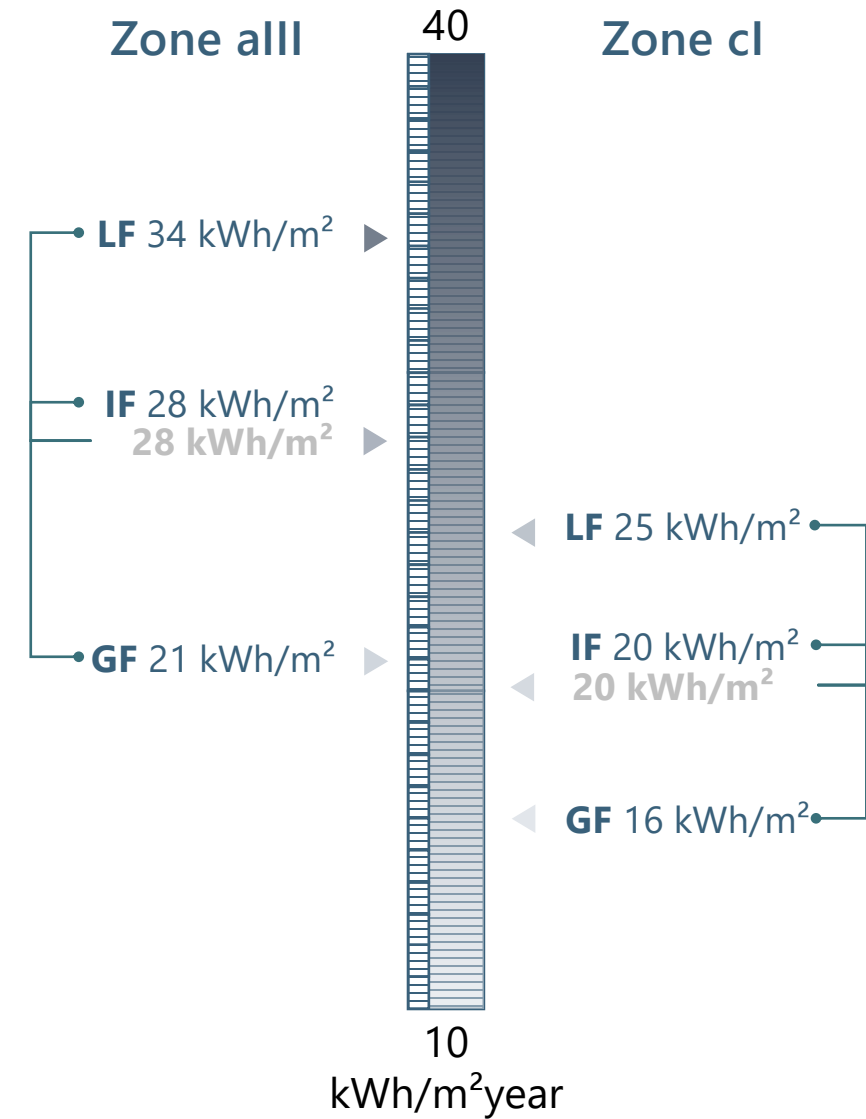
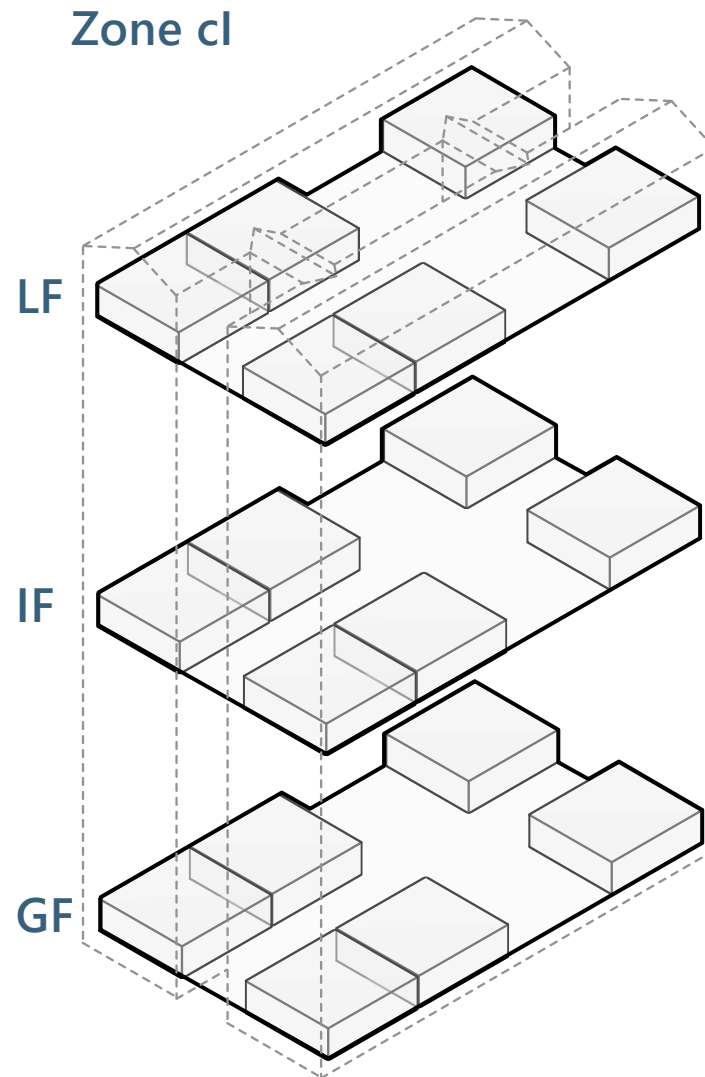
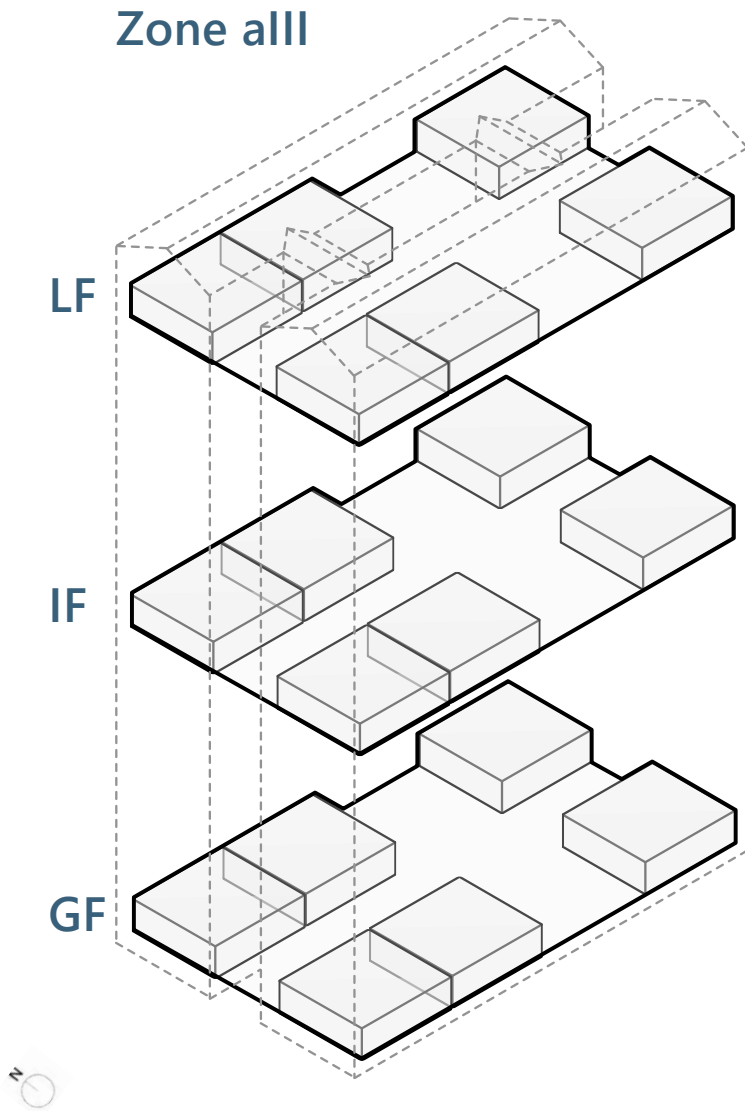


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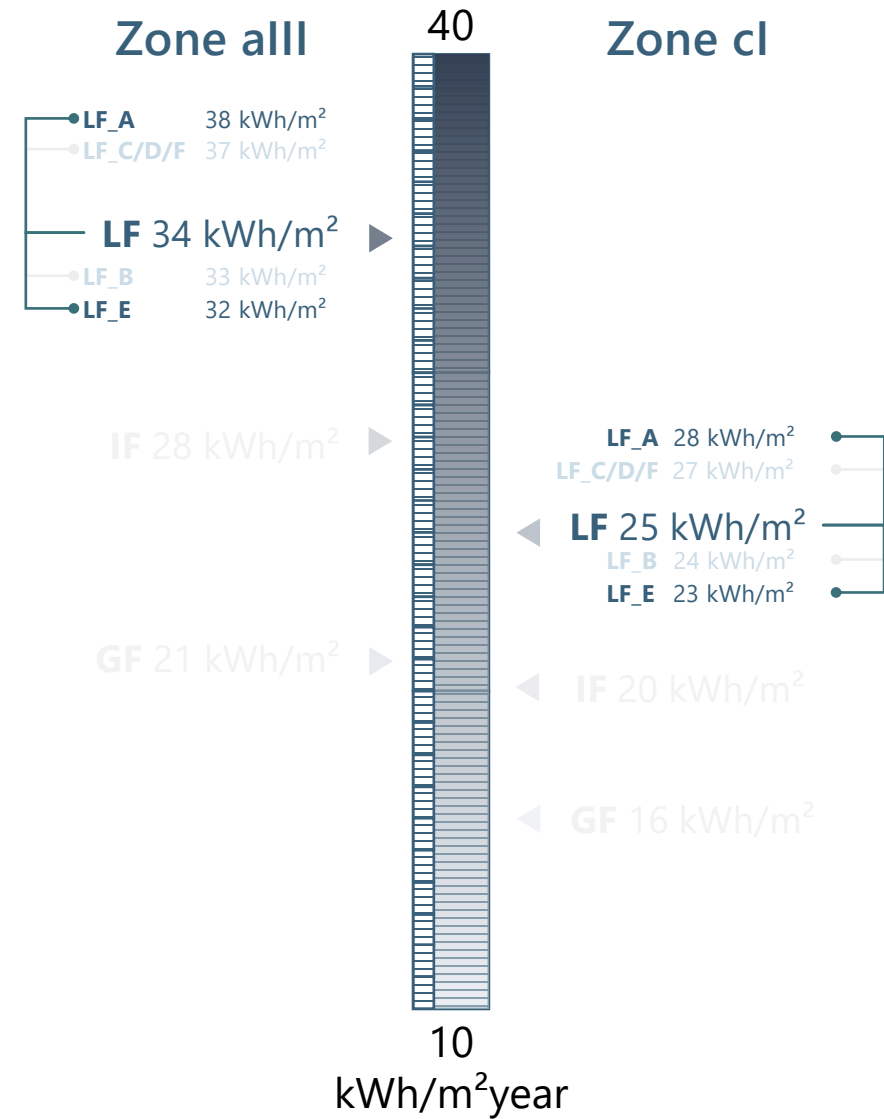
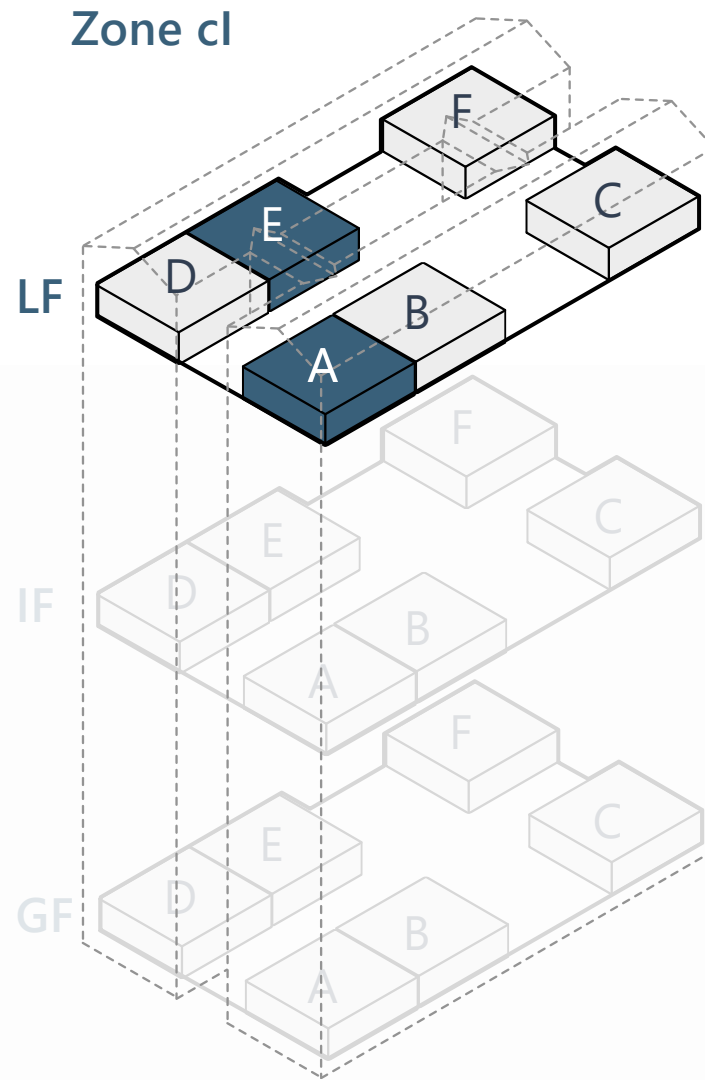
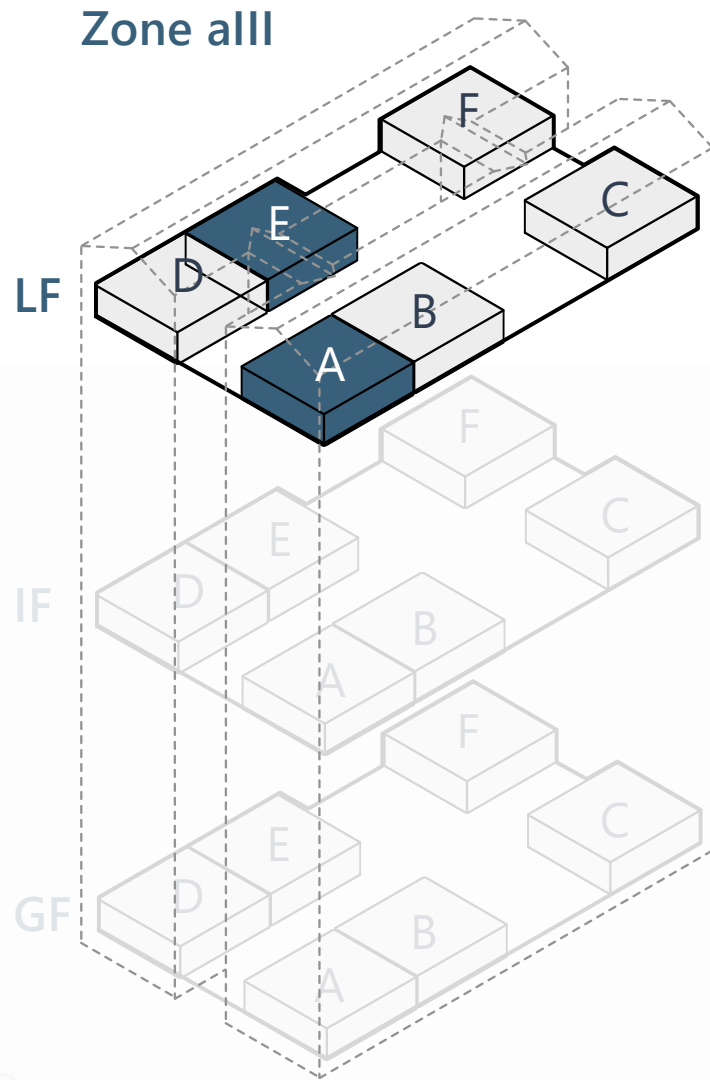
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Cooling energy demand per floor

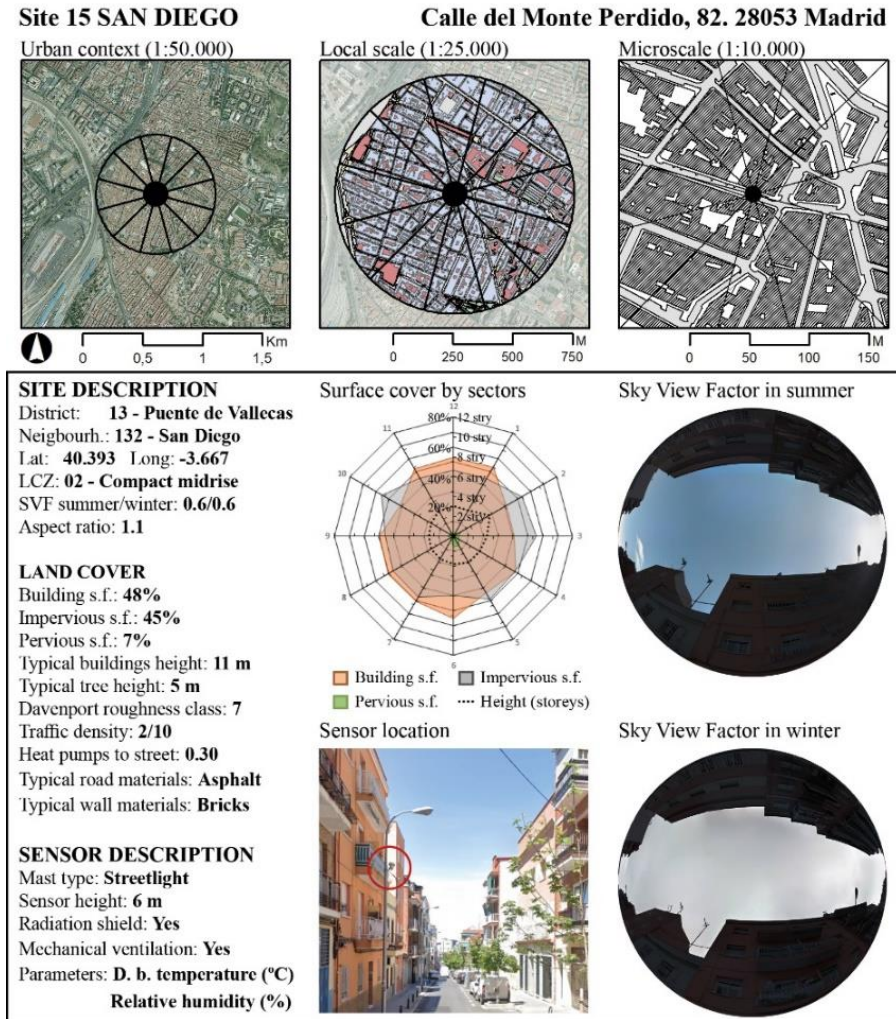
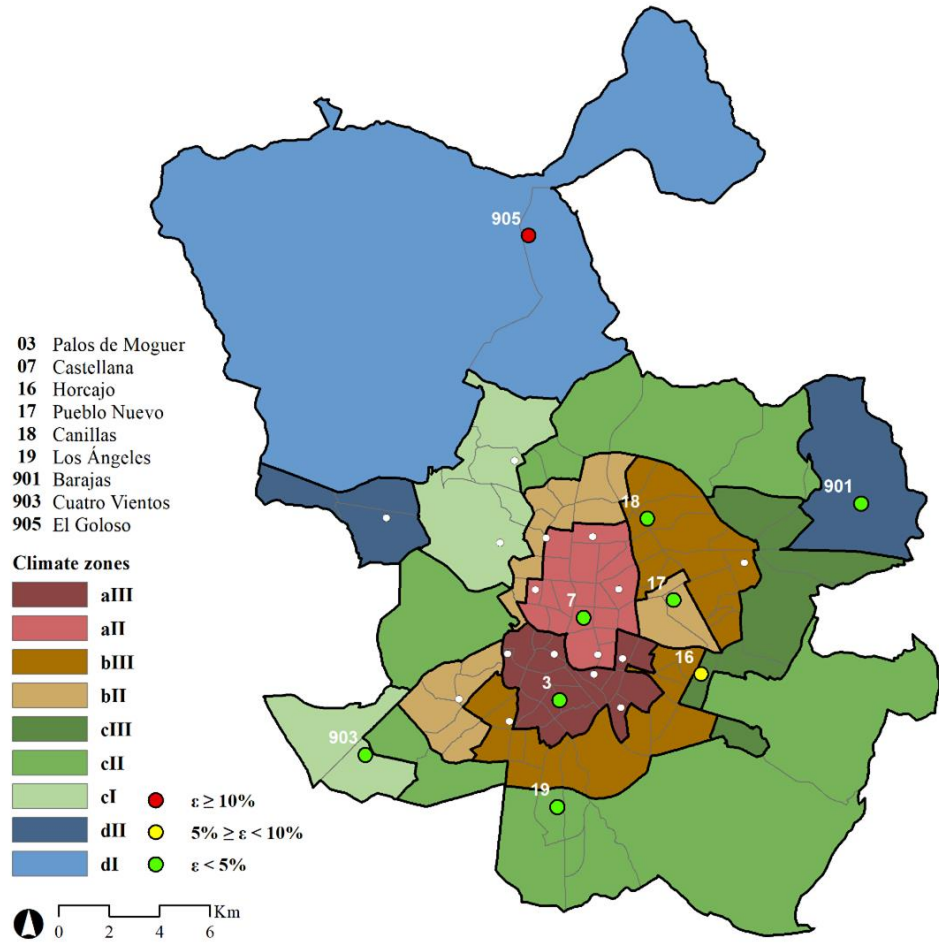


Cooling energy demand per housing unit



Future prospects and next steps

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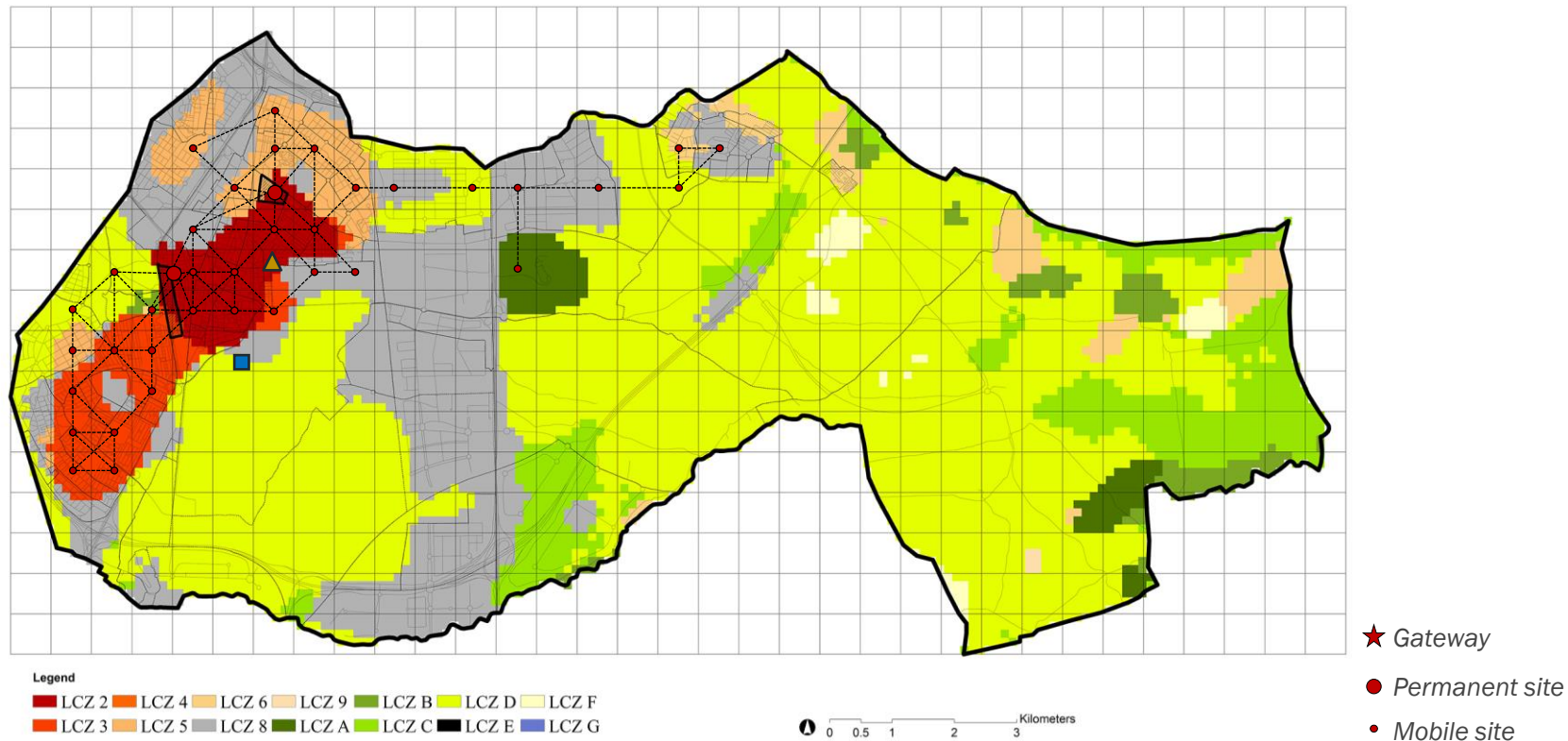
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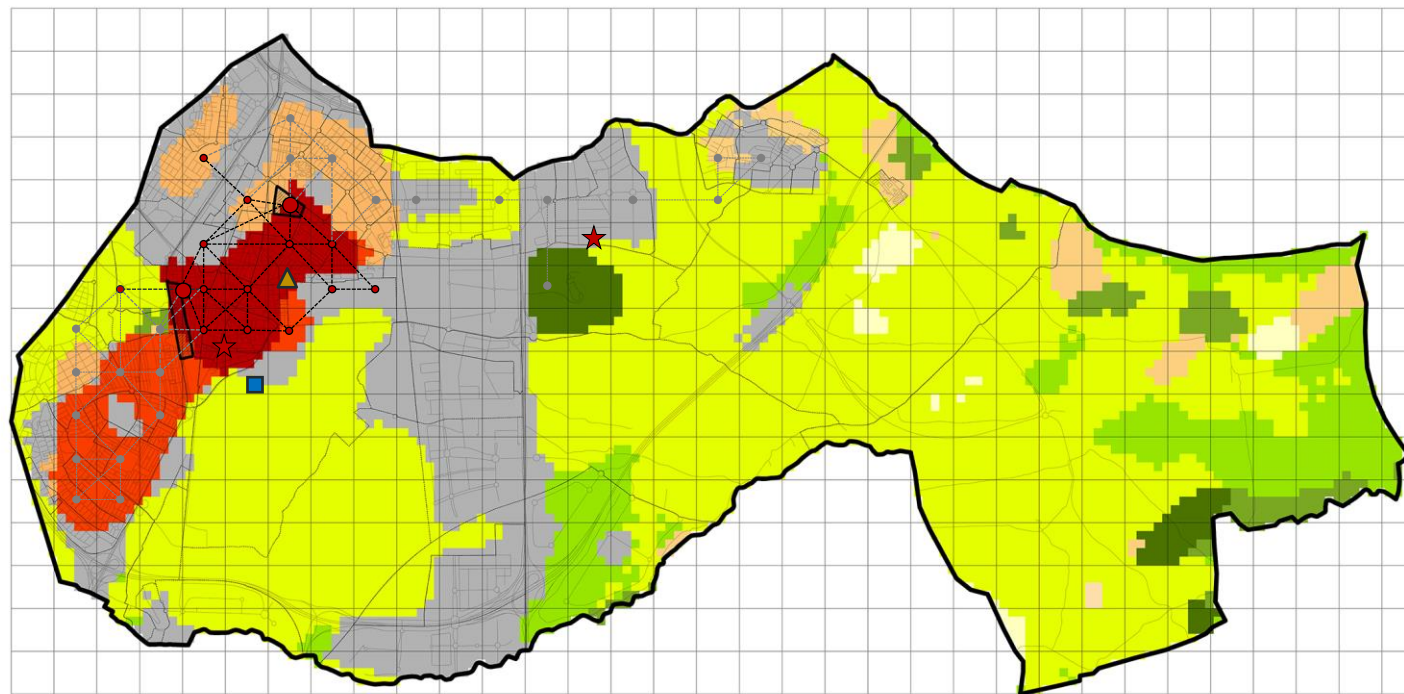
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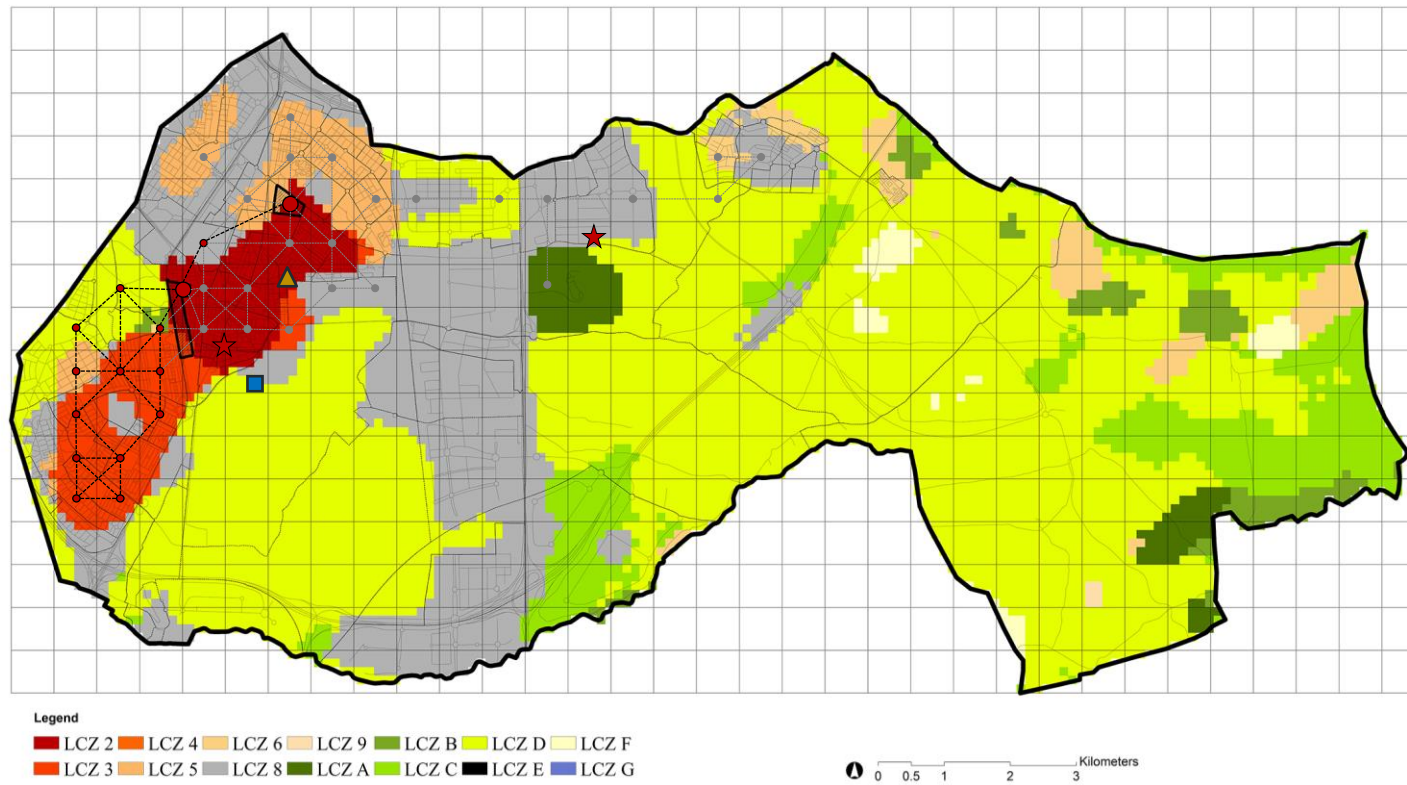
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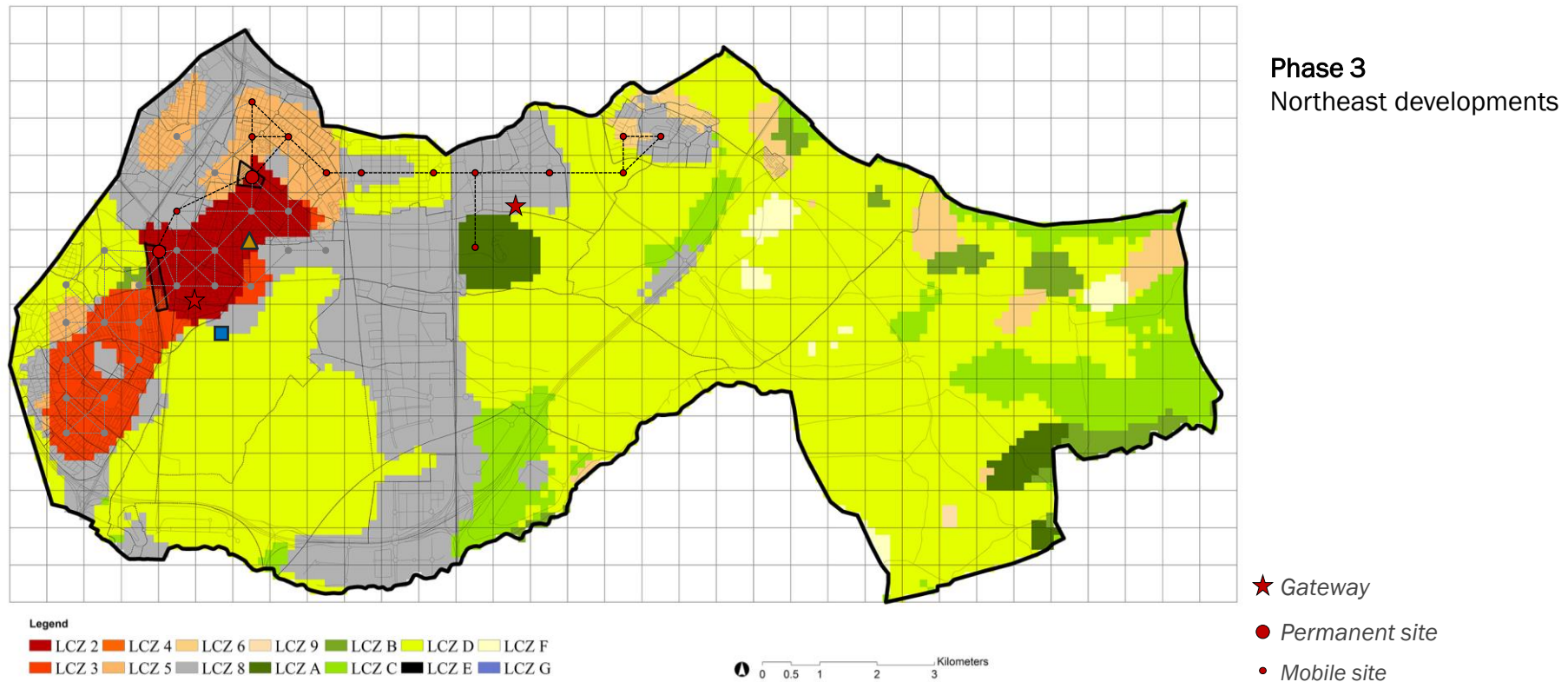


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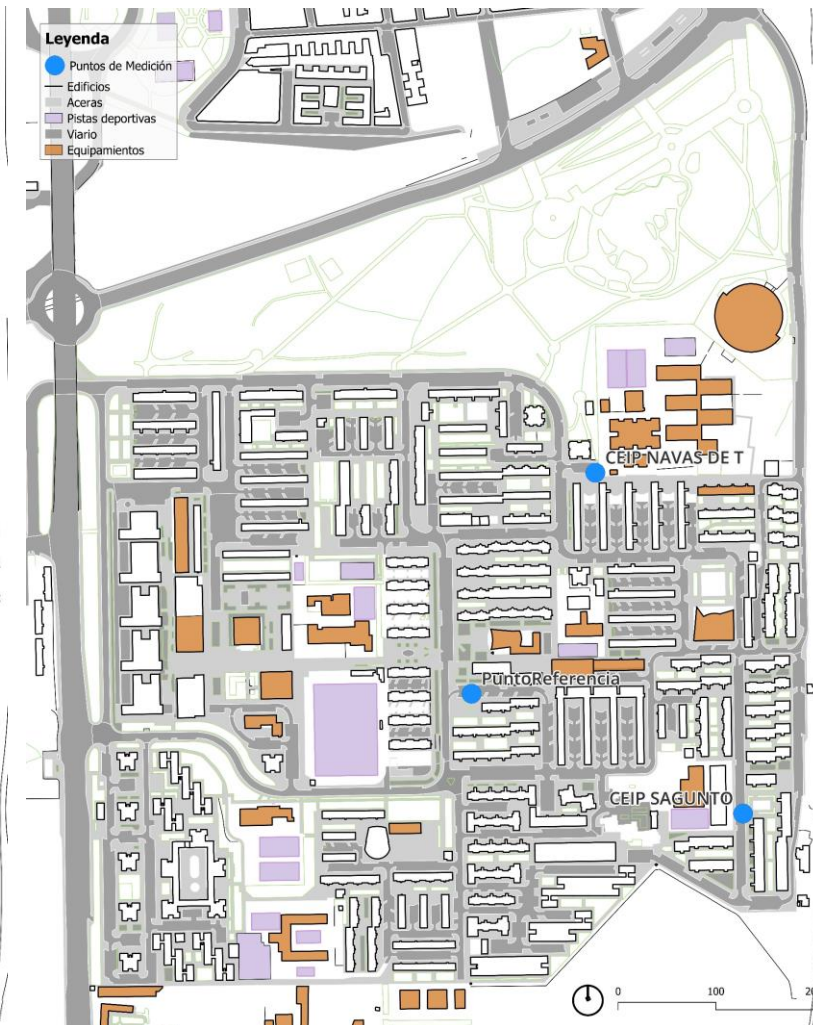
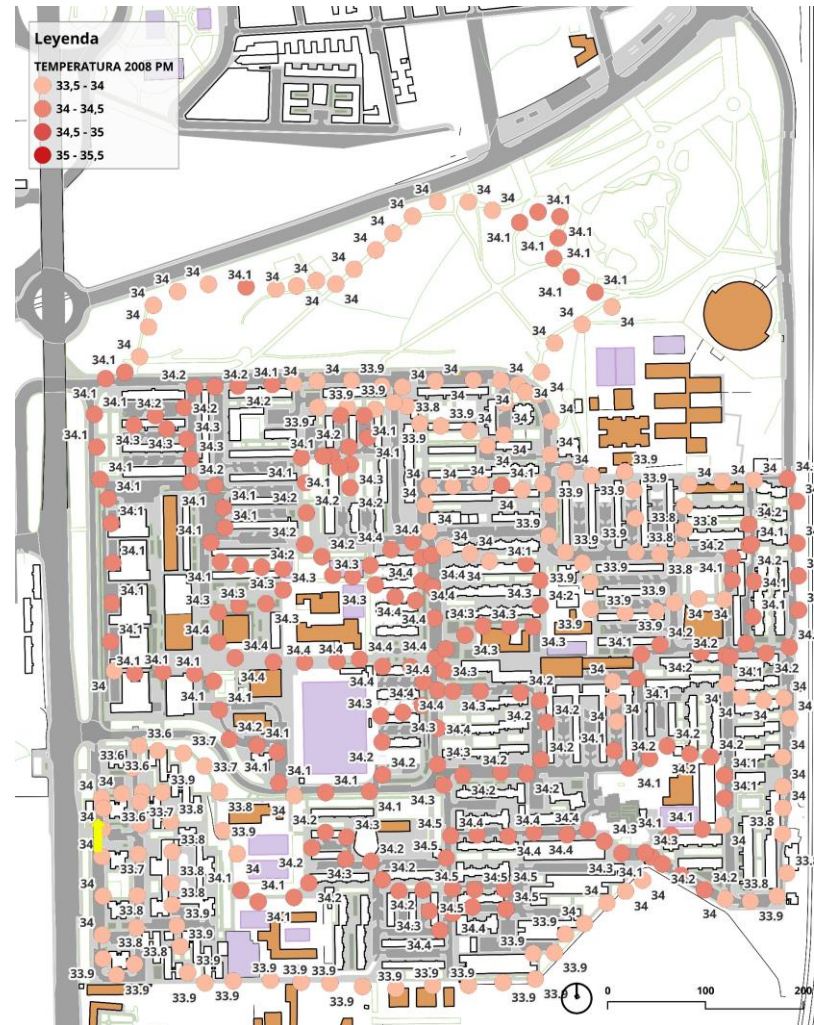
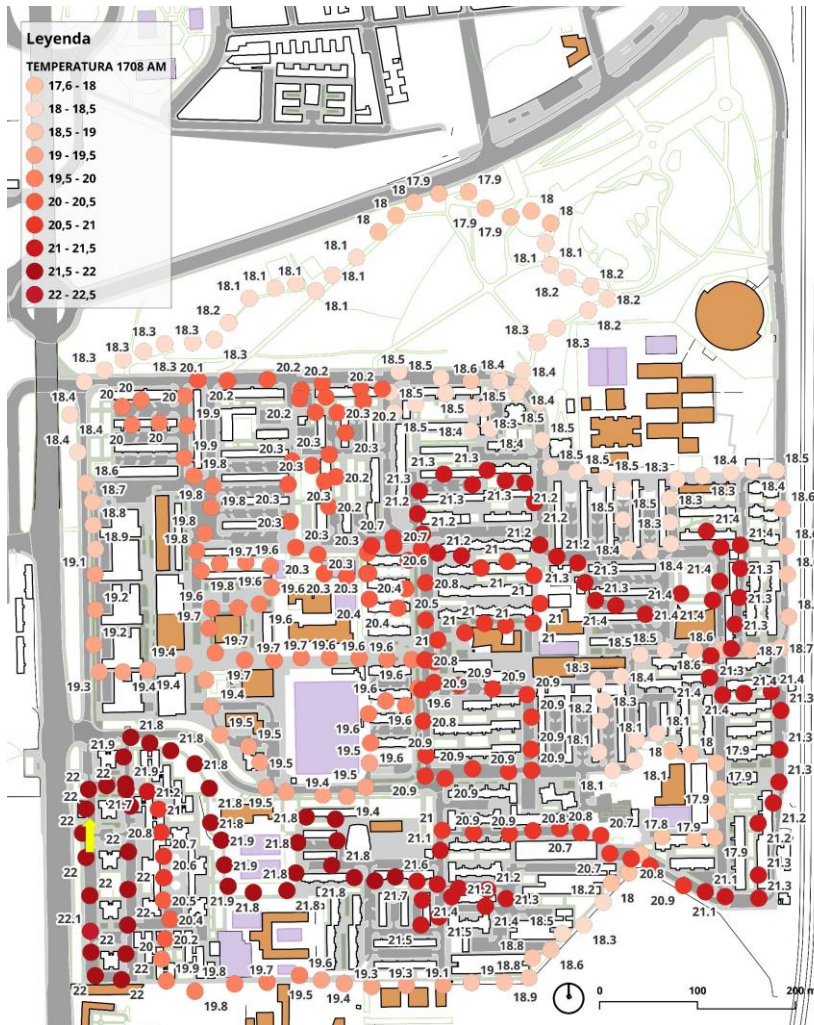
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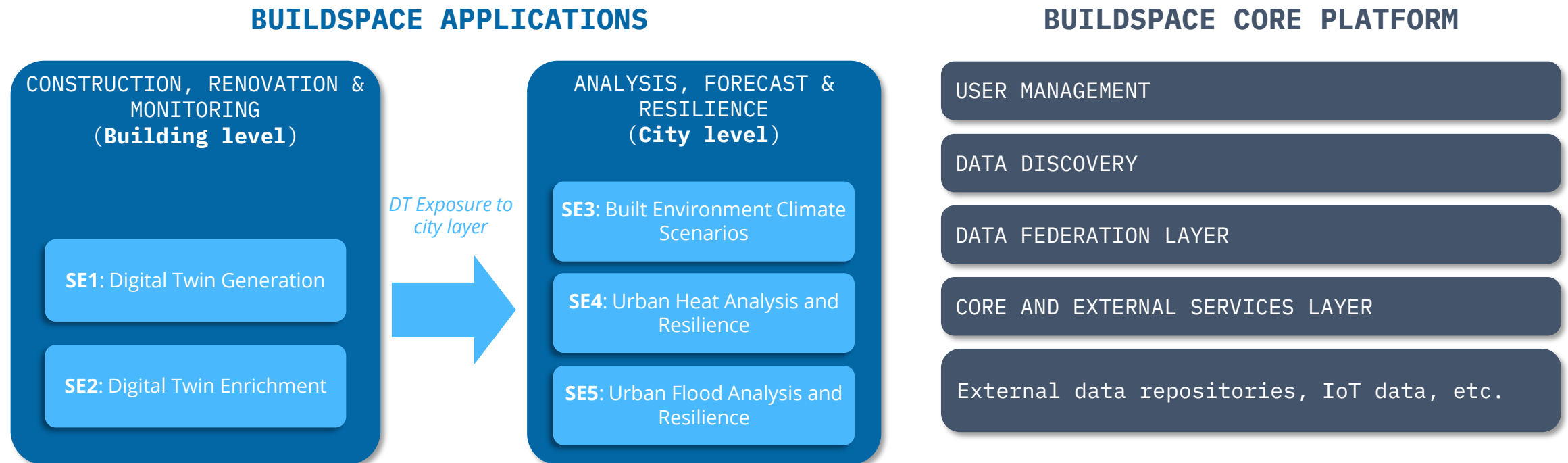
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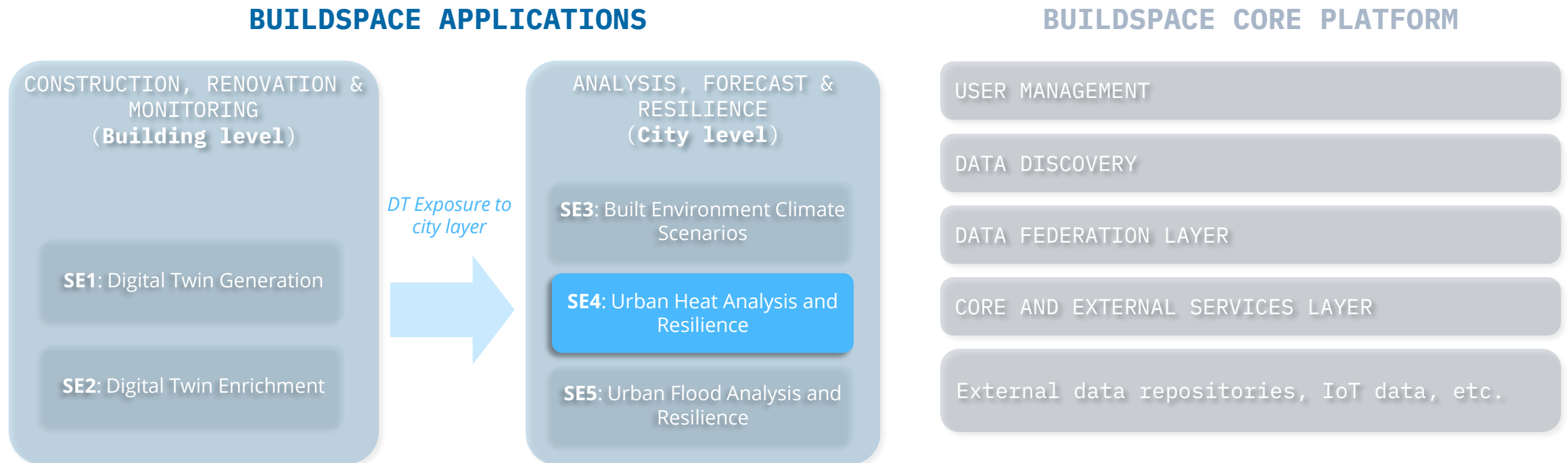
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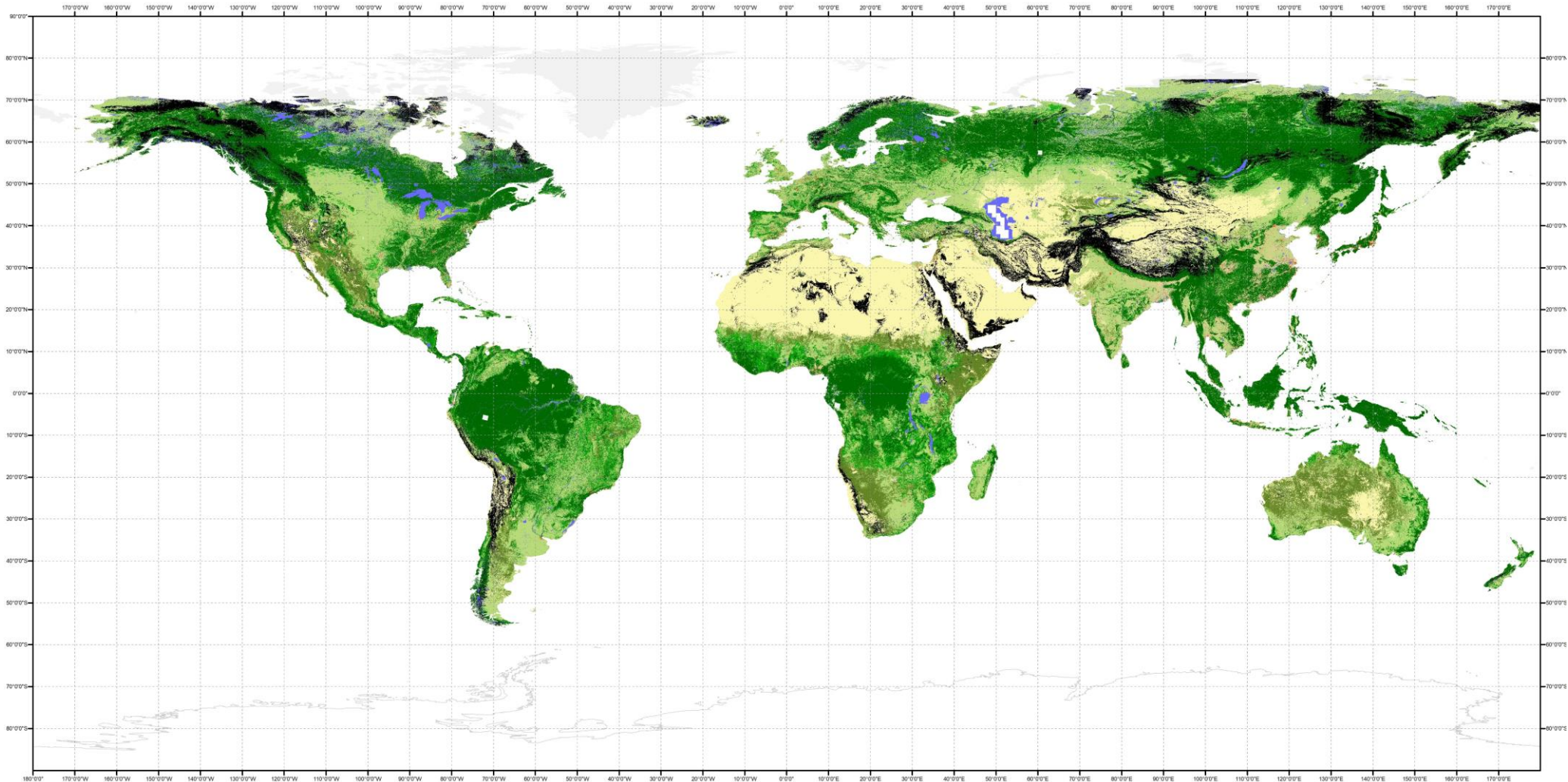


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Thank you!

Creating a set of urban weather files from a monitoring campaign

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Impact of reflective materials on outdoor and indoor microclimates

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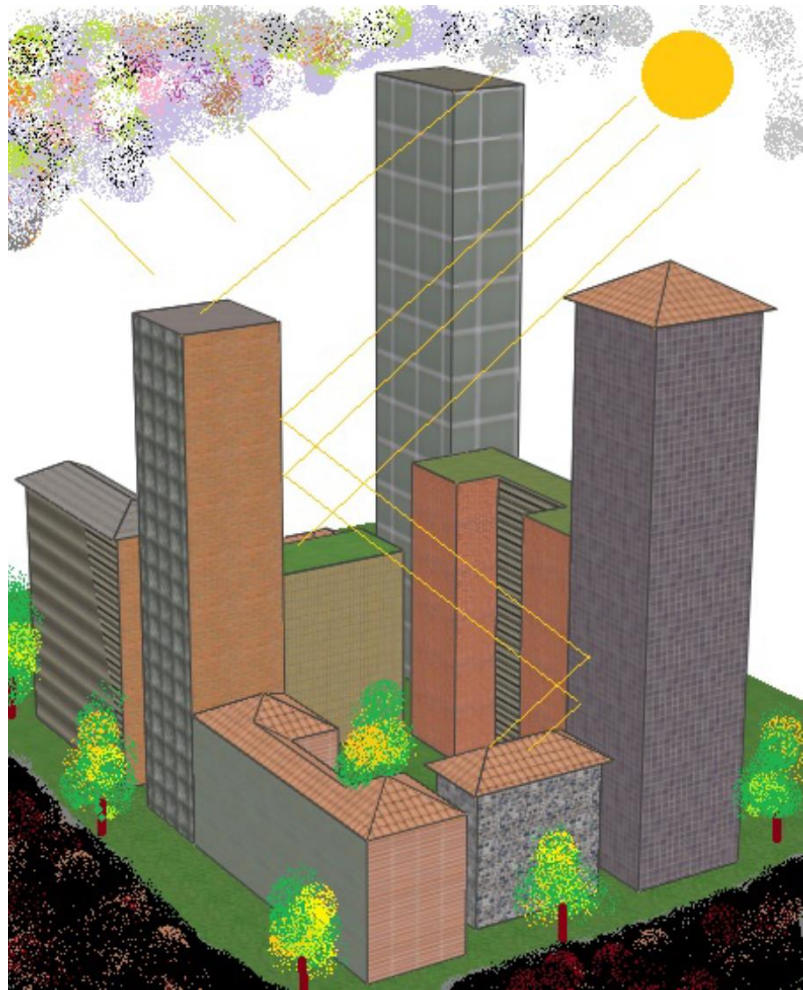
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The compact city in Mediterranean climate: heat island, urban morphology and sustainability



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Urban albedo computation in high latitude locations: An experimental approach

Aim of the project:

To investigate the impact of **urban geometry** and **materials** on **urban albedo** and its impact on:

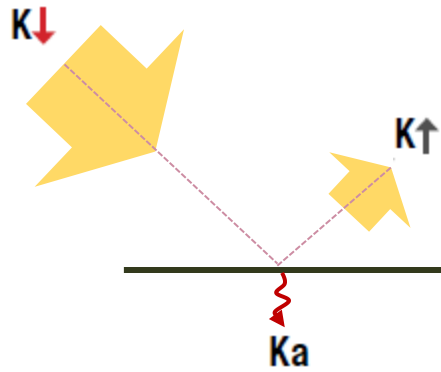
- **outdoor thermal comfort**
- **building overheating risk**

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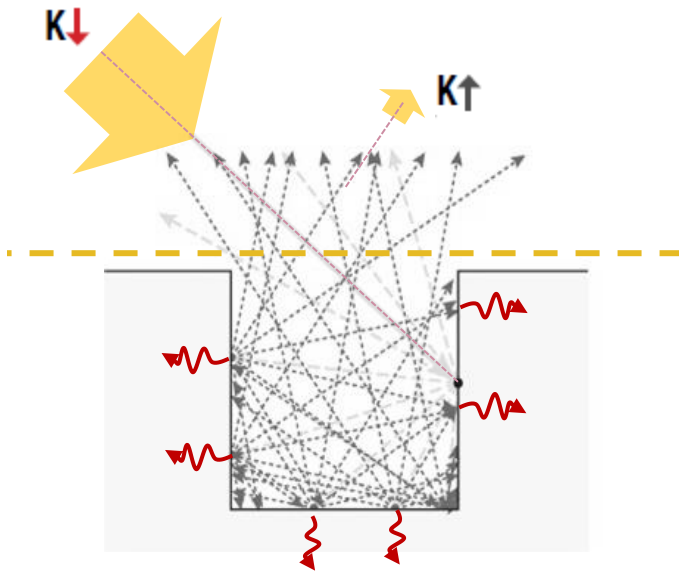
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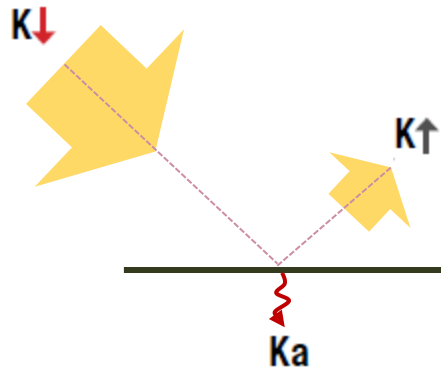


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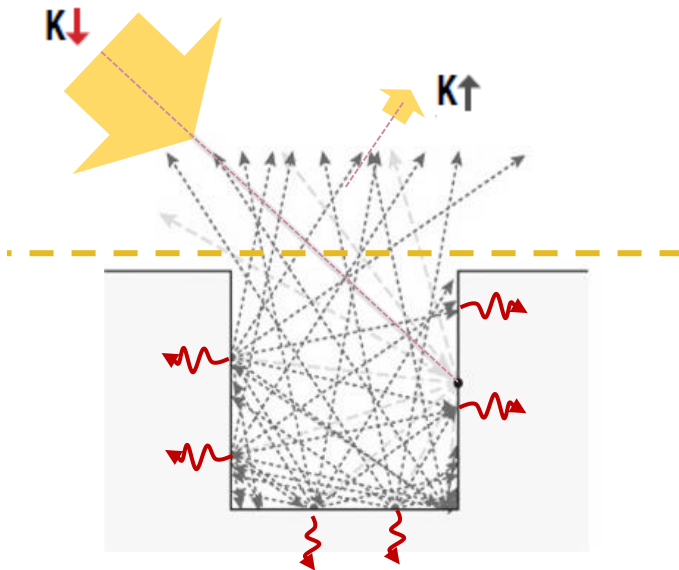




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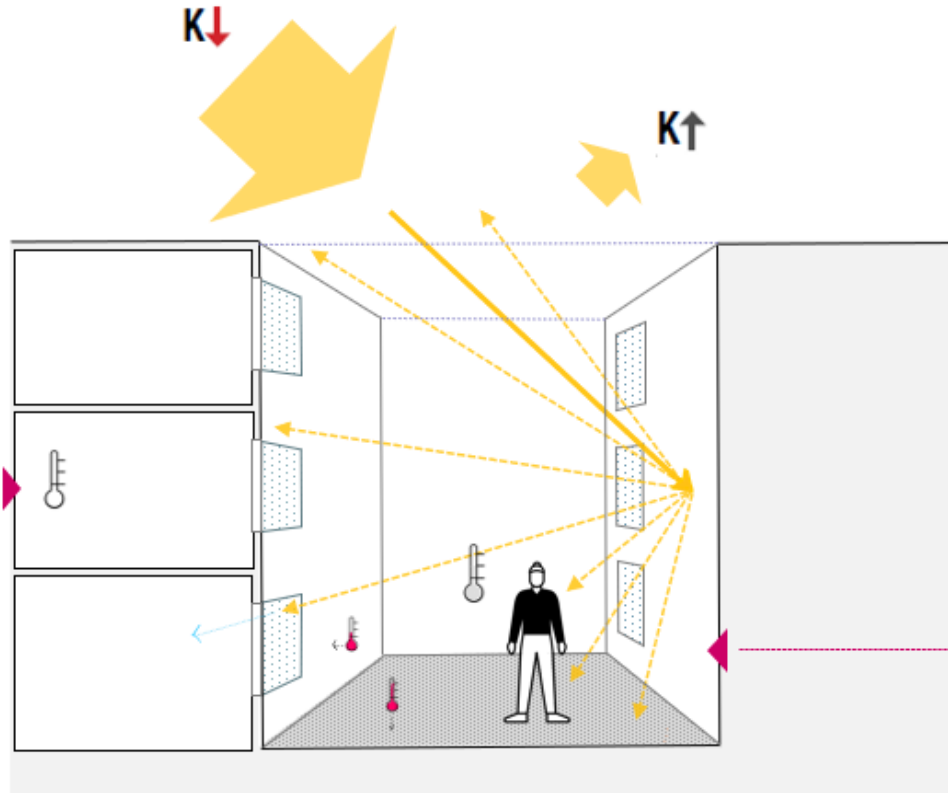


Low urban albedo value is responsible for:

- intensifying the **urban heat island**
- Negative impact on **outdoor thermal comfort**
- Increasing **overheating risk** of urban buildings

Impacts of increasing the solar reflectance of façades and roads in urban canyons

Operative temperature
↓
Building overheating risk



Urban Canyon Albedo

↓
Urban heat island

Street level microclimate
(Air Temperature and Mean radiant temperature)

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Outdoor thermal comfort

Methods

A residential area in London is used as case study



In situ measurements



Physical model monitoring



Microclimate and building performance simulations

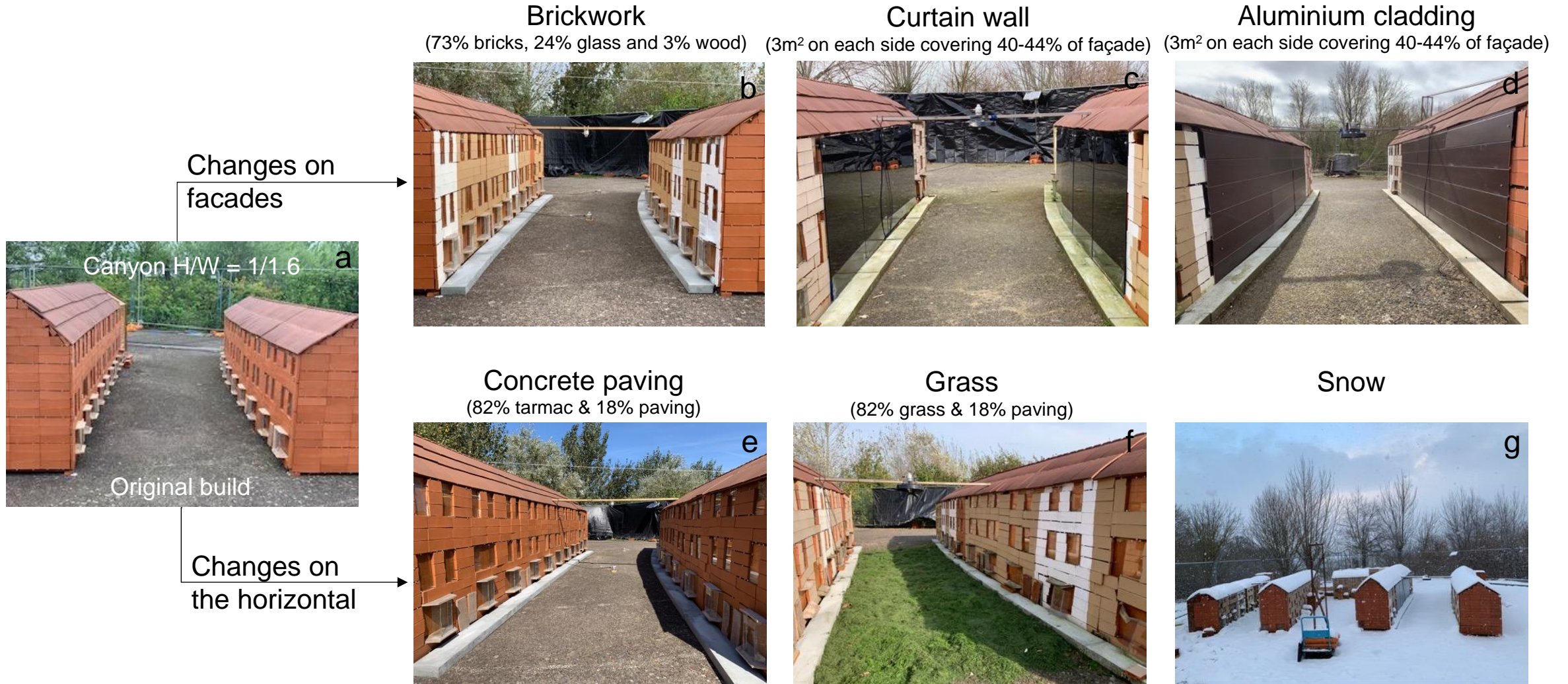
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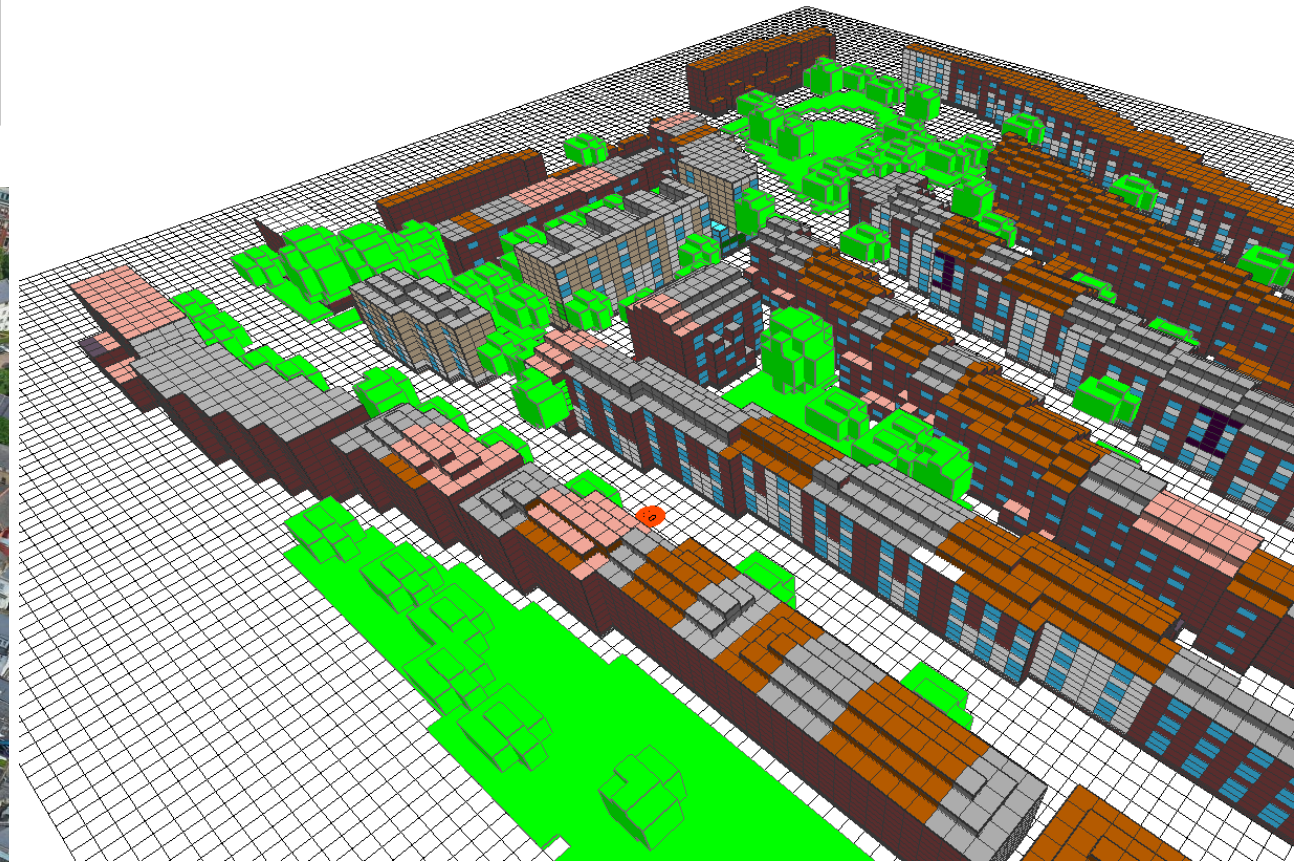
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Microclimate simulations (ENVImet)

Material & reflectivity coefficients		K_rd		S_Rd		L_Rd	
Façade (divided by orientation)		ESE	WNW	SSW	NNE	SSE	NNW
Red Bricks	r= 0.32	9%	40%		69%	8%	4%
Yellow bricks	r= 0.43	25%		33%		31%	33%
painted brick	r= 0.2	9%					
Dark paints	r= 0.08			3%	1%		
White painted bricks	r= 0.56	38%	35%	40%	17%	33%	42%
Clear glass	r= 0.05	19%	25%	24%	13%	28%	22%
Roads							
Tarmac	r= 0.19	100%		100%		100%	

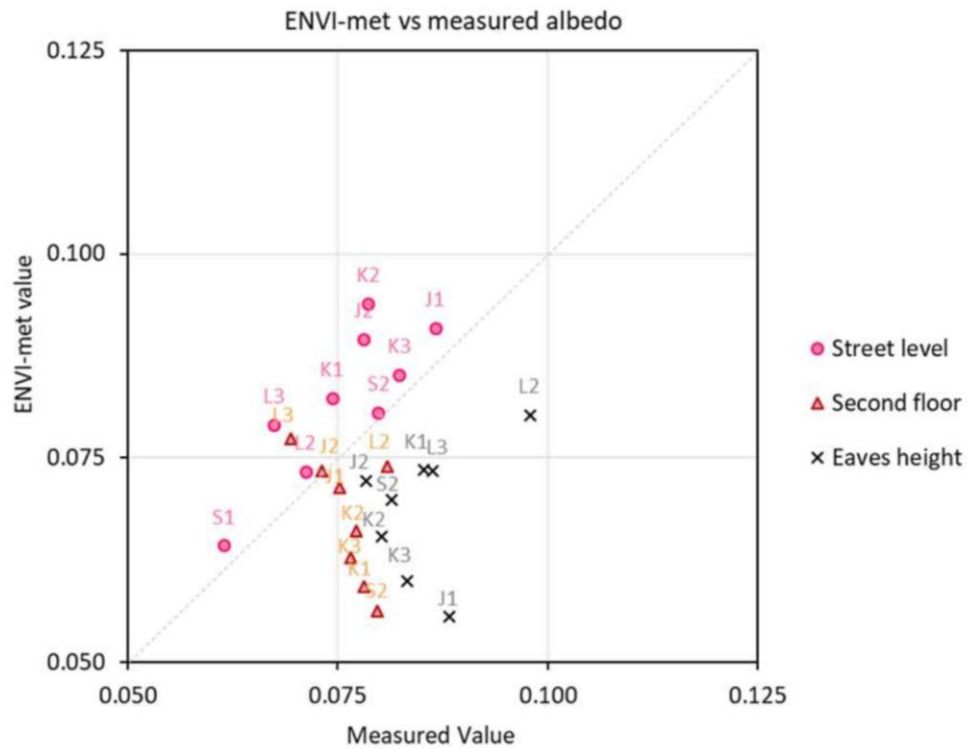


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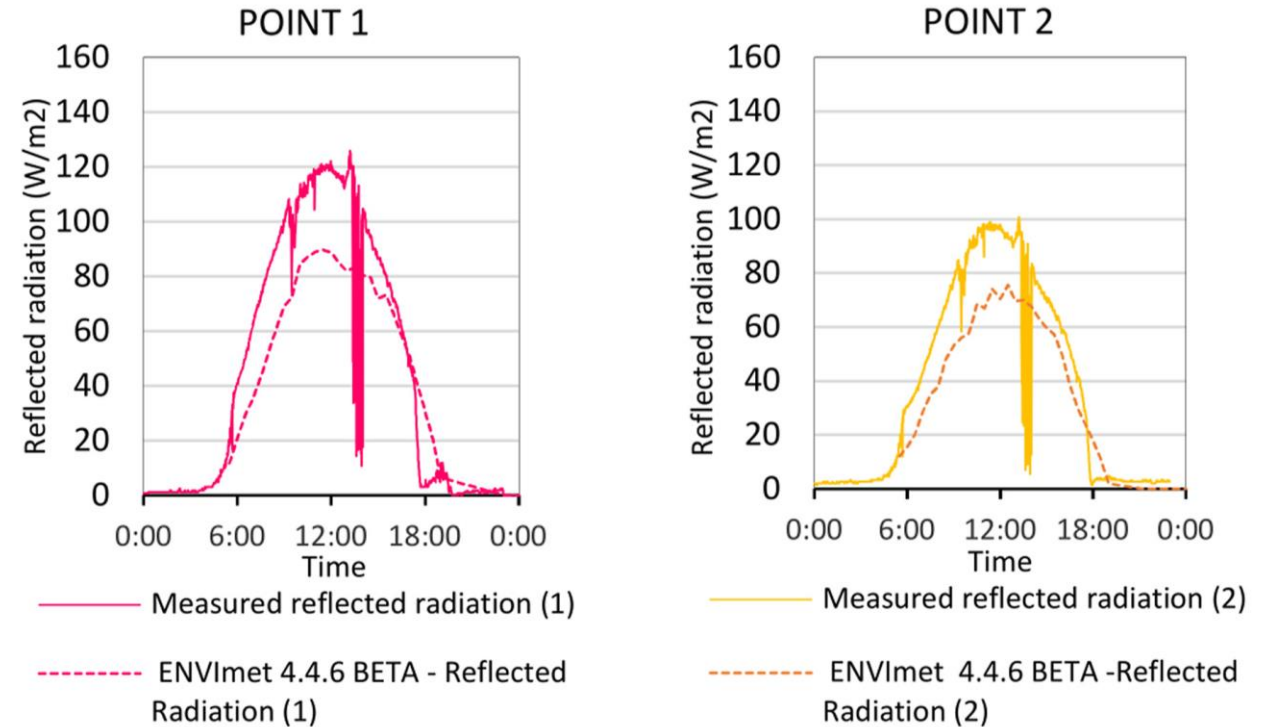
ENVI-met performance

- Overestimates reflected radiation at the Street level
- Underestimates reflected radiation at the roof level

Vs site measurements



Vs Scale Model measurements



Microclimate simulations (ENVImet)

BC : Baseline model



Roads:

SR = 0.19 (Tarmac and concrete paving)

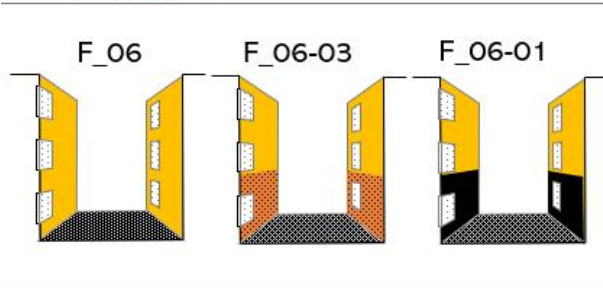
Façades:

SR = 0.05 (Glass) ~ 22% of the façade area

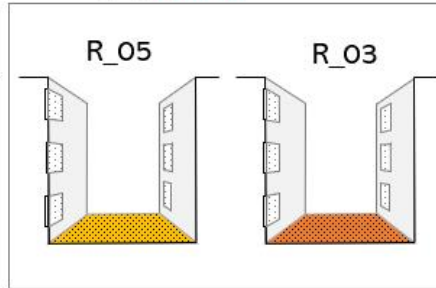
SR = 0.32 – 0.43 (bricks) ~ 50% + 0.56 (light-colour paint) ~ 45% + 0.08 - 0.2 (dark colour paint) ~ 5%

Reflective scenarios

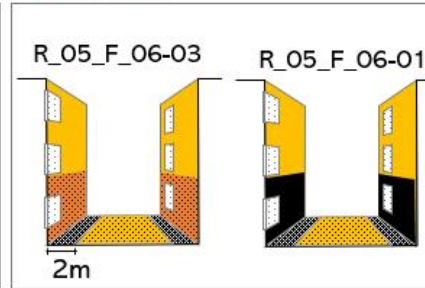
Changing façades' reflectance



Changing paving reflectance



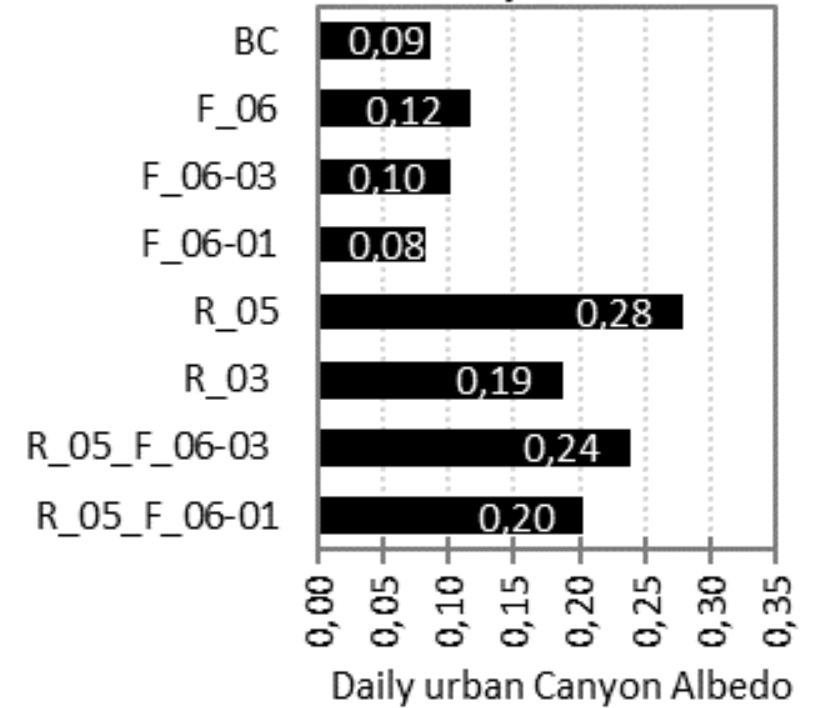
Combined scenario



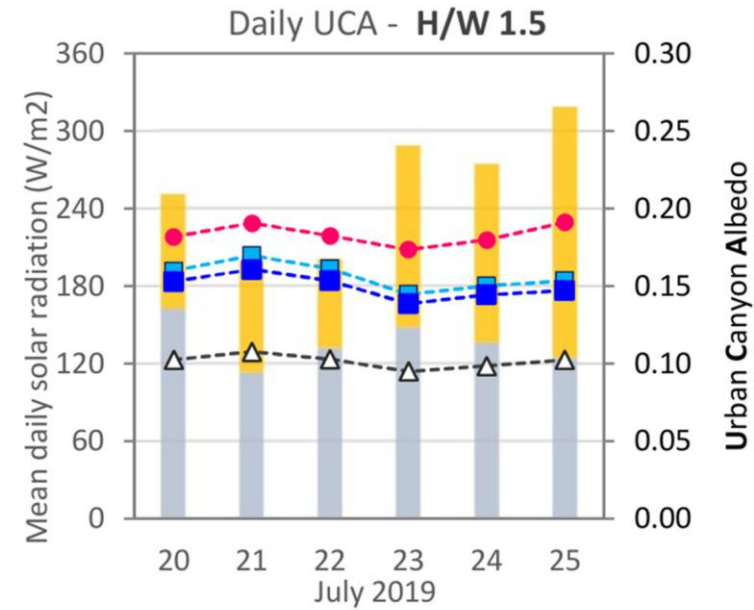
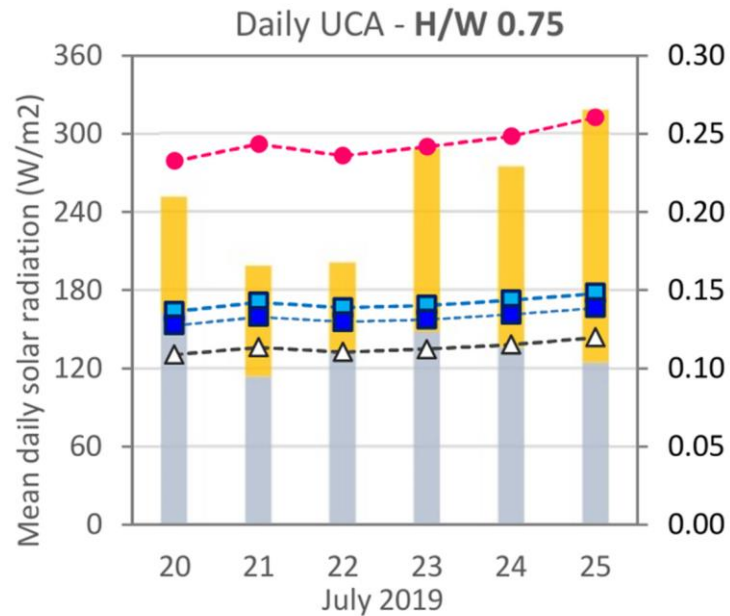
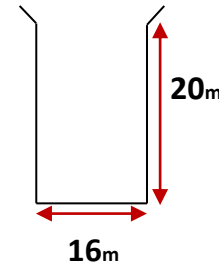
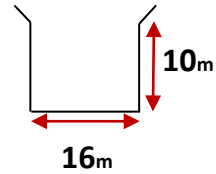
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Impact of reflective scenarios on urban canyon albedo



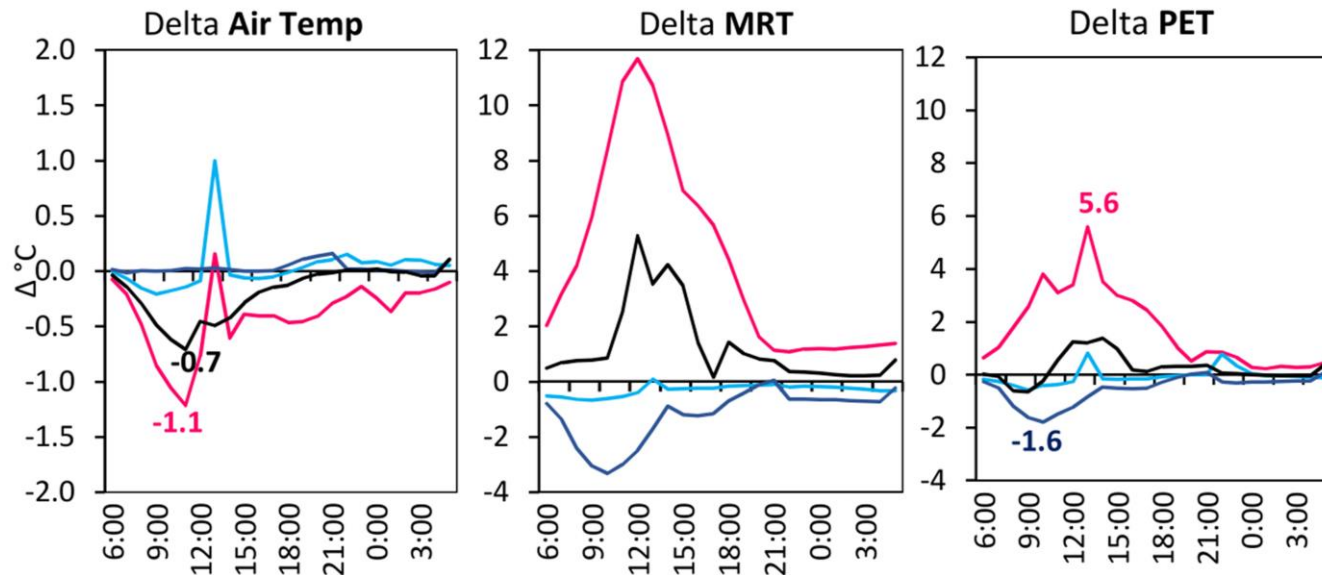
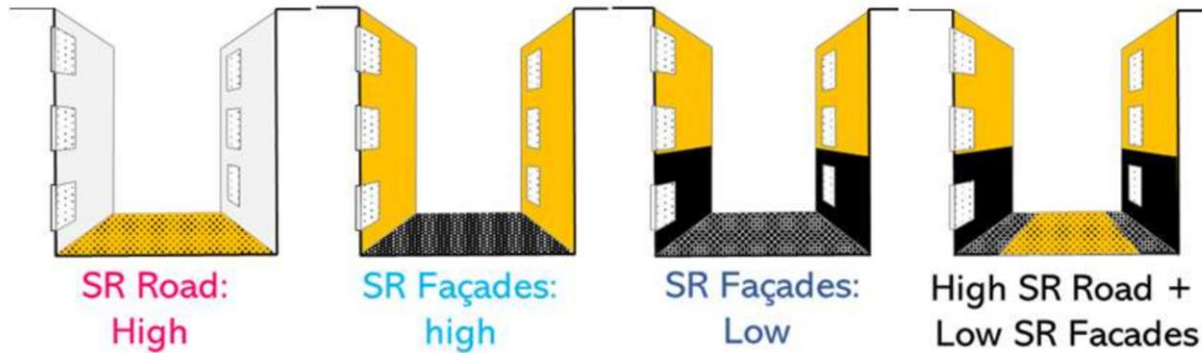
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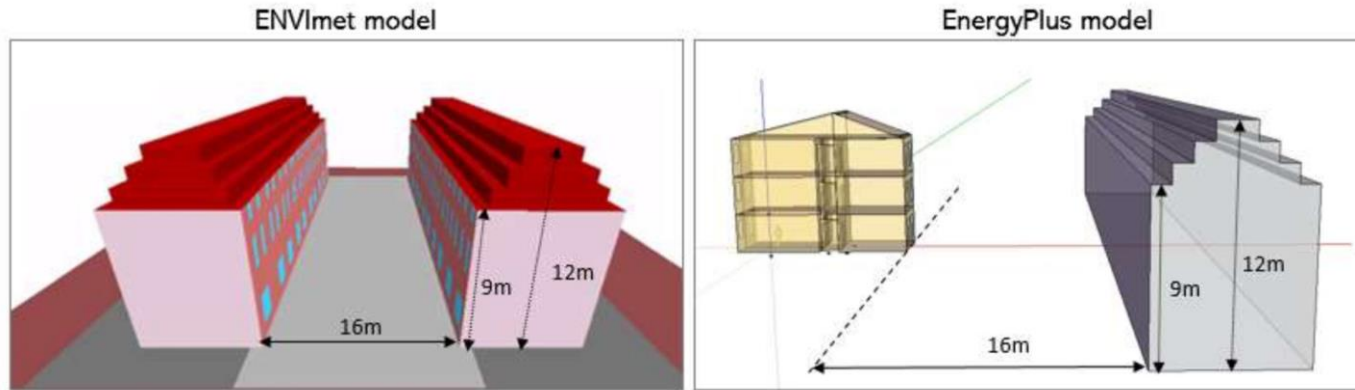
High reflectance roads increase urban albedo and reduce air temperature in wide canyons

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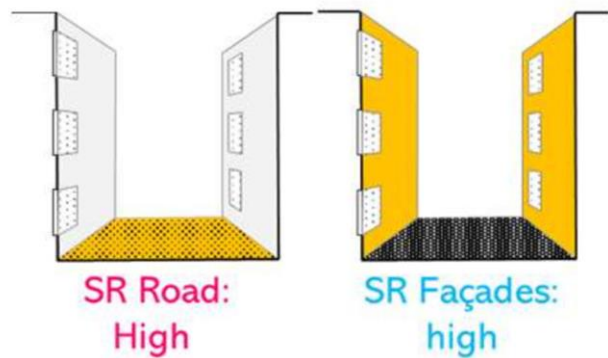
Also increase the mean radiant temperature, with negative impact on outdoor thermal comfort

Higher road reflectivity and lower façades reflectivity in the bottom part would be the best strategy for residential areas in London

Building overheating risk (EnergyPlus)



ENVI-met outputs are used to run EnergyPlus simulations to assess the **impact of reflective scenarios on building indoor thermal conditions**



> **Cool walls** have a **slight positive effect**

> **High reflectance on roads** has a **negative impact on indoor operative temperatures**, entailing some risk of increasing the building cooling loads and heat stress.

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Local UHI mitigation through green roofs in mediterranean environments

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UHI mitigation: which strategy for which context?

UHI intensity depends on many factors: urban fabrics, geo-morphological conditions, macroclimatic emplacement

Similarly, mitigation strategies can be very different in effectiveness across contexts, and could include at least:

- Green infrastructure at street level
- Nature based solutions (blue, green) incorporated in buildings' envelopes
- Cool materials for pavements, roofs, sometime façades
- Urban ventilation
- Geothermal cooling
- Urban blue spaces
- Interventions in urban fabrics

UHI mitigation: which strategy at which scale of intervention?

UHI is a city phenomenon, typically more intense in the center and quite depending on city size.

However, recent studies put in evidence that local spots (hot and cold) are always present and may be the key concept to be considered in developing mitigation strategies.

At different scales of analysis and intervention, different methodologies should be use

This presentation:

Green roofs as preferred mitigation strategy

Mediterranean environments: Barcelona and Valparaíso

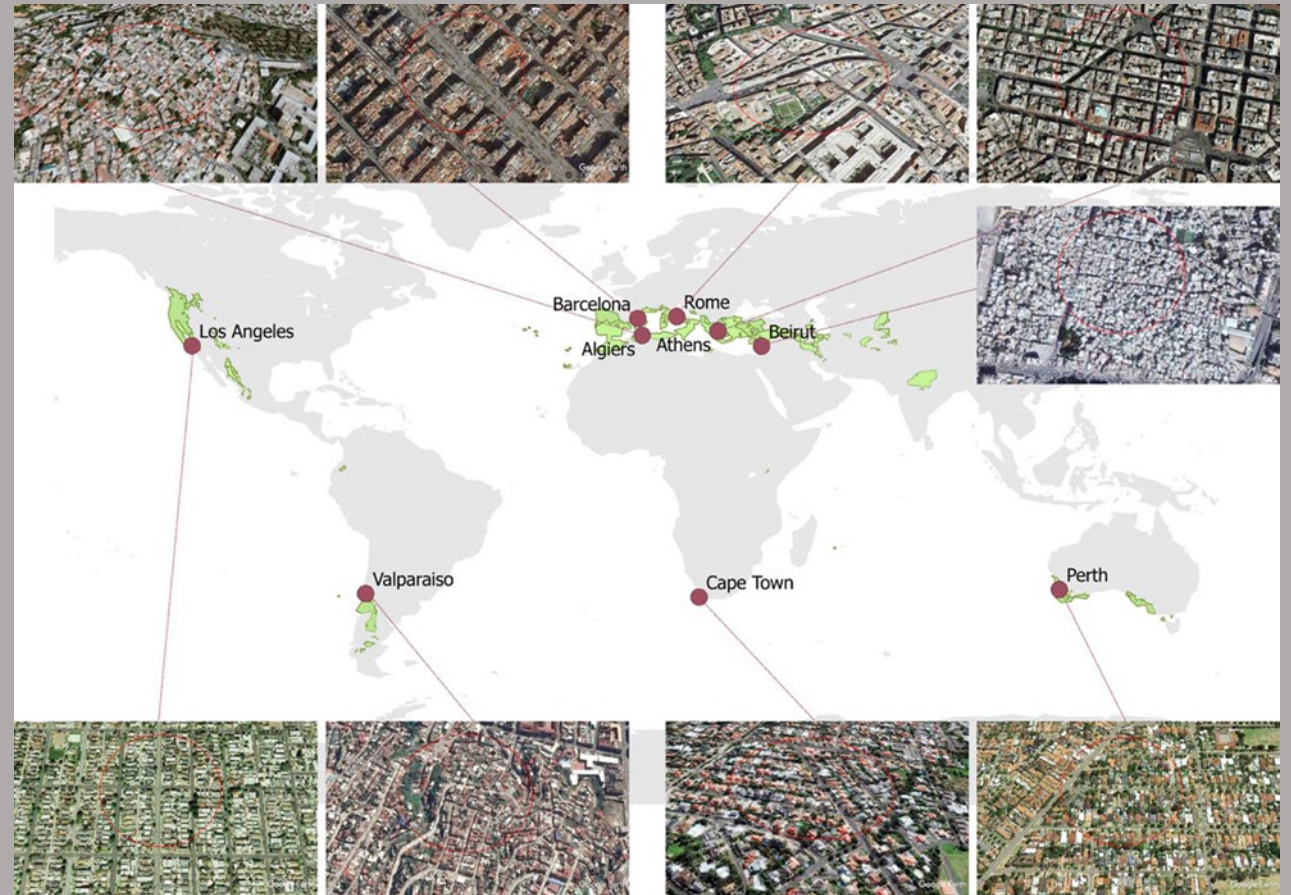
Two scale of analysis: from the whole city to exposed sectors

Two very different tools: INVEST (case 1: Barcelona) and ENVIMET (case 2: Valparaíso)

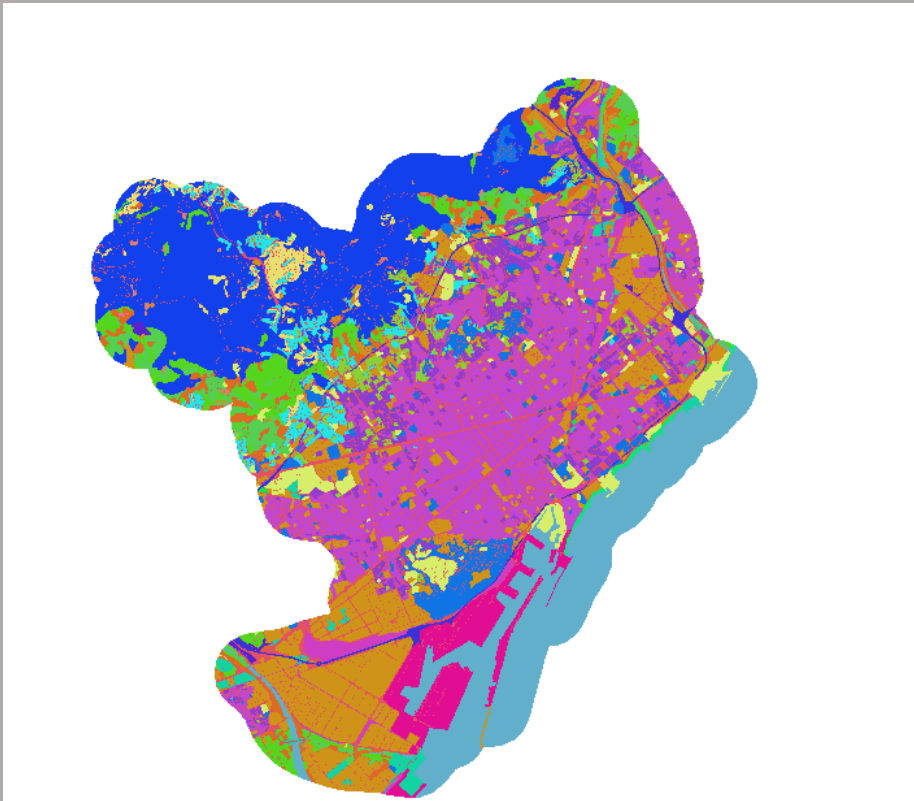
Mediterranean climates

Following Köppen-Geiger classification, Mediterranean climates are part of the temperated climates and locates between latitude 30 and 45 in both hemispheres. This include the Pacific coast of the American continent, the Medierraenan Sea basin, and some small parts of South Africa and Australia.

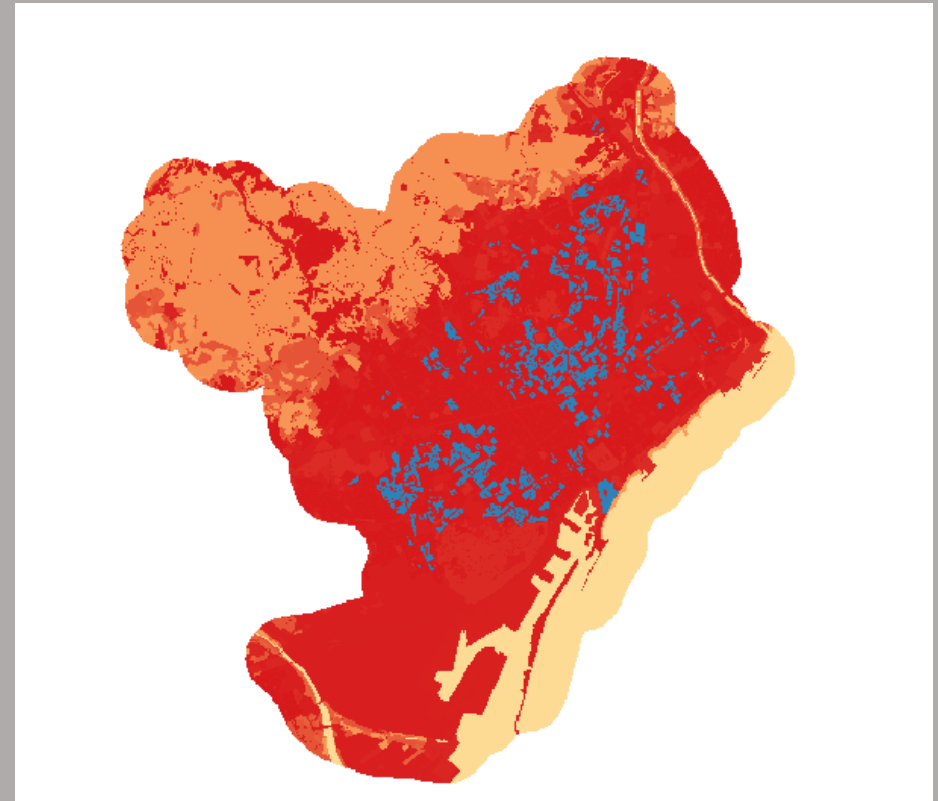
Urban form is quite different across Mediterranean cities. In general, North America, Australia and South Africa present a more disperse urban structure, while in Europe and South America a low or medium urban density is priviledged.



Case 1. Barcelona, Spain



Land Use according to Urban Atlas definitions

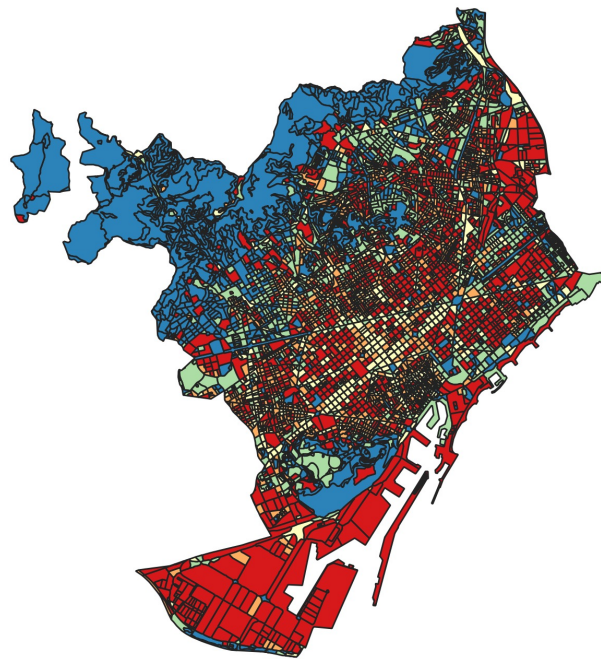


Residential blocks with density more than 0.05 p/m²

Strategy to mitigate UHI: green roofs

- Only high-density blocks have been considered
- 15% of roofs' surface was occupied with green
- Albedo, evapotranspiration and run-off retention properties were changed

UHI reduction coefficient



uhi_results_base

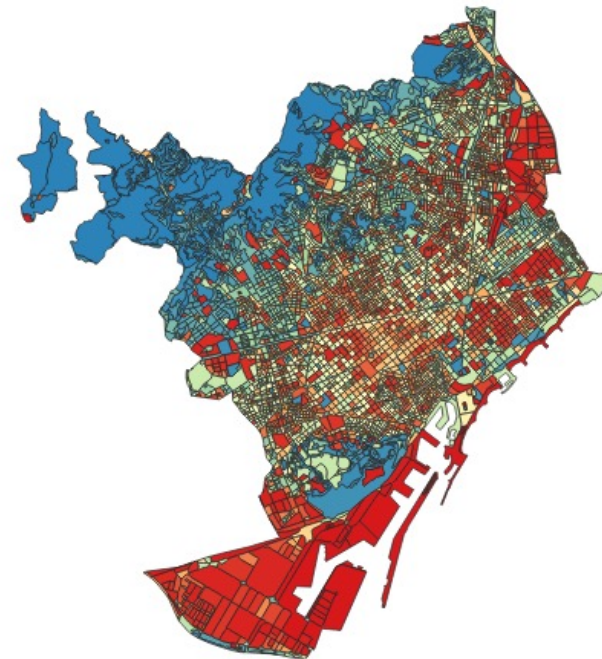
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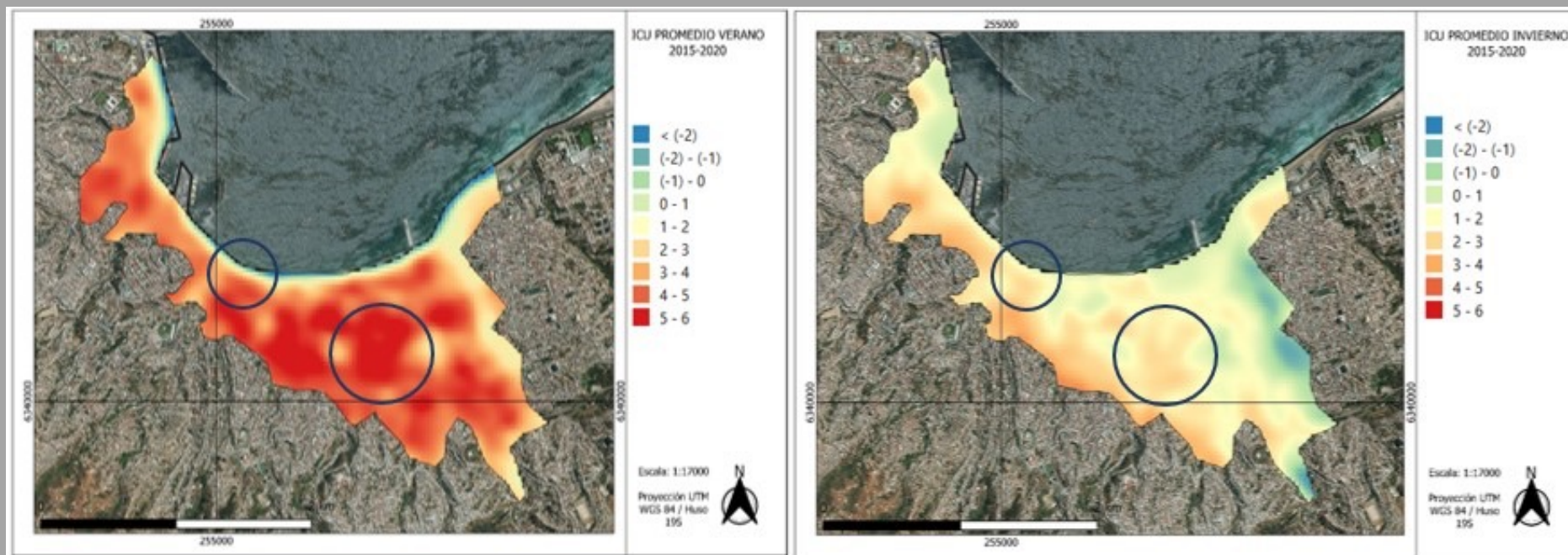
Results:

- Local effect: cooling capacity increases of 13% in blocks with green roof intervention
- Almost no global effect: average UHI intensity for the whole city remains the same
- If mitigation strategy relates to exposition, cooling capacity increased in the target points (where UHI intensity and the number of citizens exposed were high)
- Multy-risk mitigation strategy: runoff is also reduced in a 30% for target blocks

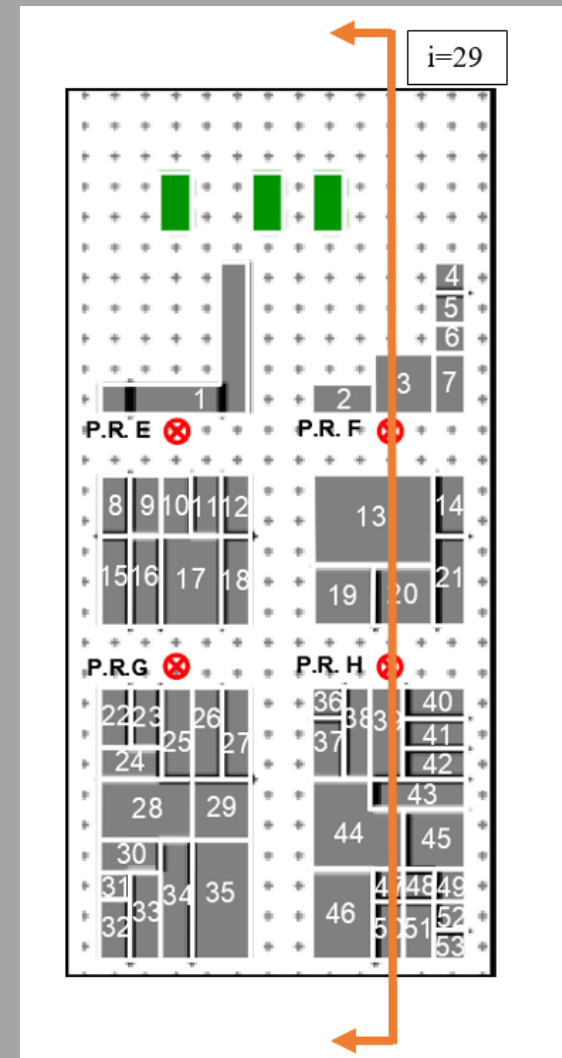
Limitations:

- INVEST is a tool that simplify the calculation of cooling capacity by using albedo and evatranspiration of vegetal surfaces as main parameters
- No ventilation effect is considered, nor accurate radiation exchange is accounted
- No 3D assesment of urban temperature is done

Case 2. Valparaíso, Chile



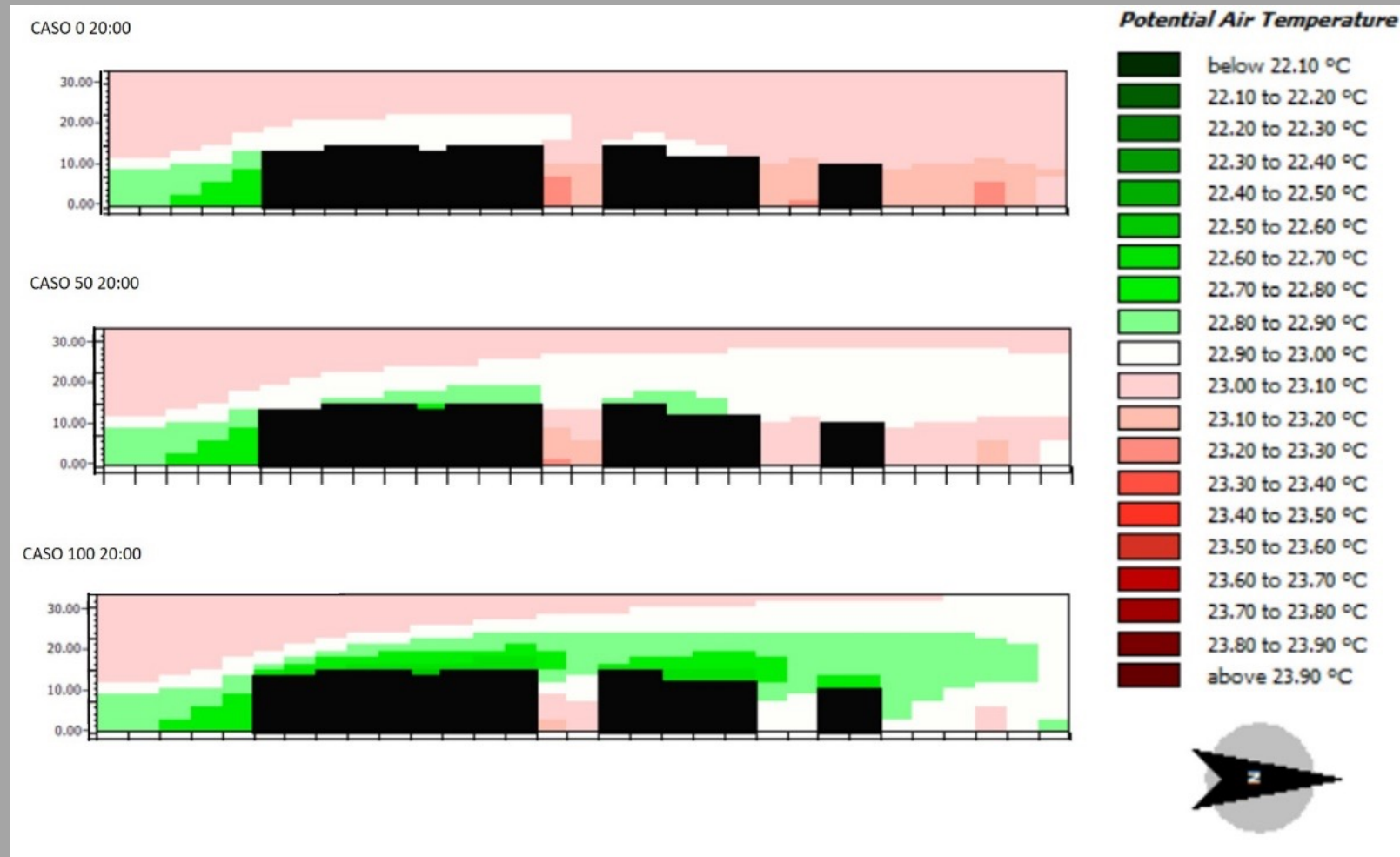
Sector "El Almendral": 3D Envimet model



Strategy to mitigate UHI: green roofs

- All roofs in the sectors have been considered
- 0-50-100% of roofs' surface was occupied with green
- Albedo and evapotranspiration properties have been modeled in Envi-met
- A set of simulations was conducted for summer and winter solstice at different hours

Results summer solstice 20 h



Advantages and limitations:

- Envi-met is a complete tool to simulate urban climate, however it is time-consuming and the computational power that is needed to run the simulations is high
- Air temperature vertical profile is obtained, allowing more informed decisions on the specific benefit generated by each green roof intervention
- Air circulation and precise long-wave radiation exchanges are considered

Conclusions:

- Green roofs are important to reduce local UHI intensity in Mediterranean climates
- Benefits should be accounted at different scales, using different tools for different purposes
- INVEST is very useful to communicate the general improvement that can be obtained by a diffuse intervention in buildings
- Envi-met is needed to specifically test the influence of green roofs in a city sector, and should be used to design the interventions

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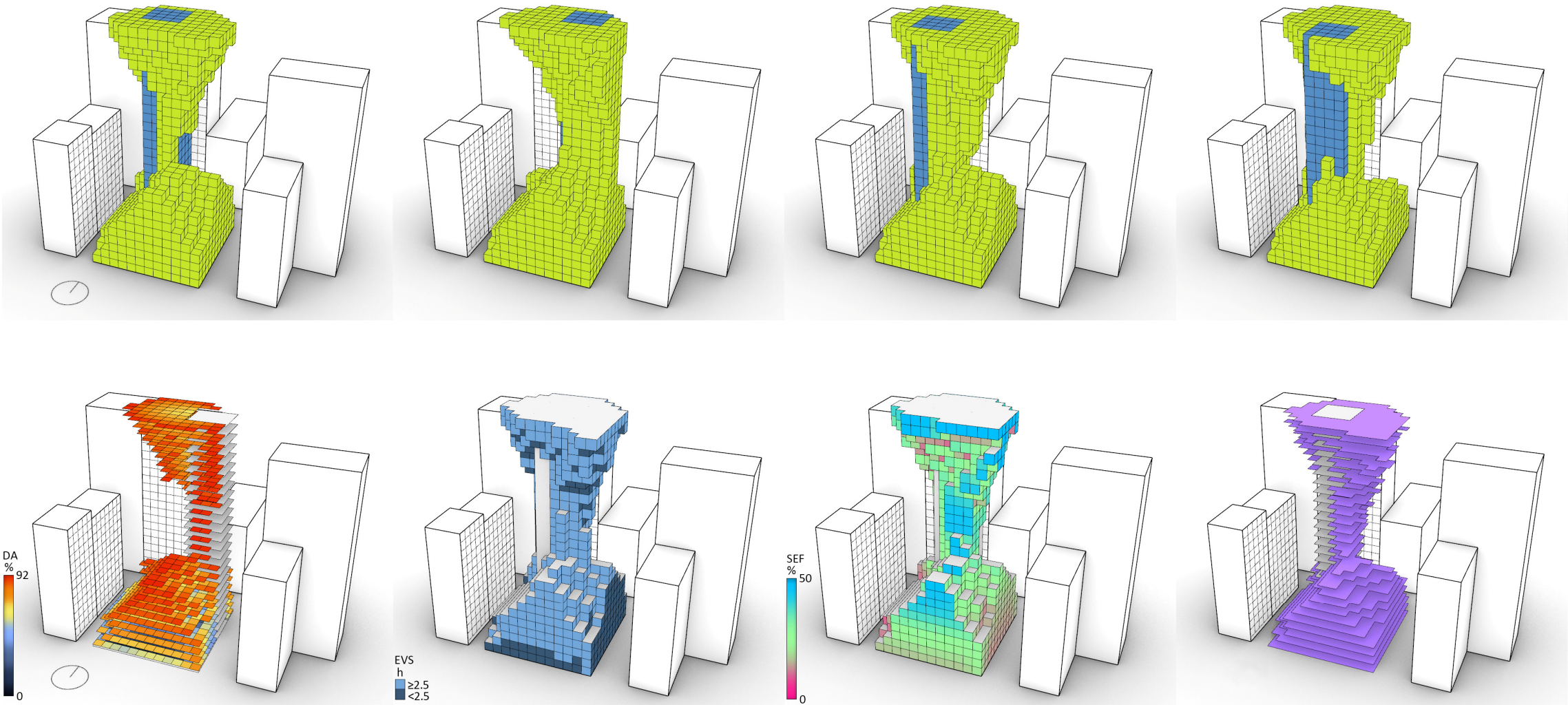
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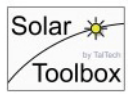
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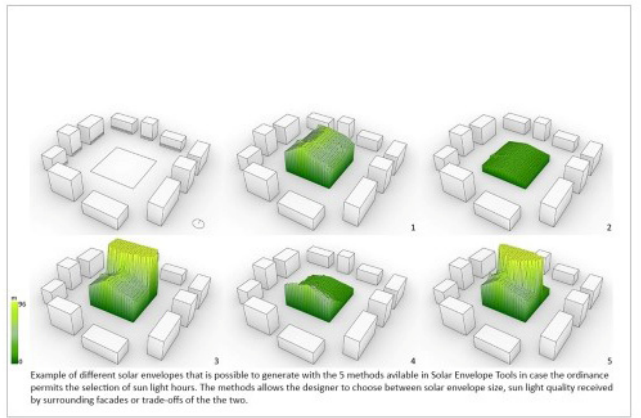
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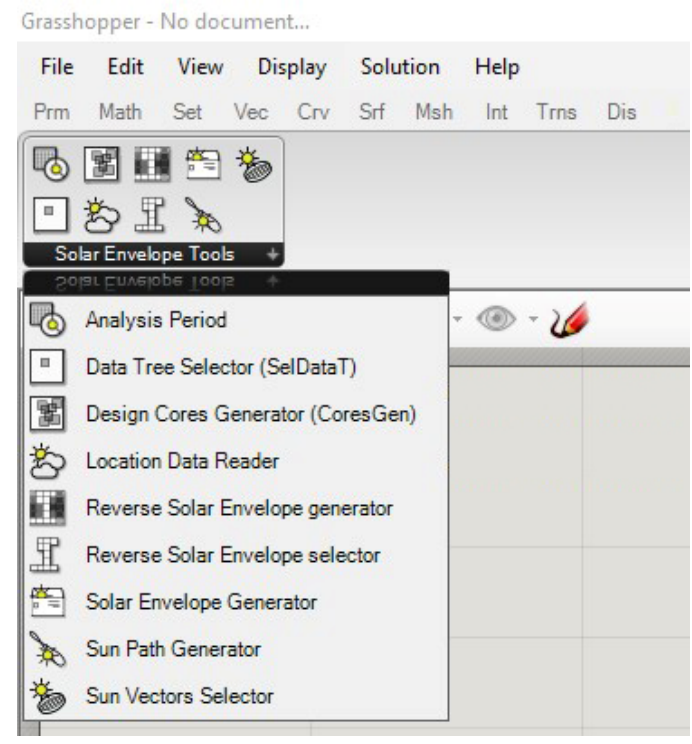
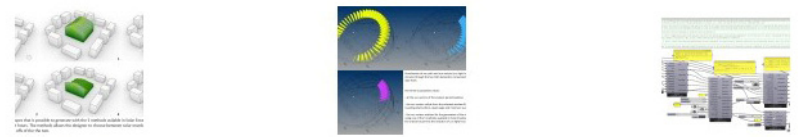
Solar Envelope Tools

Solar Envelope Tools (SET) is a planning tool to be used for determining the maximum size and height new structures cannot + more

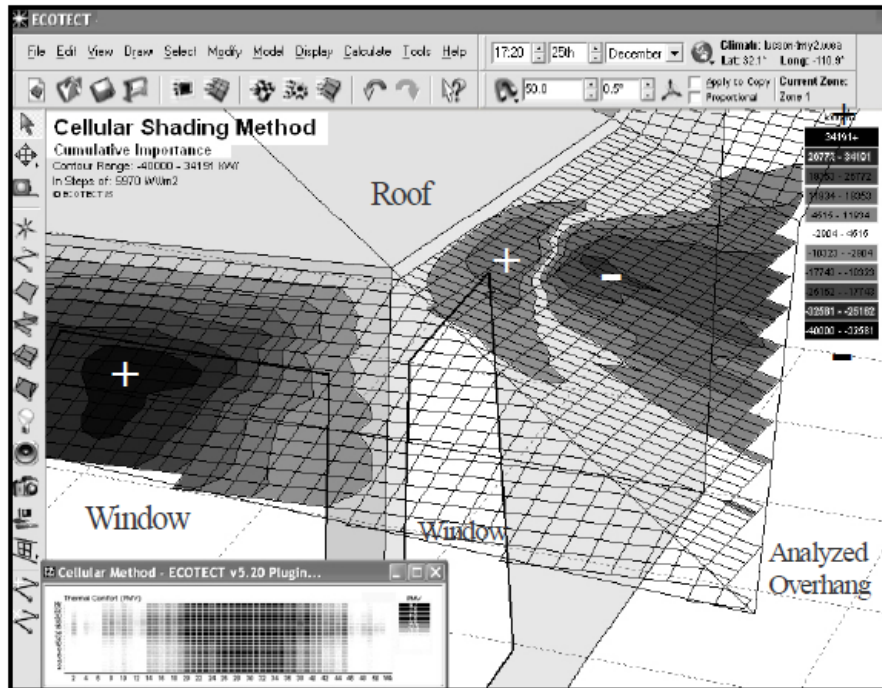
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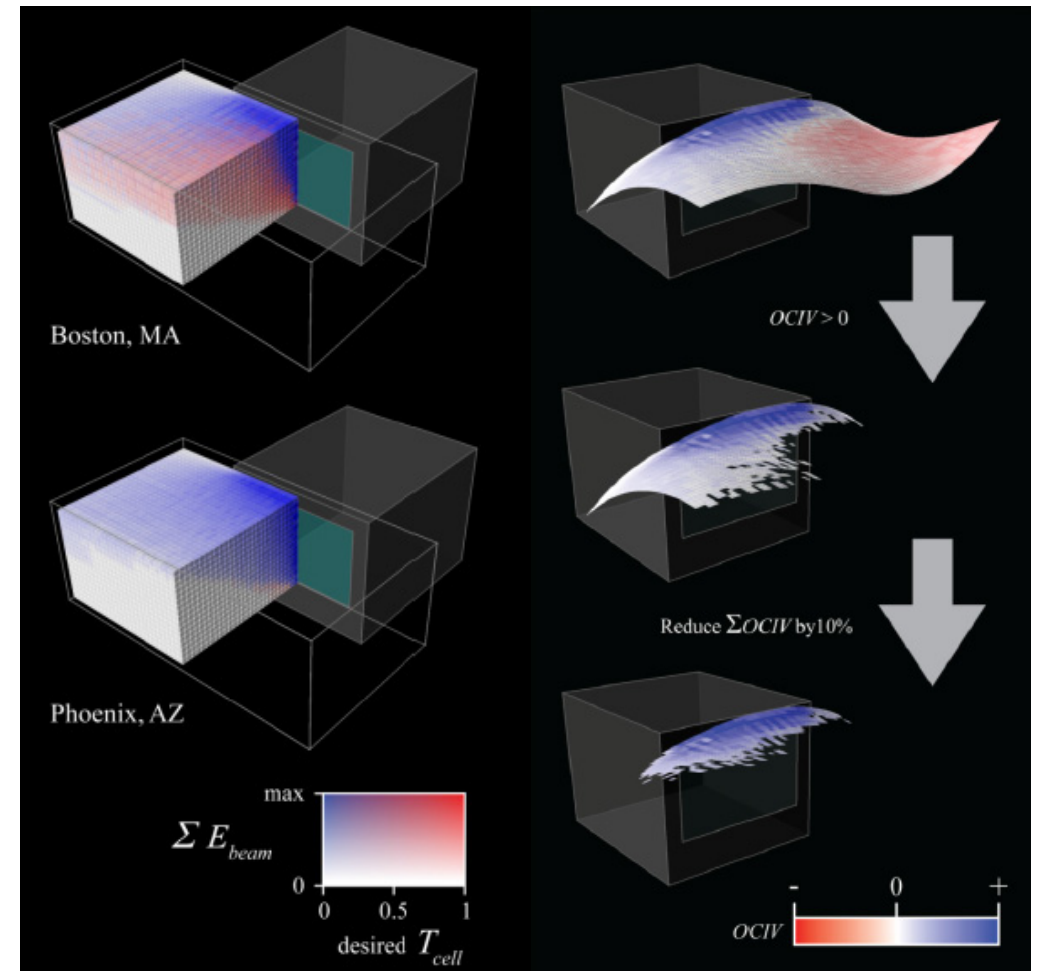
Example of different solar envelopes that is possible to generate with the 5 methods available in Solar Envelope Tools in case the ordinance permits the selection of sun light hours. The methods allows the designer to choose between solar envelope size, sun light quality received by surrounding facades or trade-offs of the two.



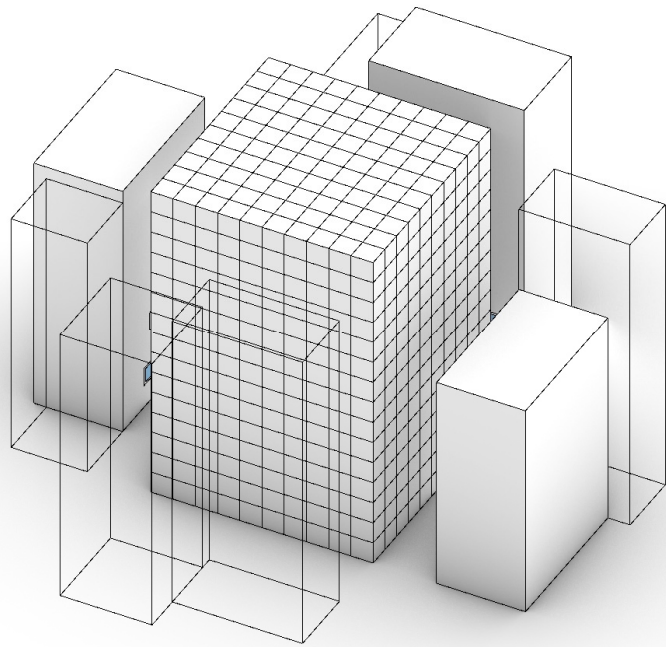
Urban shaderade



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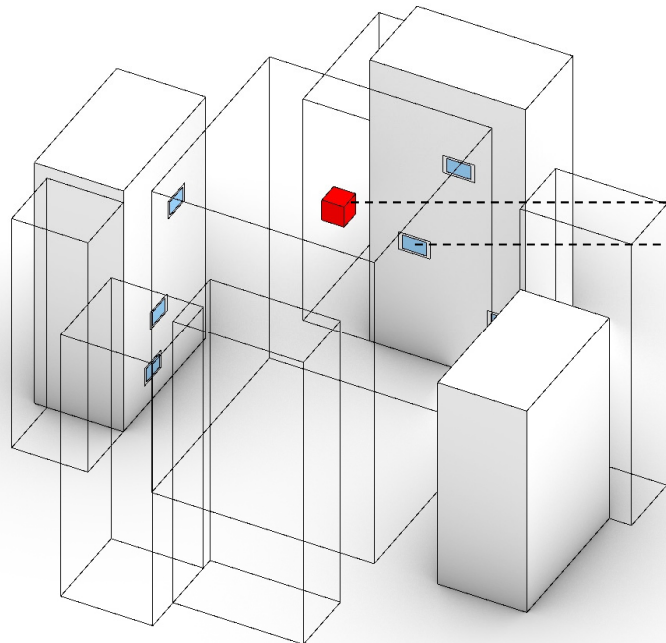


Assumption

A cell blocking beam solar radiation during hour h would:

- shade the window reducing cooling energy use (if present).
- prevent solar gains increasing heating energy use (if present).
- increase electric lighting use (if present).

A cell absence would have the opposite effect.



$$CE_{i,w} = \sum_{h=1}^n (sf \times bf) \times (C - H - L)$$

$CE_{i,w} (-)$ = effect of cell i on window w

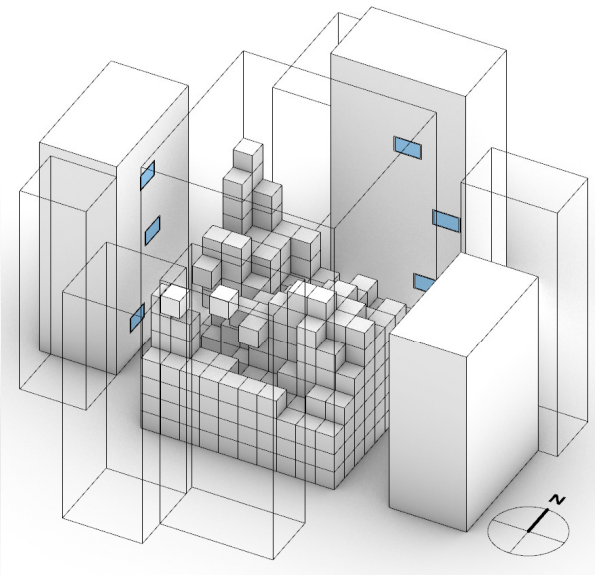
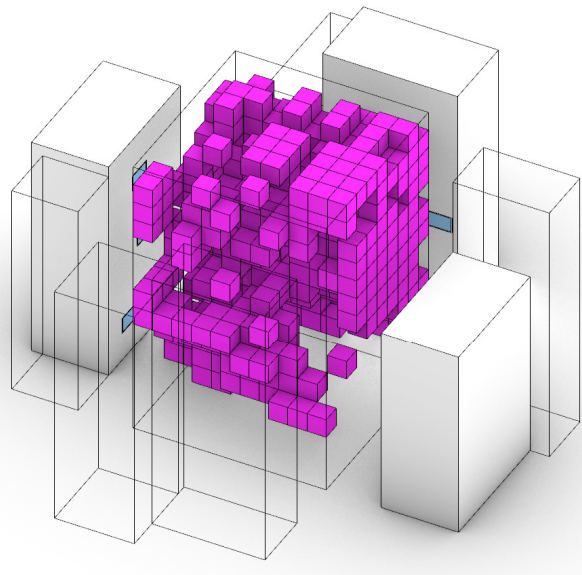
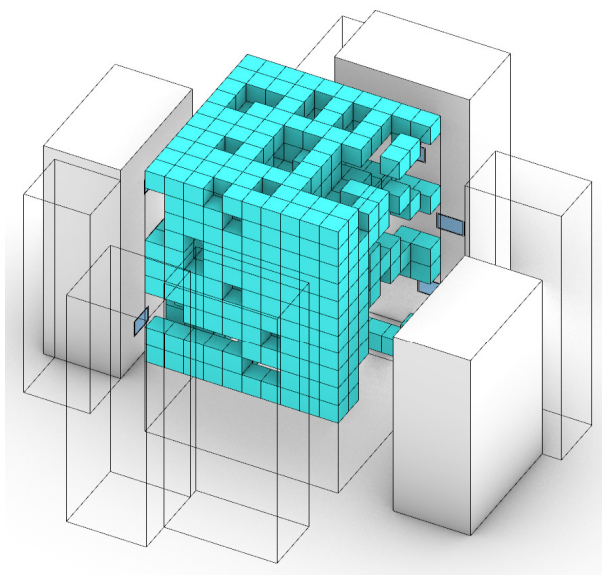
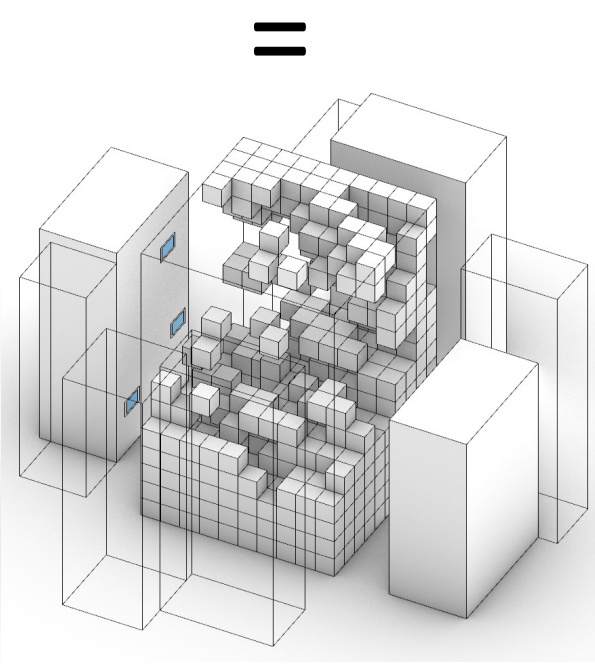
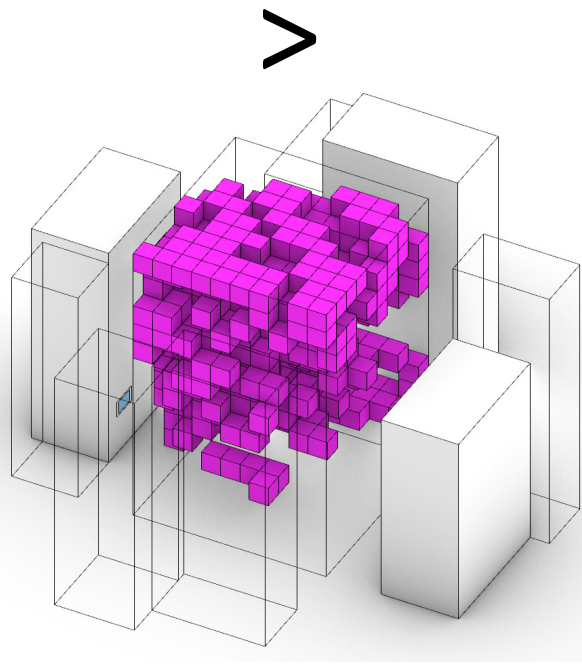
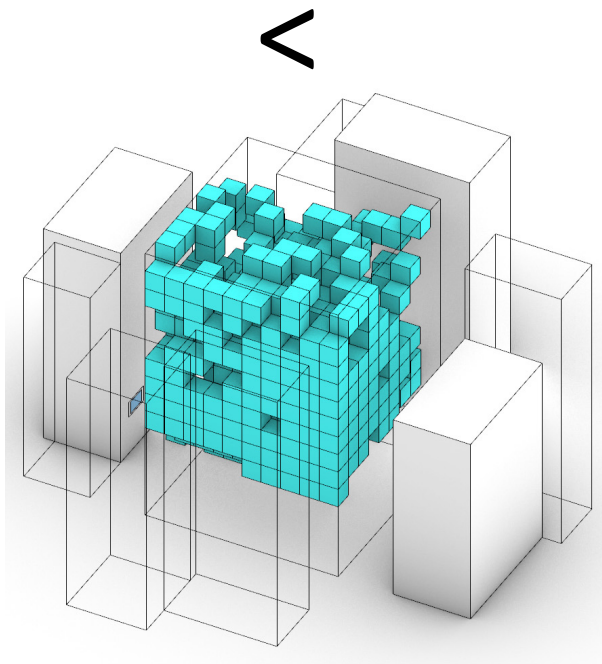
h = relevant hours used for energy and solar beam simulations for each w

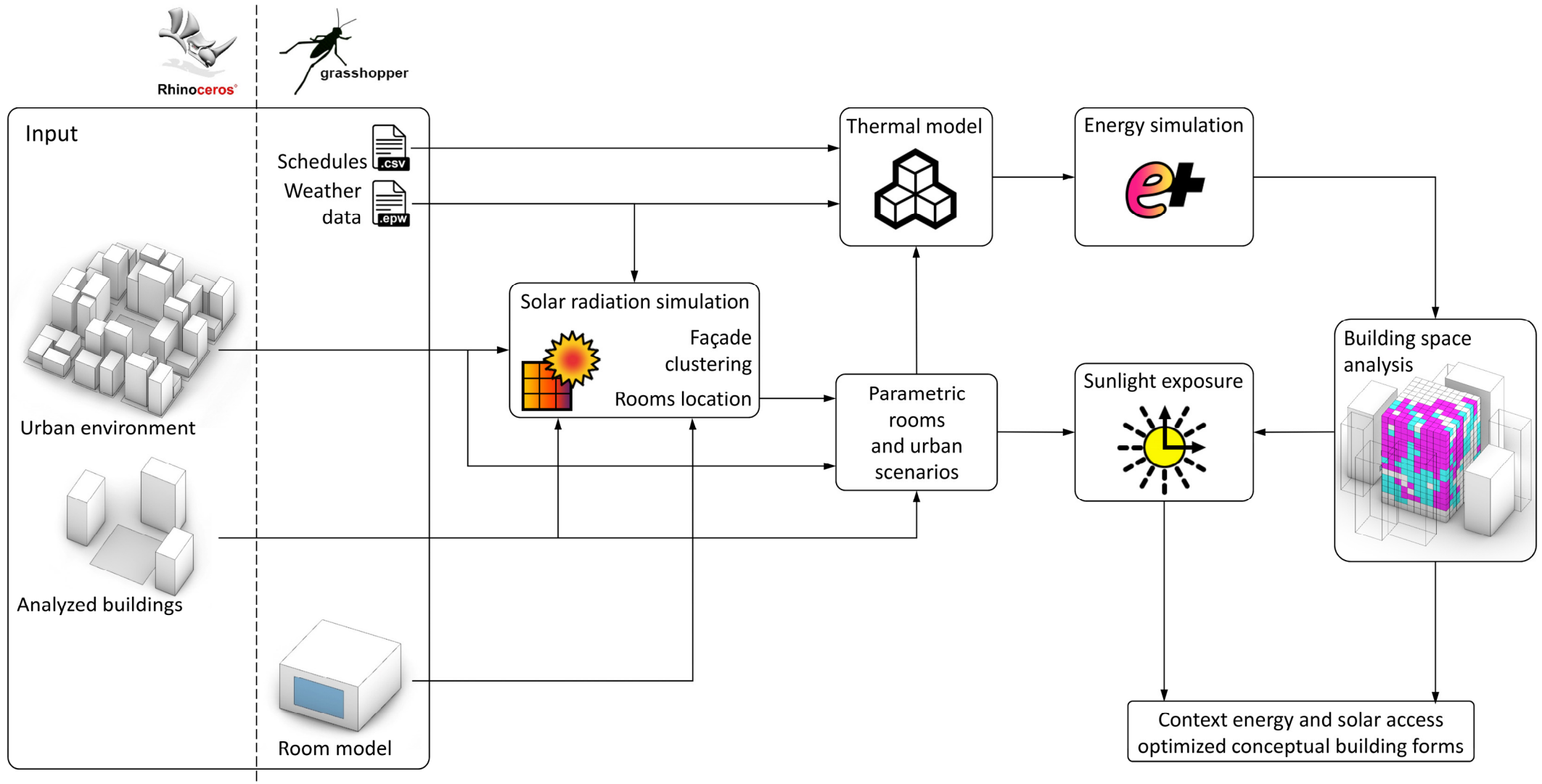
n = all the relevant hours

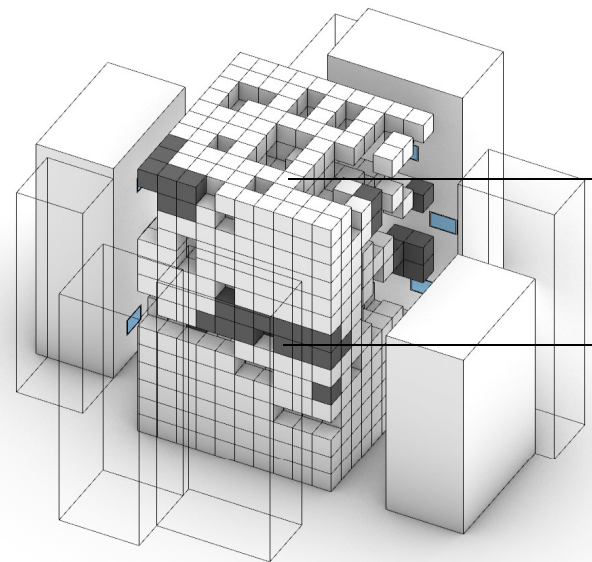
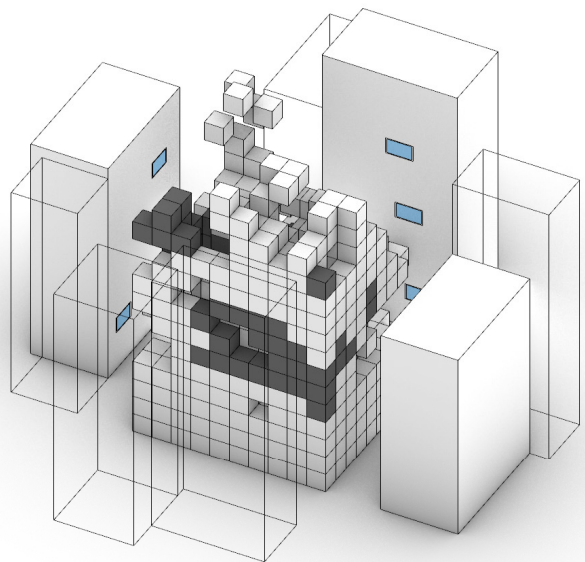
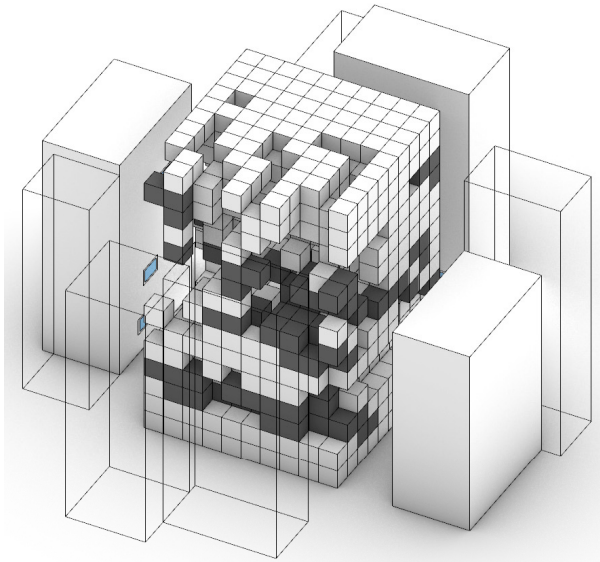
Sf = shading factor (0-1)

bf = beam factor (0-1)

C, H and L = simulated cooling, heating and electric lighting energy use



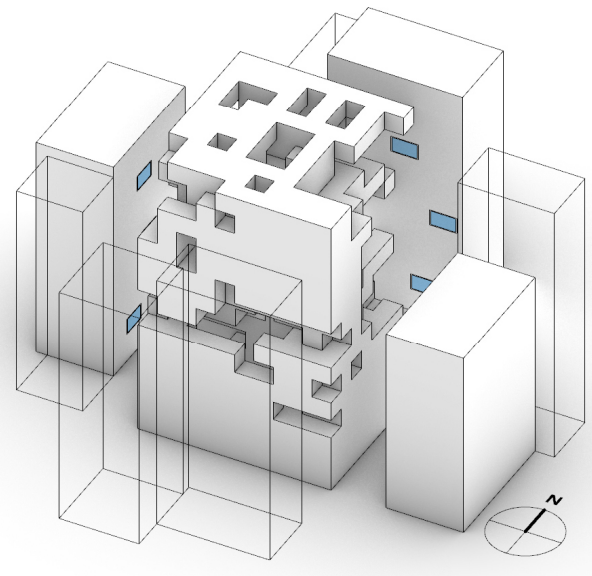
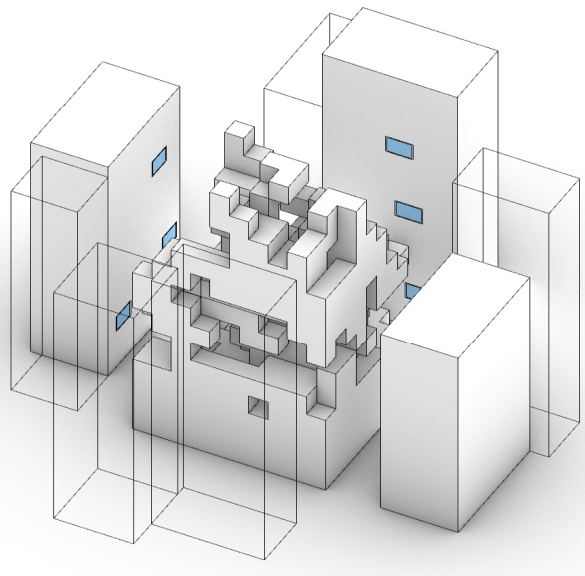
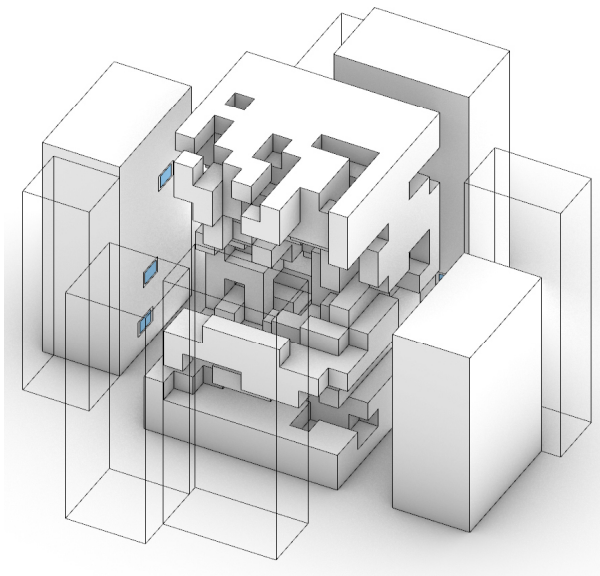




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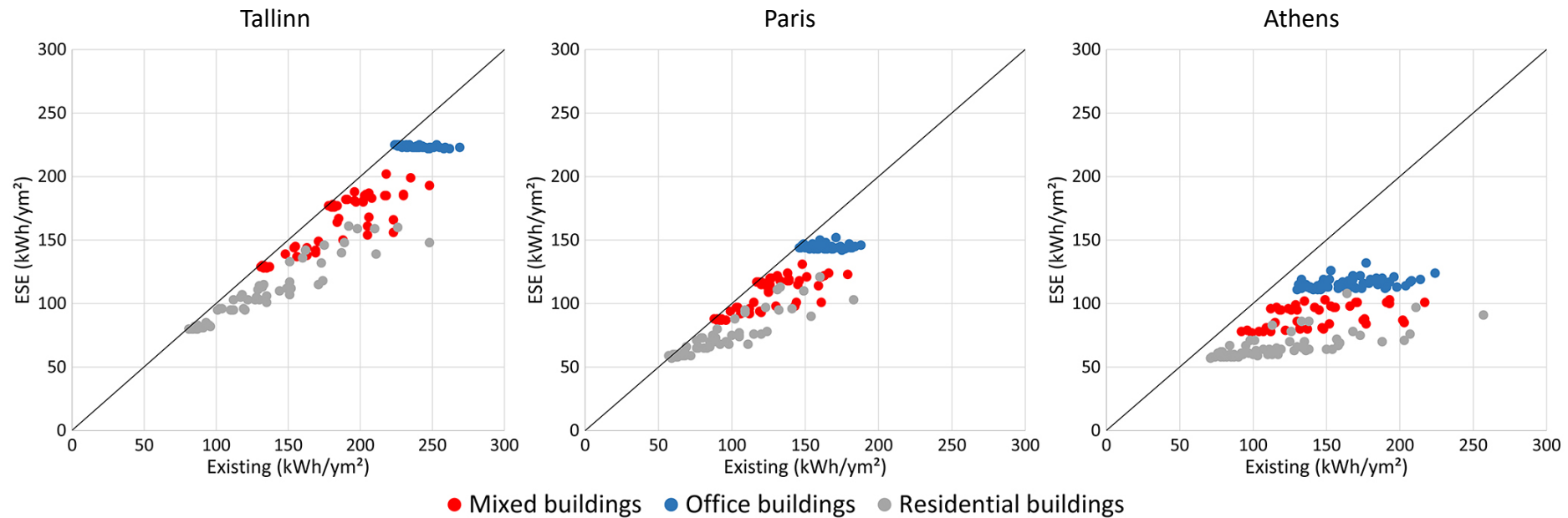
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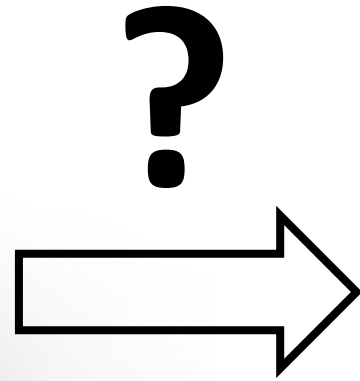
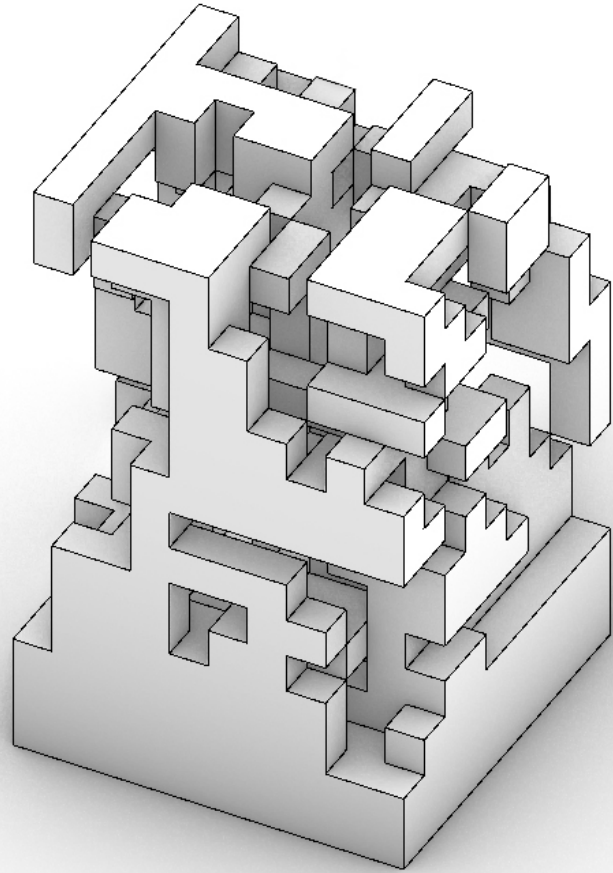


Energy Solar Envelope

Conceptual building mass







Future work

Improve usability and constructability of the conceptual building mass

- Larger cells

- Trade-offs between existing premises energy use reduction and new building massing uniformity

Performance analysis of the generated building mass

Outdoor environment

Thank you for the attention!

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Discussion



Session 3

Climate Change and Modelling Overview

Cooling the City: Mitigation of Heat Extremes through Adaptation Strategies for Cities in a Semi-arid Climate



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Generating a temperate microclimate despite climate change implies understanding, modelling and designing through thermodynamic processes.

Linking the mesoscale to envelopes, this seminar is structured in thematic chaired sessions with keynote speakers introducing their research and practice.

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Micro-Climature Change and Envelopes

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Introduction 11:00-11:30

Aránzazu Galán, BUILD UP
Emanuela Giancola, CIEMAT
Emanuele Naboni, UniPR, RDA, UC, UNSW

Modelling Linking Outdoor and Indoor 11:30-12:10

Michael Bruse, UniMainz, ENVI-MET
Victoria López-Cabeza, USE
Naga Manapragada, TECHNION

Microclimate, Form and Surfaces 12:40-13:50

Carmen Galán-Marín, USE
Miguel Núñez Peiró, ETSAM-UPM
Agnese Salvati, UPC
Massimo Palme, USM, Chile
Francesco De Luca, TalTech
Angelos Chronis, INFRARED

Climate Change and Modelling Overview 13:50-14:40

Giandomenico Vurro, Salvatore Carlucci, CYI
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Vahid Nik, Kavan Javanroodi, Lund Univ.
Alberto Martilli, CIEMAT

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Energy and Climate Change 10:00-10:50

Andras Reith, ABUD
Umberto Berardi, TMU, PoliBa
Gabriele Lobaccaro, Mattia Manni, NTNU
Giovanni Betti, HENN

Envelopes in Light of Climate Change 10:50-11:50

Jesus Lizana, Oxford University
Miren Juaristi, EURAC
Ioannis Kousis, UniPG
Alessandro Cannavale, PoliBa
Fabio Favoino, V. Serra, S. Fantucci, PoliTo

Nature-Based Envelopes for Climate Change 12:20-13:00

Roberta Cocci Grifoni, UniCAM
Katia Perini, UniGE
M. Beatrice Andreucci, La Sapienza

Linking Scales, Tools and Design 13:00-13:20

Emanuele Naboni, UniPR, RDA, UC, UNSW

Discussions 13:20-14:00

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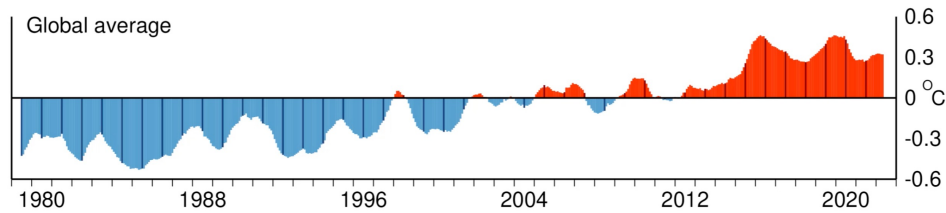
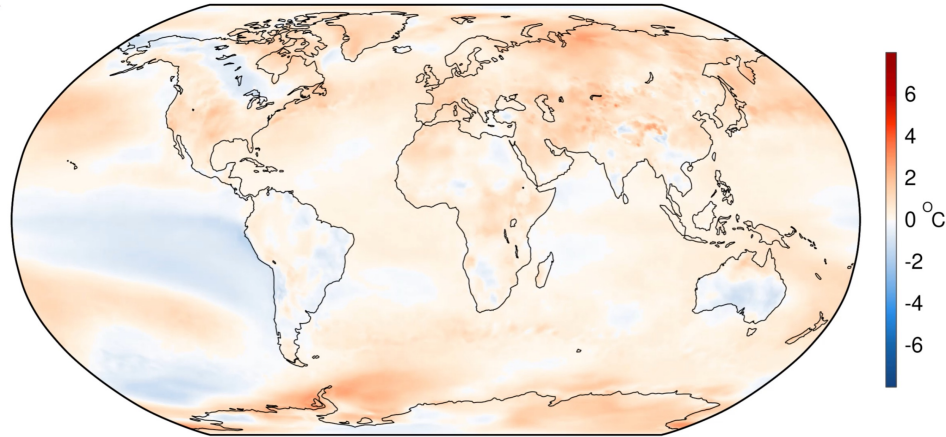
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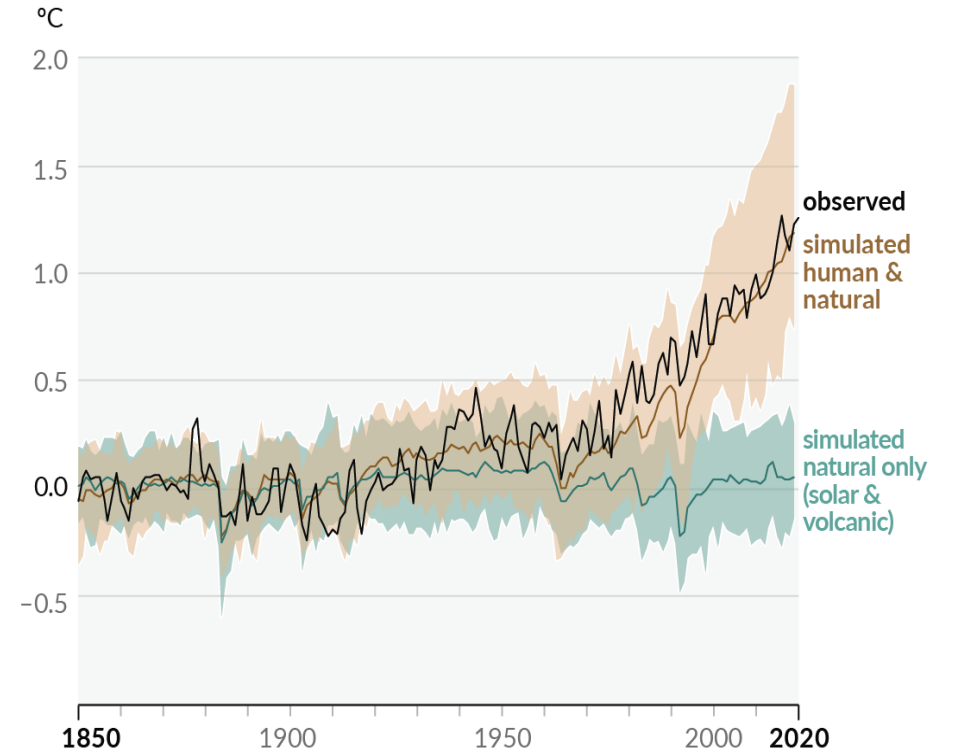
Global warming – Global climate change



Surface air temperature averaged from 202111 to 202210 relative to its 1991-2020 average



[Copernicus Climate Change Service](https://www.copernicus.eu/en/climate-change-service)



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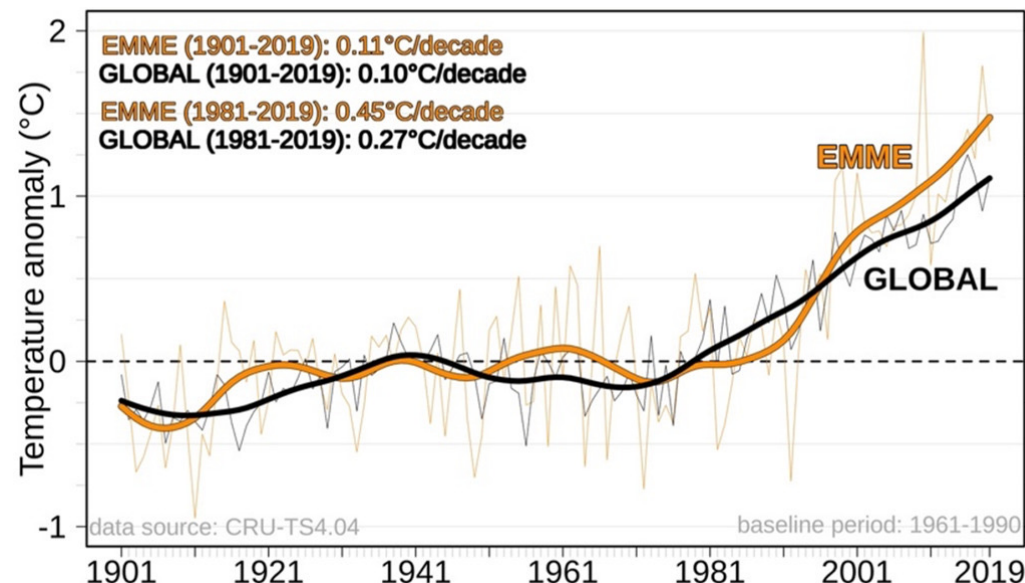
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Regional climate change – EMME region



EMME is a climate change hotspot

- Particular geographic location at **crossroads of different climates**
- Diverse meteorological characteristics
- **Sensitivity** to change in **large-scale climatic dynamics**
- Robust urbanization and population growth

[Zittis et al., 2022](#)

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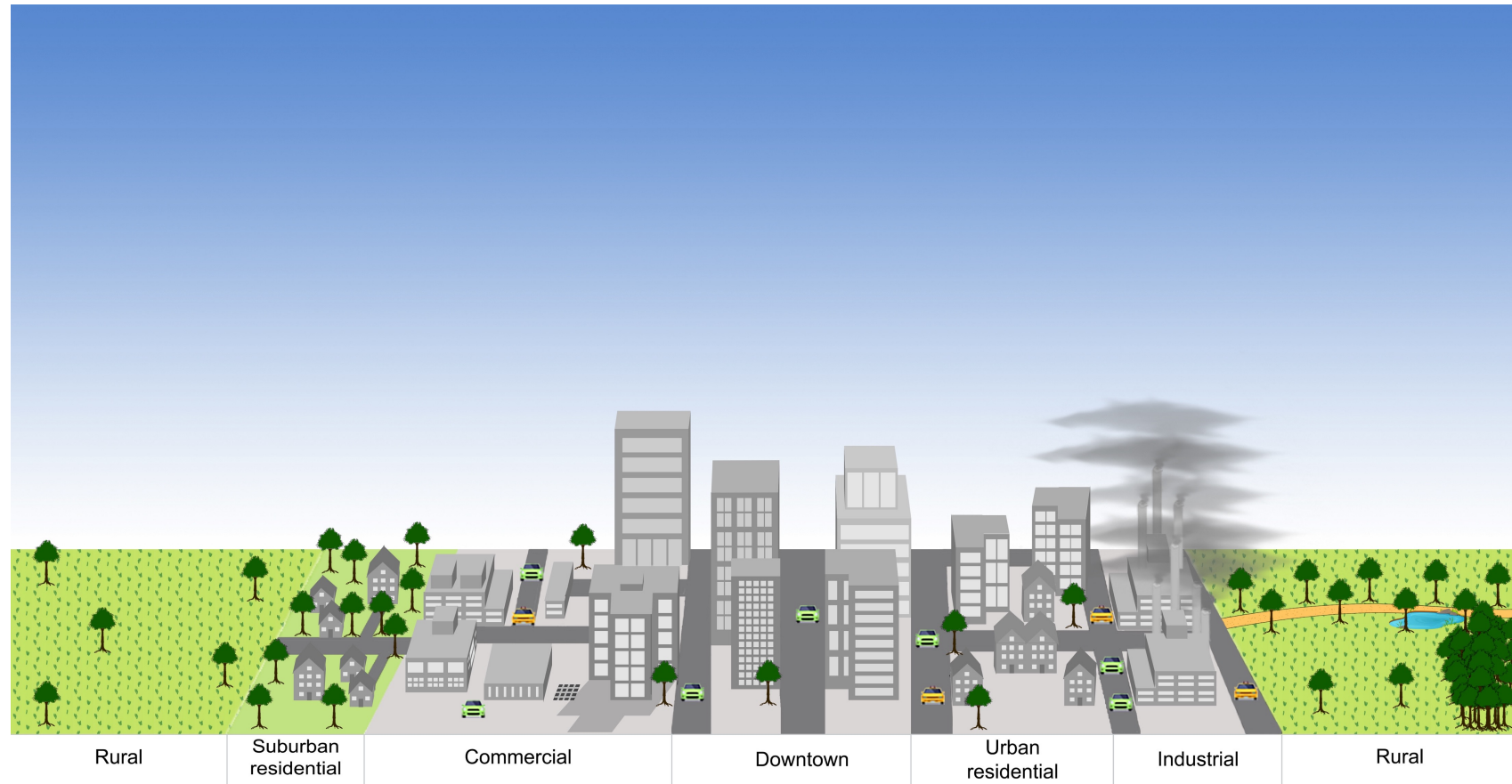
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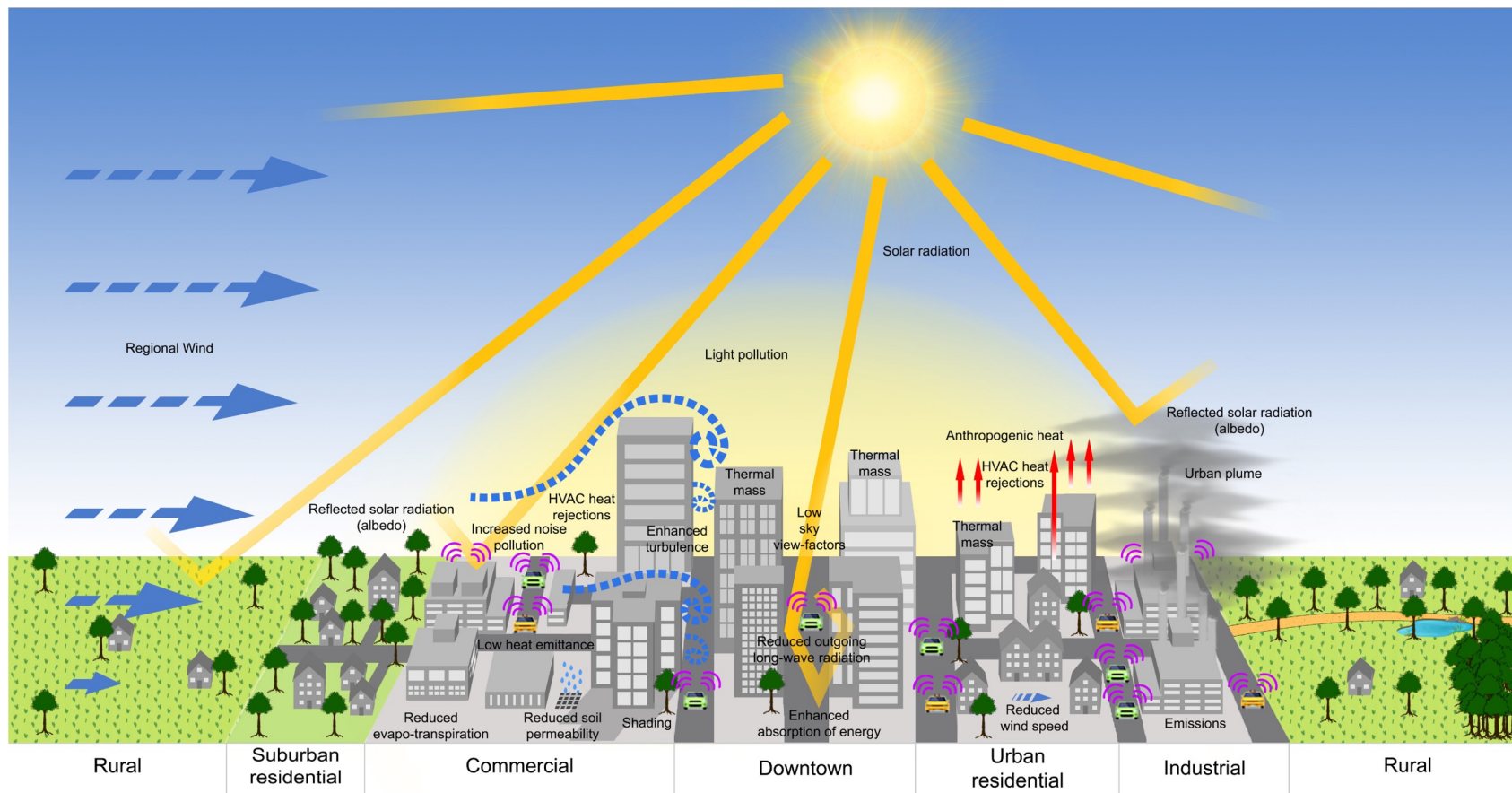
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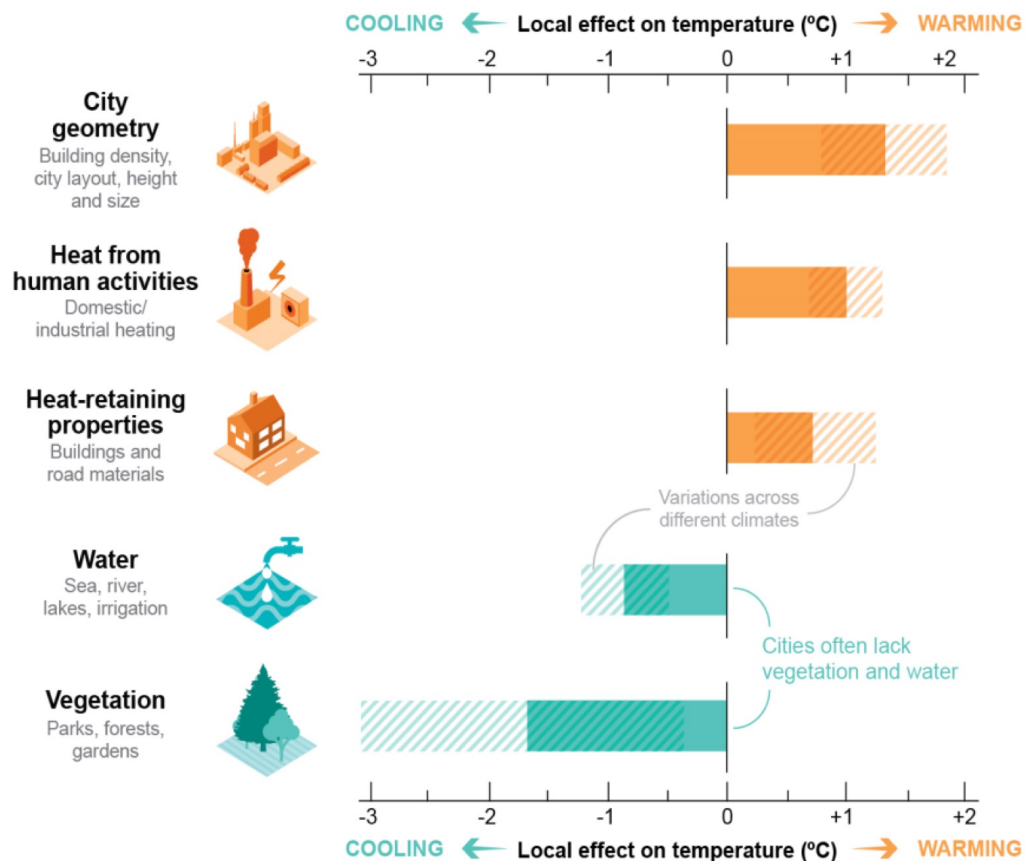
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Cities are usually warmer than their surrounding area because of the **presence of factors** that **trap and release heat** and the **lack of natural cooling influences**.

Three factors mainly contribute to the amplified warming of urban areas:

- Urban geometry
- Human activities
- Materials used in the city

The urban heat island effect is further amplified in cities lacking vegetation and water bodies.

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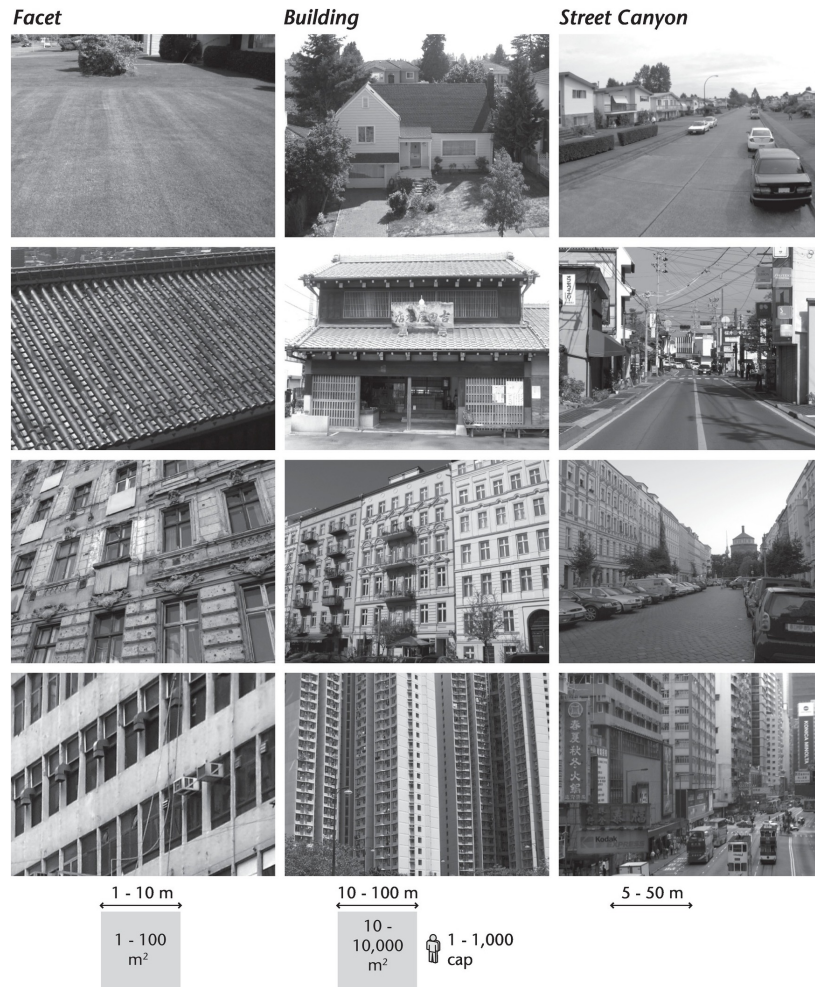
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Urban units	Built features	Green and water features	Urban climate phenomena	Typical horizontal length scales	Climate scale ⁽¹⁾
Facet	Roof, wall, road	Leaf, lawn, pond	Shadows, storage heat flux, dew and frost patterns	10 × 10 m	Micro
Element	Residential building, high-rise, warehouse	Tree	Wake, stack plume	10 × 10 m	Micro
Canyon	Street, canyon	Line of street trees or gardens, river, canal	Cross-street shading, canyon vortex, pedestrian bioclimate, courtyard climate	30 × 200 m	Micro
Block	City block (bounded by canyons with interior courtyards), factory	Park, wood, storage pond	Climate of park, factory cumulus	0.5 × 0.5 km	Local
Neighbourhood or Local Climate Zone	City centre, residential (quarter), industrial zone	Greenbelt, forest, lake, swamp	Local neighbourhood climates, local breezes, air pollution district	2 × 2 km	Local
City	Built-up area	Complete urban forest	Urban heat island, smog dome, patterns of urban effects on humidity, wind	25 × 25 km	Meso
Urban region	City plus surrounding countryside		Urban 'plume', cloud and precipitation anomalies	100 × 100 km	Meso

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Modeling scales and approaches

Urban growth affects the atmospheric processes developing consequently distinct urban climates. Urban climates range over different time and horizontal space scales.

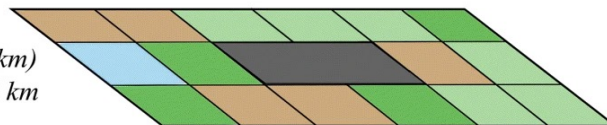
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Detail of city representation

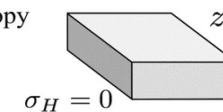
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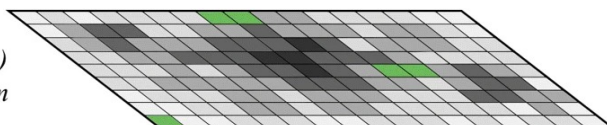


modified vegetation canopy
bulk processes
slab models

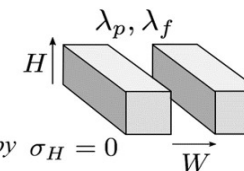


ii. City

domain size $O(100 \text{ to } 10 \text{ km})$
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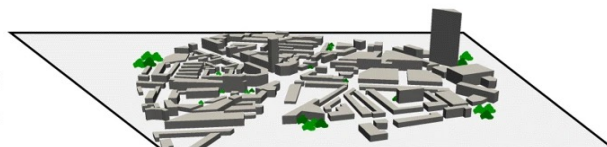


generic street canyon
roof and street-canyon
processes modelled
single- / multi-layer canopy models



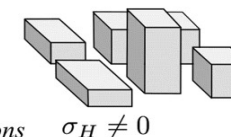
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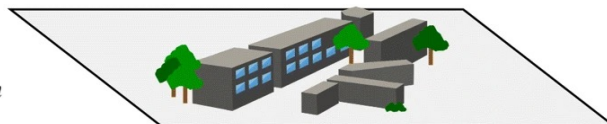
complex urban canopies
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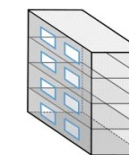


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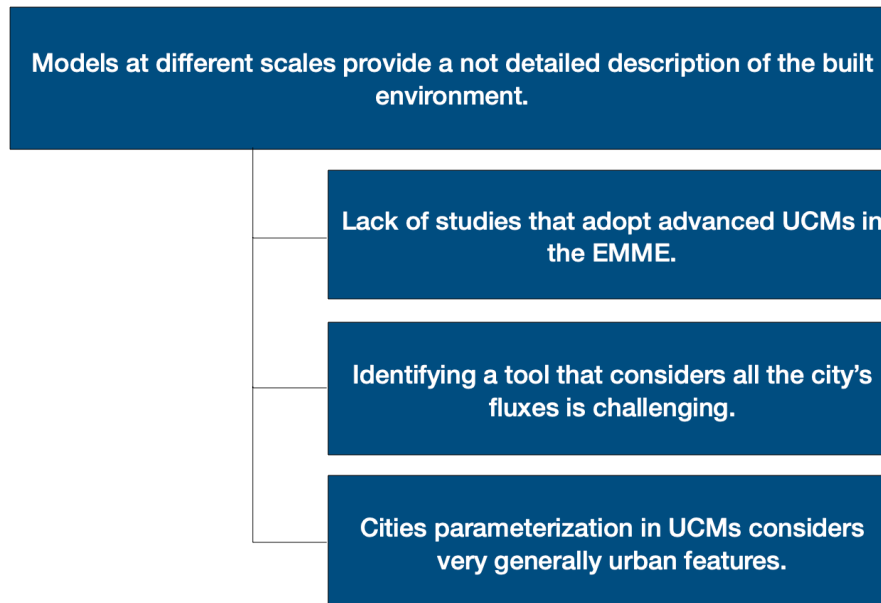


indoor / outdoor environments
coupled processes resolved
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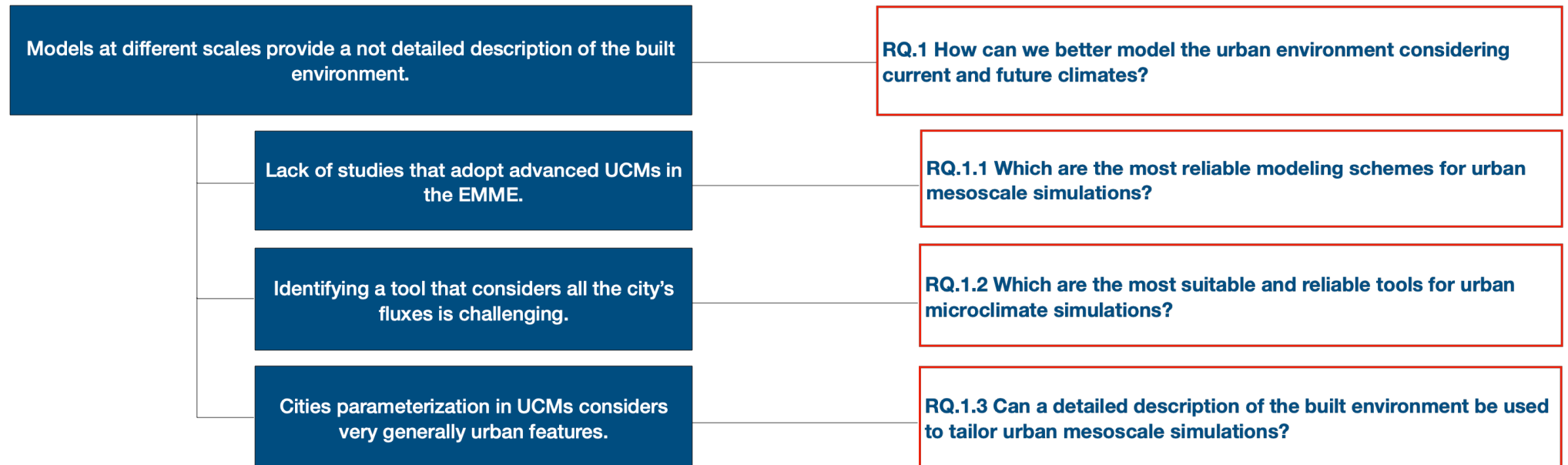


[Hertwig et al., 2020](#)

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Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model

Nested simulations:

- **d01**: Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (EMME) region - 12km horizontal resolution
- **d02**: Levant region - 4km horizontal resolution
- **d03**: Greater Nicosia - 1km horizontal resolution

Simulation period: 27.07.2021 - 05.08.2021

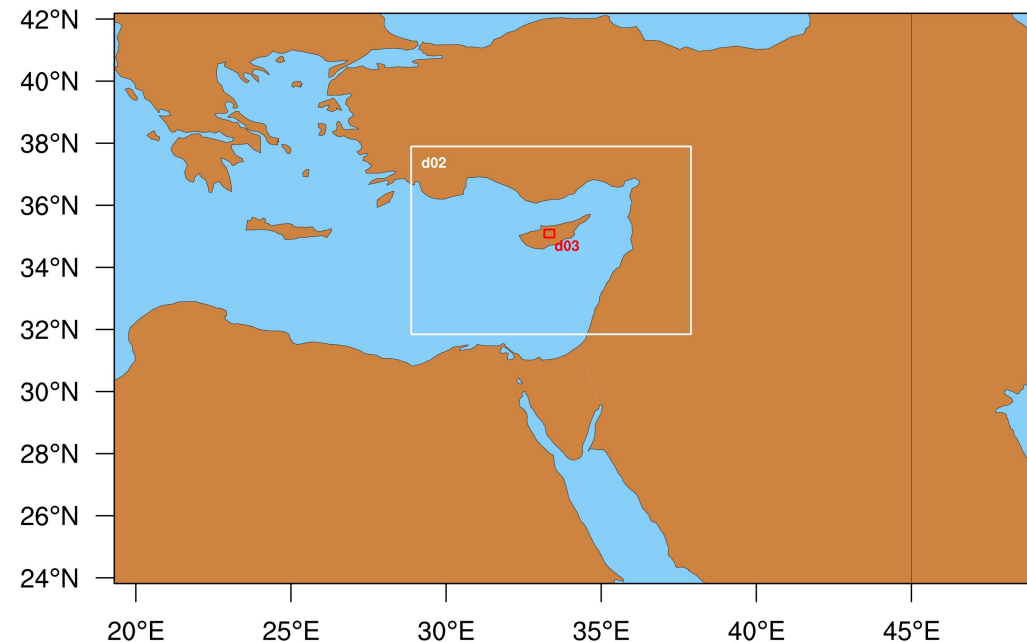
Land surface scheme: NoahMP (dynamical vegetation option = ON)

Urban parameterization schemes:

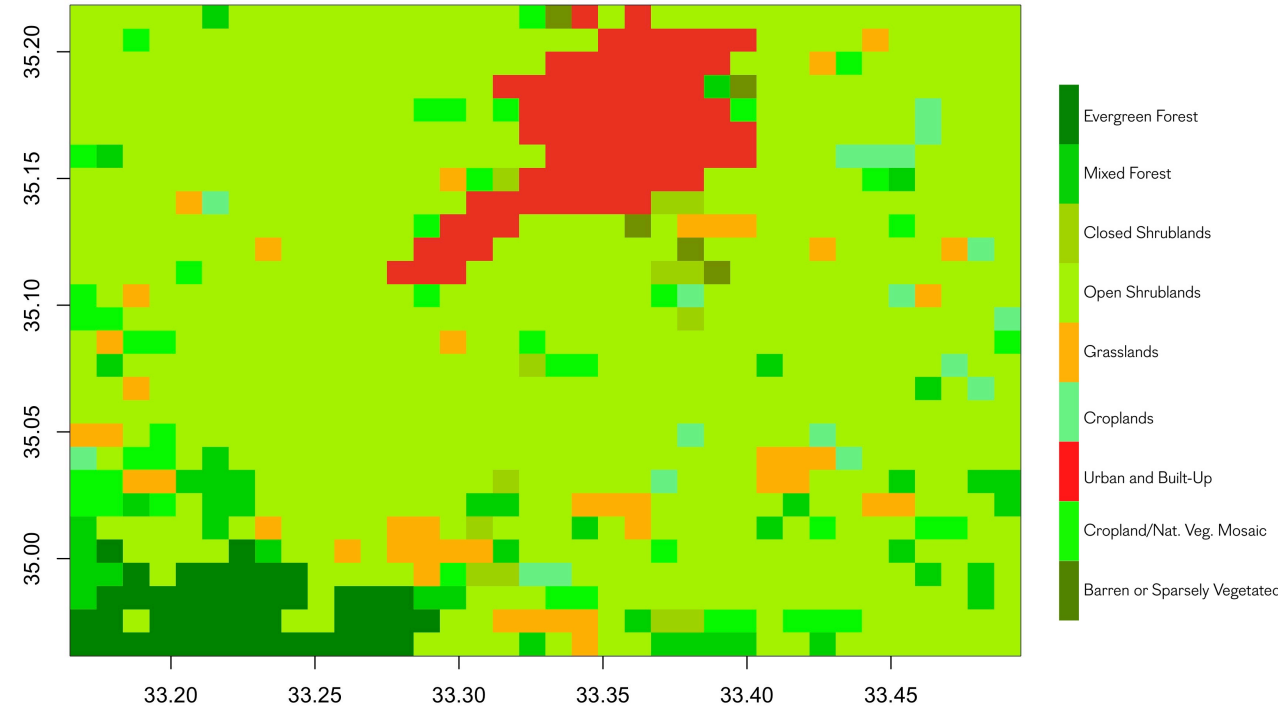
Bulk - BEP - BEP/BEM

Convection permitting option = ON

Variables investigated: T2, T2MAX and T2MIN

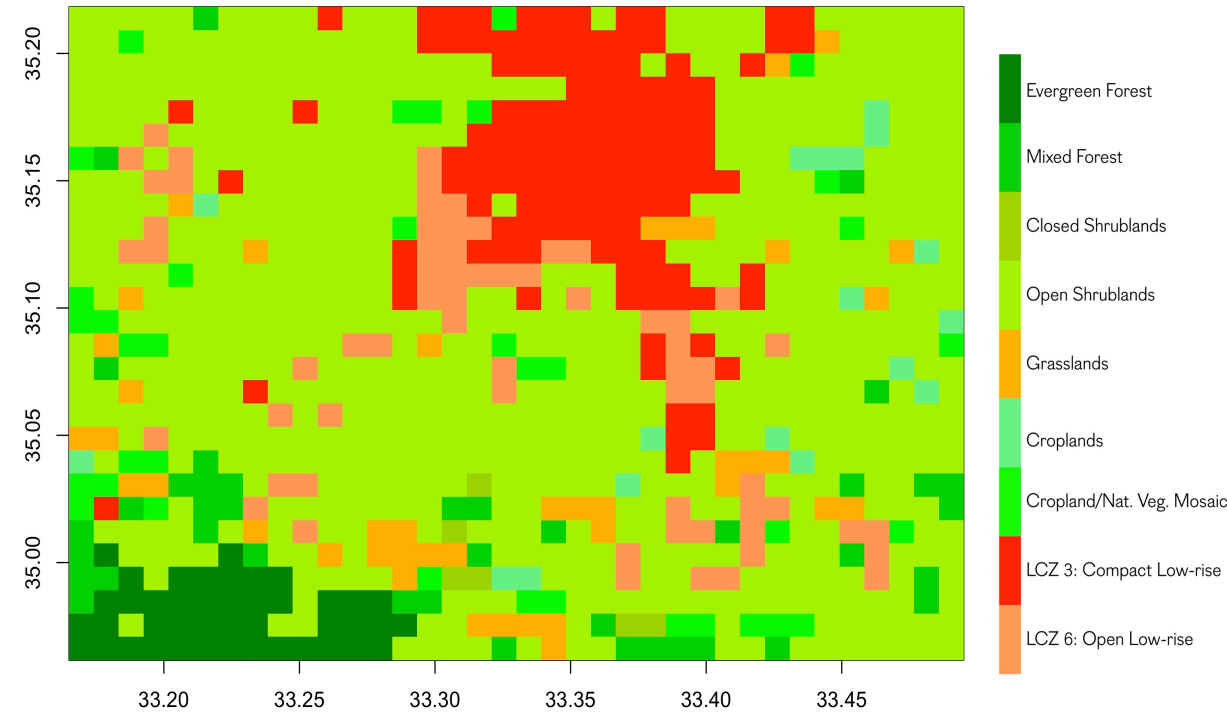
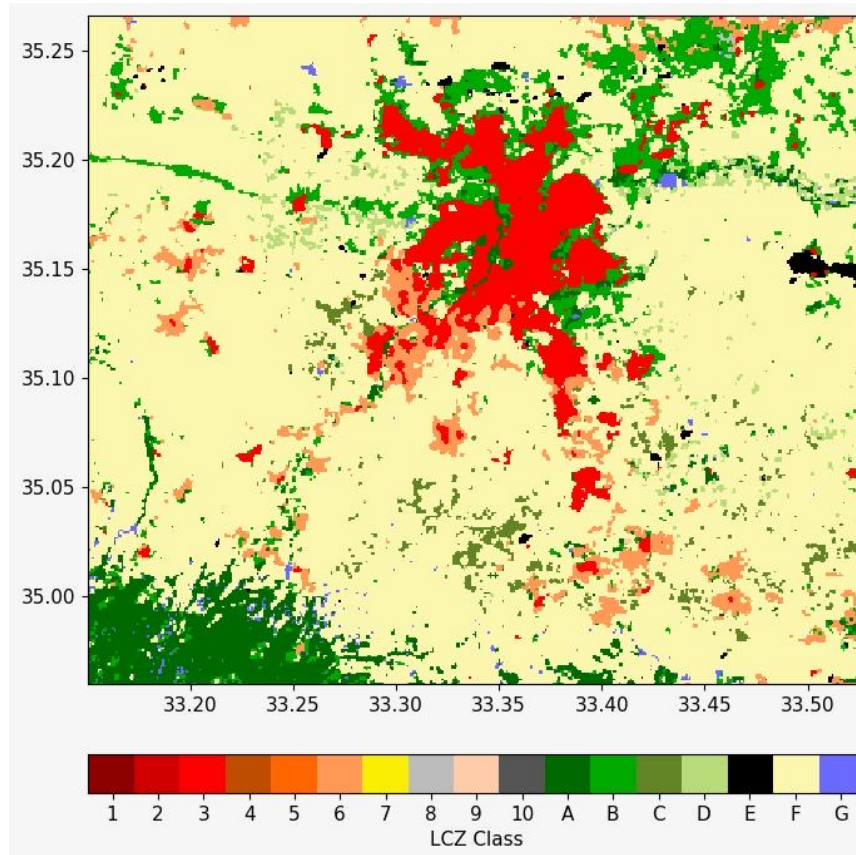


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Land use index for MODIS_MODIFIED_IGBP_NOAH

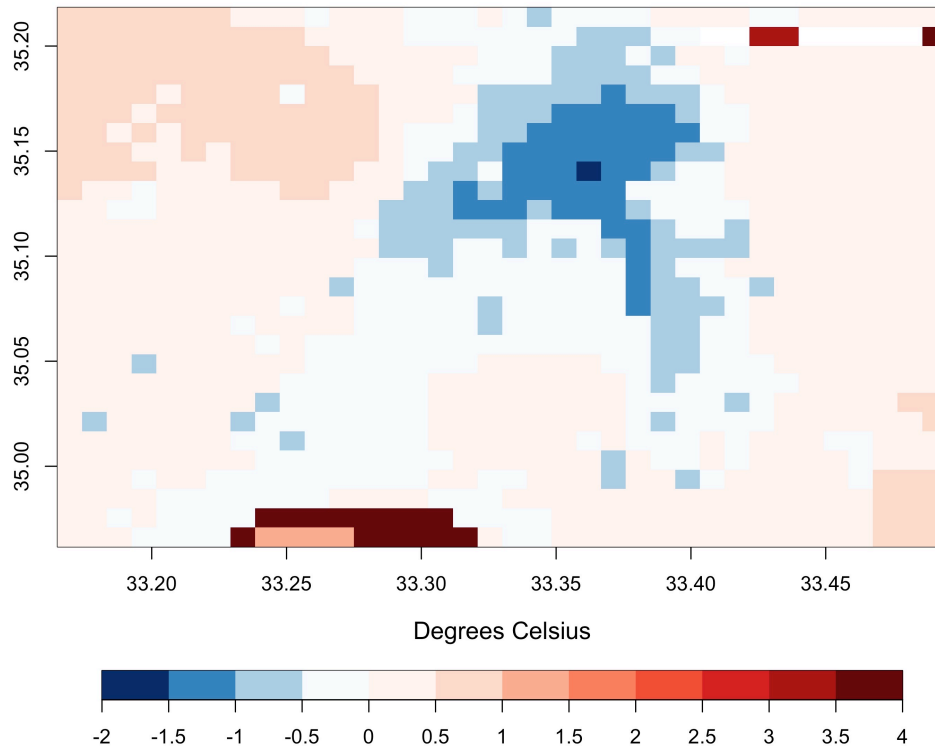
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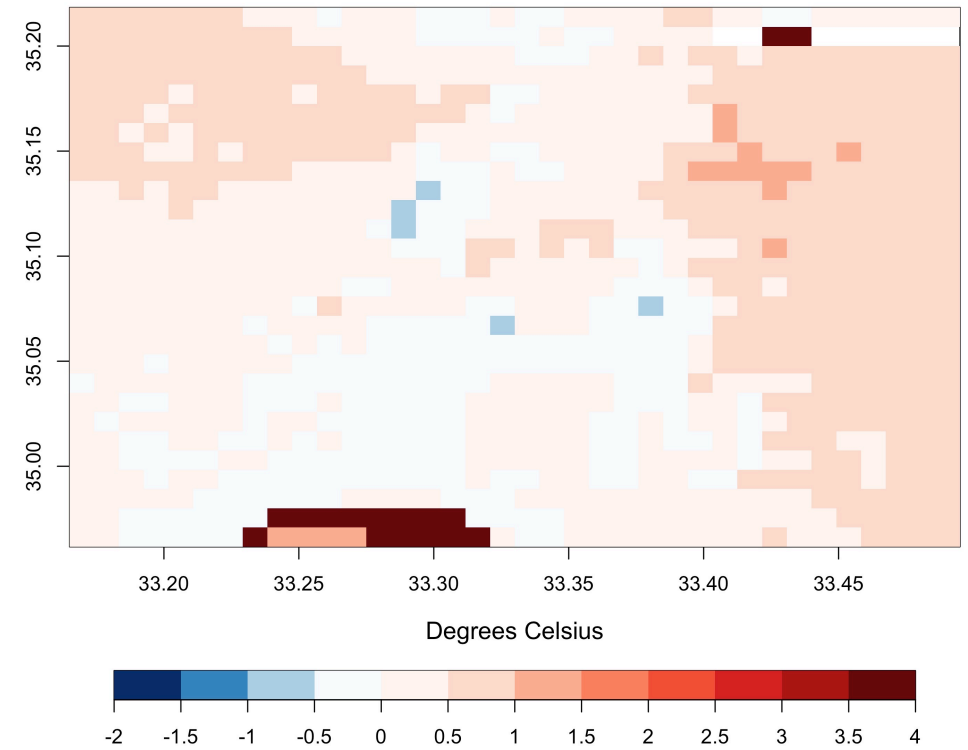
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LCZ Classification ([Koutroumanou Kontosi, K. 2022](#))

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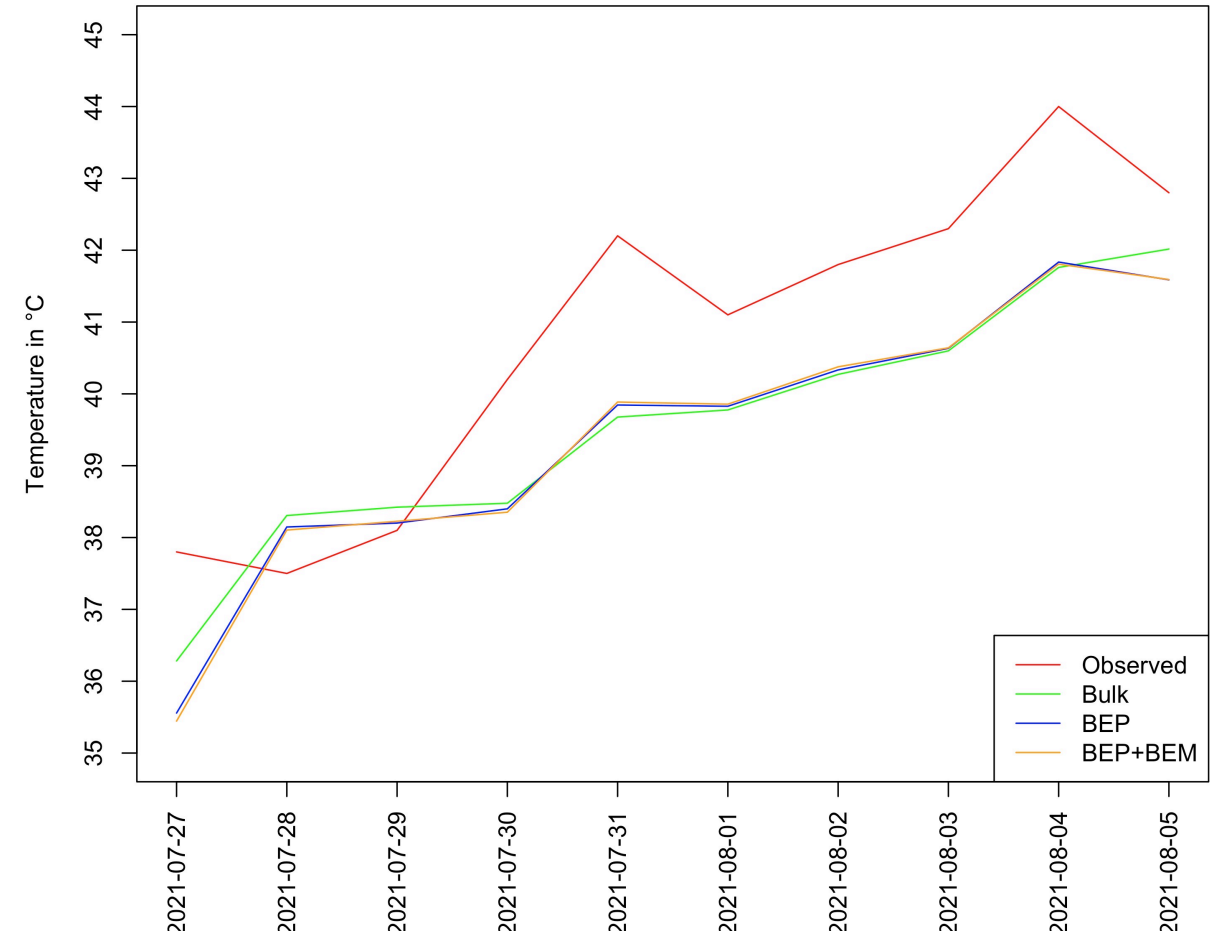
Simulated mean air temperature differences between **BEP** and **Bulk** for simulation period 27.07.2021 – 05.08.2021



Simulated mean air temperature differences between **BEP/BEM** and **Bulk** for simulation period 27.07.2021 – 05.08.2021

Preliminary results

- Comparison of observed and simulated temperature extremes during daytime
- Model output of a grid box nearest observing city center station
- Daily average time series
- All the schemes follow the same variation
- Overall, Bulk, BEP, and BEP/BEM underestimate the temperature



Conclusions

- The **schemes** adopted **follow** the **variation** of the **observed temperatures**.
- **BEP** shows a counter-intuitive behavior with cooler temperatures over the city compared to **Bulk**. Therefore this aspect needs to be investigated in more detail.
- Overall, **BEP/BEM** is slightly hotter than the other models due to the share of heat generated by *a/c* systems.
- **LCZs** provide too **general built environment features** precisely **to be used as widely** as possible. But **real built environment data** are **required to represent specific areas'** **behavior** better.
- Therefore **collaboration** between the community of **atmospheric modelers** and **urban/buildings modelers** can **help overcome** fundamental **gaps** related to the **lack of data** that **affect** a thorough **representation** of the **effect of climate change in the cities**.

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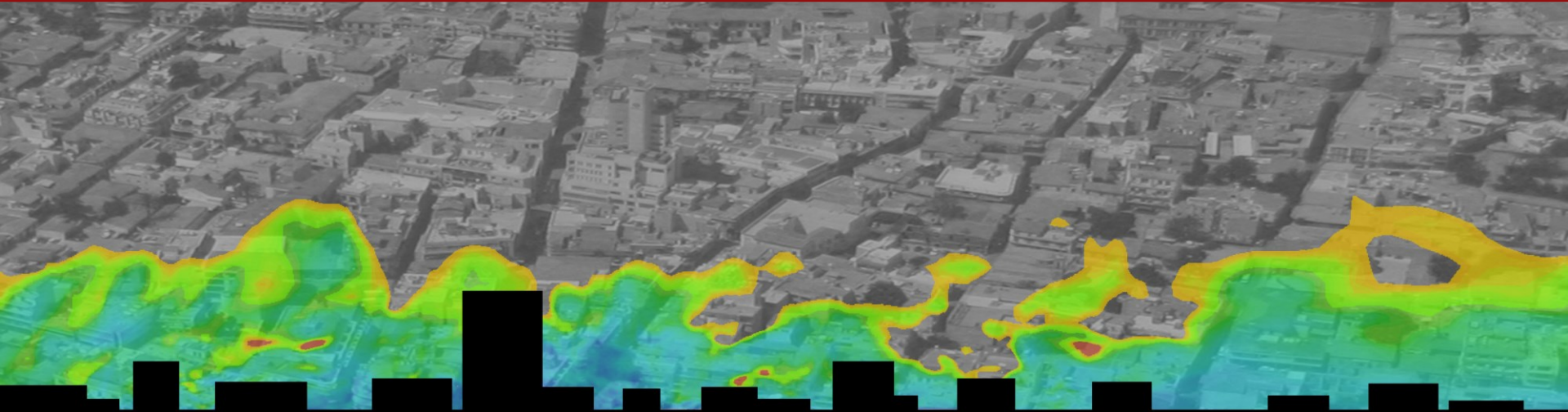
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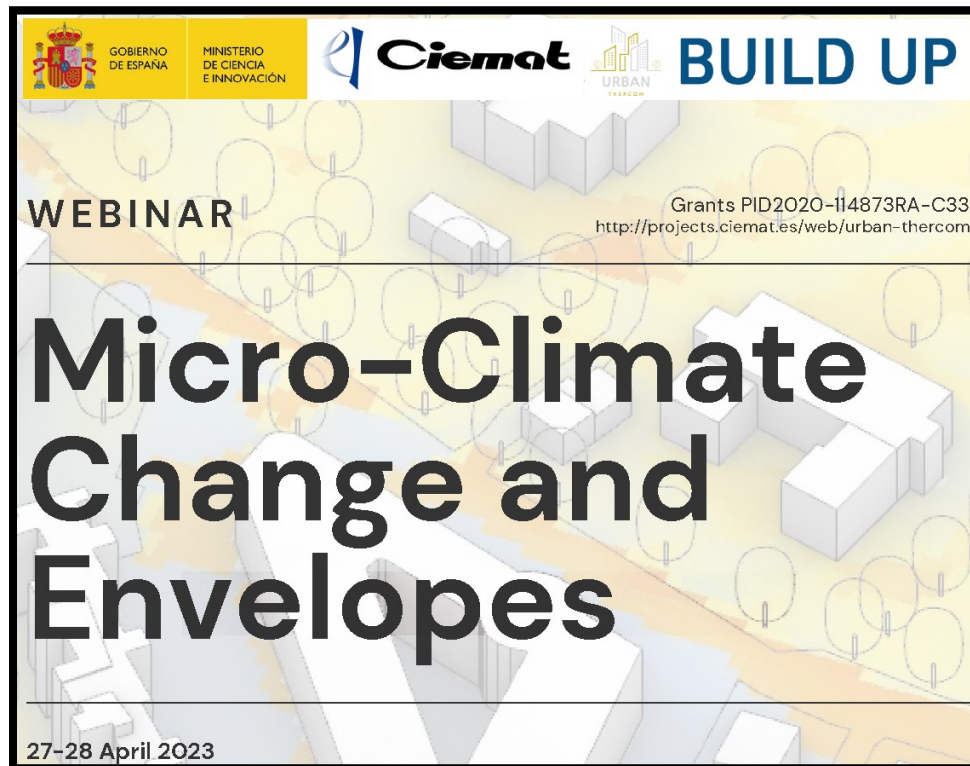
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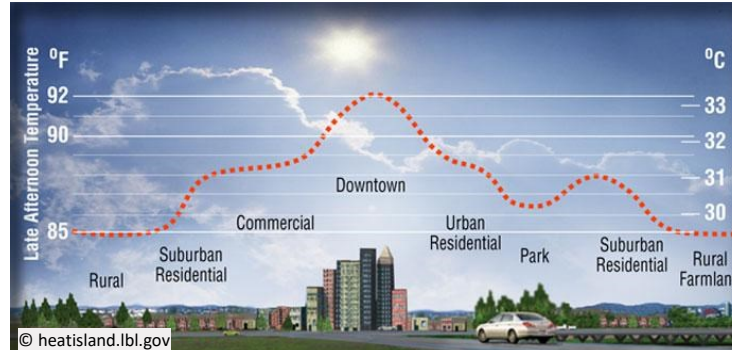
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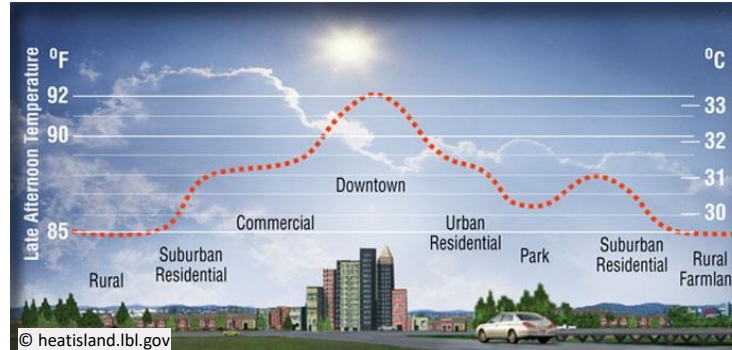
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Urban microclimate and climate change



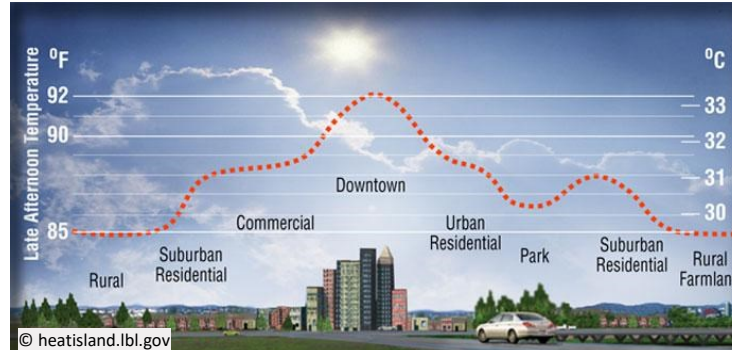
- Urban population is expected to increase
- Higher air temperatures in urban areas compared with surrounding areas
- Increased frequency and intensity of heat waves
- Urban population exposed to poor air quality levels
- Human morbidity and mortality increase due to climatic reasons

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- It is essential to understand the full complexity of urban microclimate

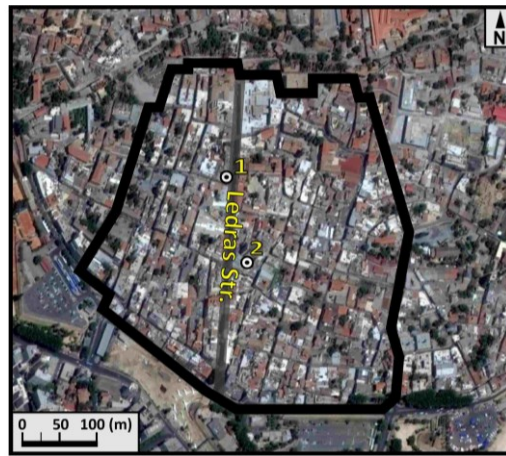
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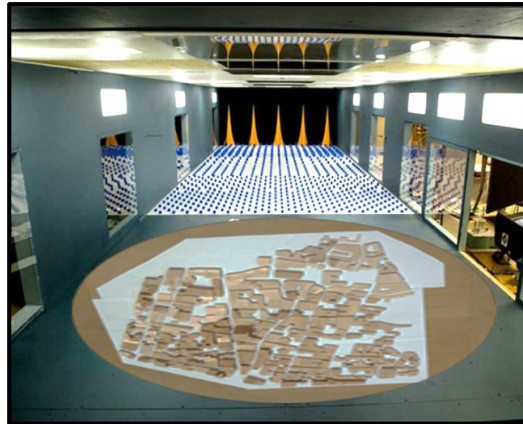


- Cyprus, Nicosia old city center
- Compact heterogeneous area of 0.247 km²

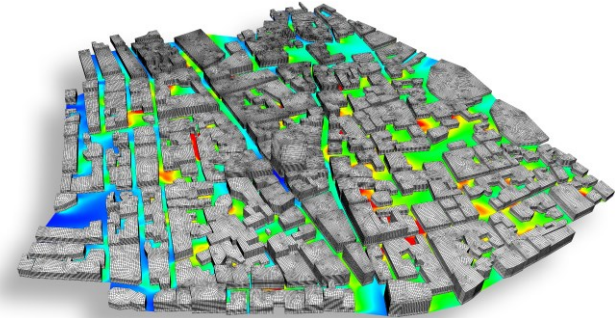
- The methodology includes using full-scale field measurements, reduced-scale wind-tunnel measurements, and CFD simulations



Full-scale field measurements



Reduced-scale wind-tunnel experiments



Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Multi-scale field measurements

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Research objective:

- Obtain and analyze multi-scale field measurements

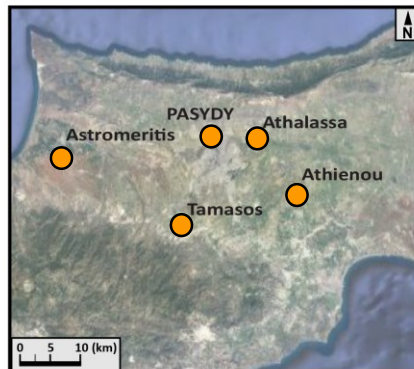
Novelty:

- High resolution dataset for validation of CFD simulations



regional-scale
(>100 or 200 km)

Radiosoundings



city-scale
(> 10 or 20 km)

**Meteorological
stations**



neighb.-scale
(> 1 or 2 km)

**Aerial thermography
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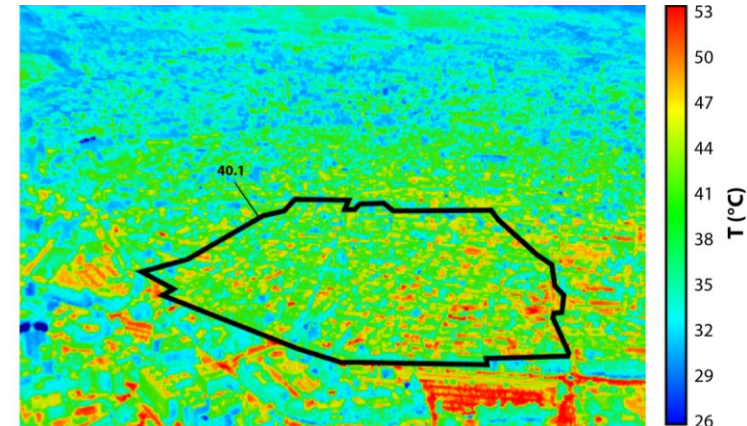


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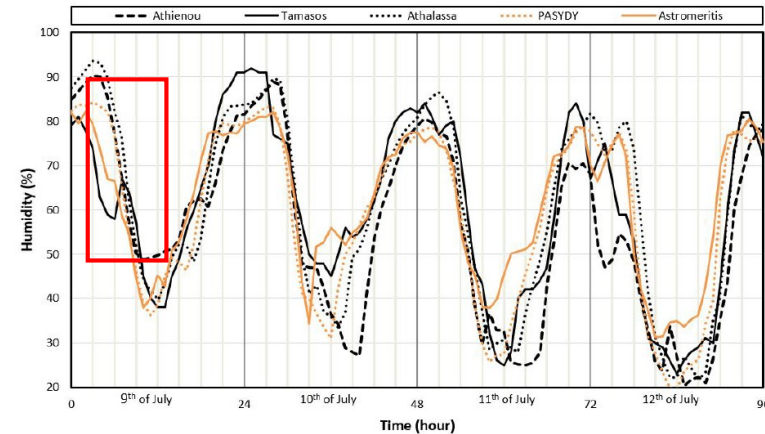
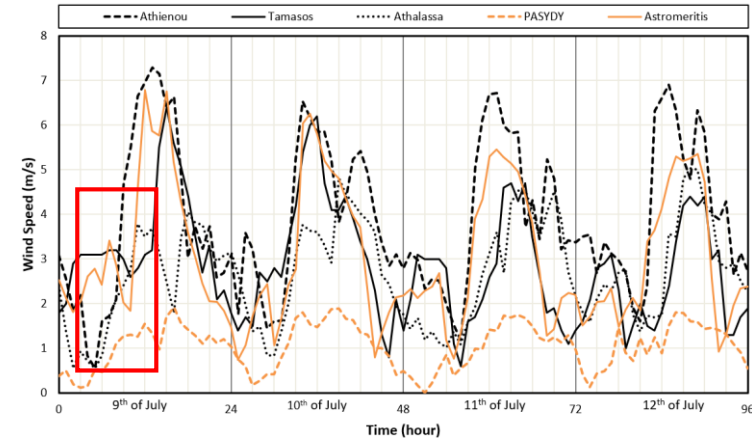
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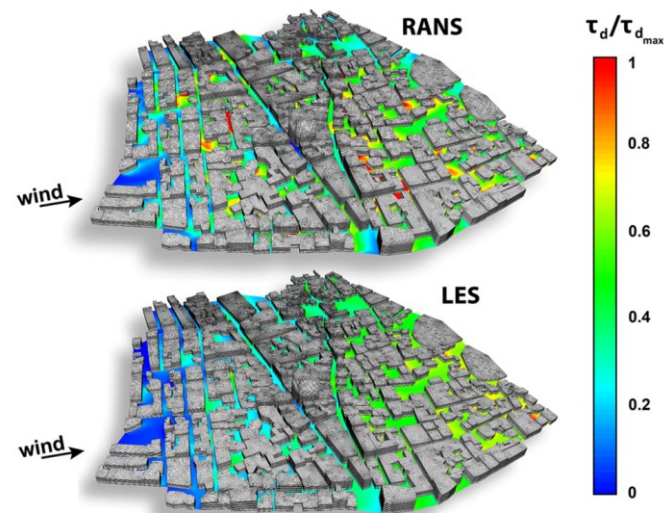
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CFD and wind-tunnel analysis for outdoor urban ventilation

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Research objective:

- Develop and validate a CFD model for predicting outdoor ventilation

Novelty:

- Detailed evaluation of RANS and LES for predicting outdoor ventilation in real urban area
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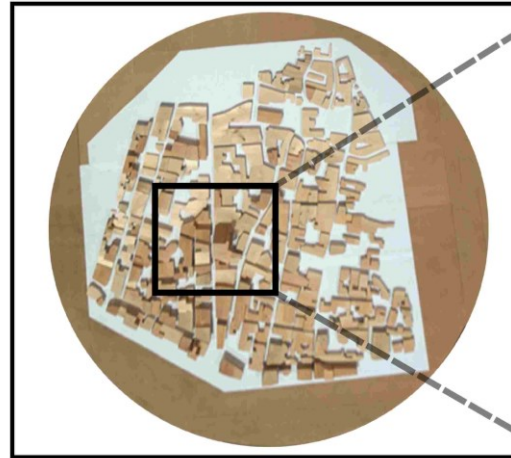
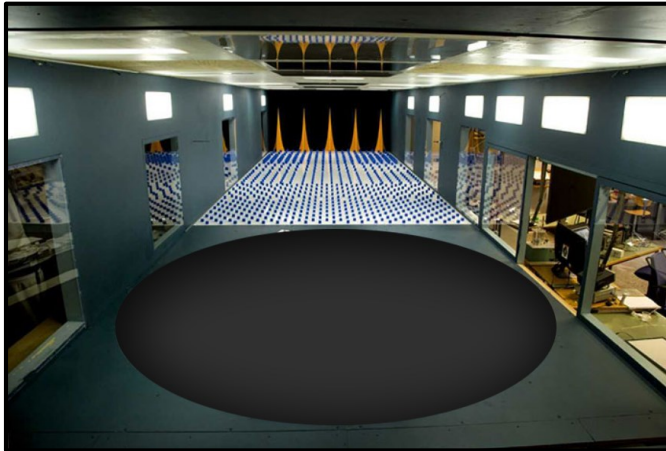
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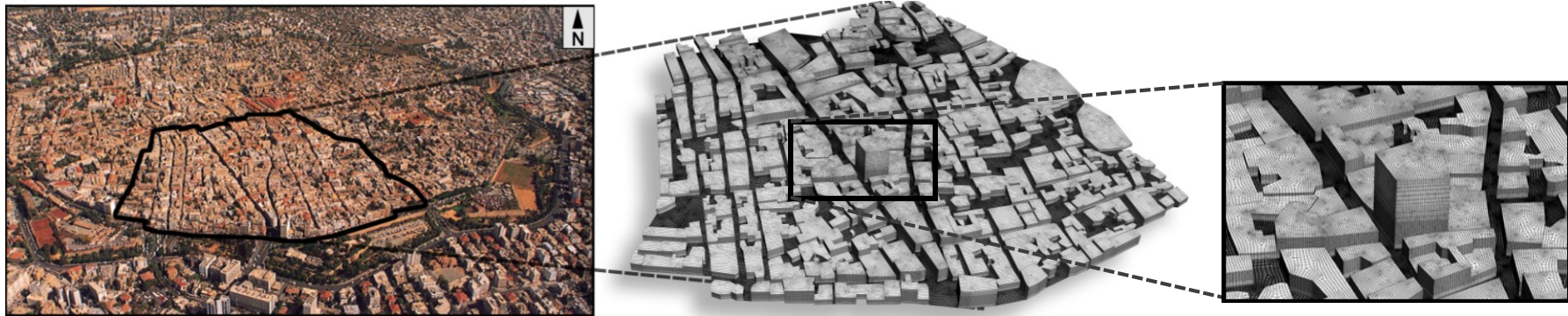
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Wind-tunnel measurements



- Atmospheric boundary layer wind tunnel
- Test section: 3 m x 1.5 m
- Measurements at 1261 points along 38 vertical lines
- Wind velocity and turbulence intensity

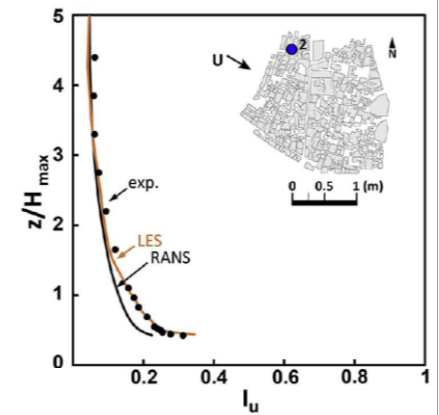
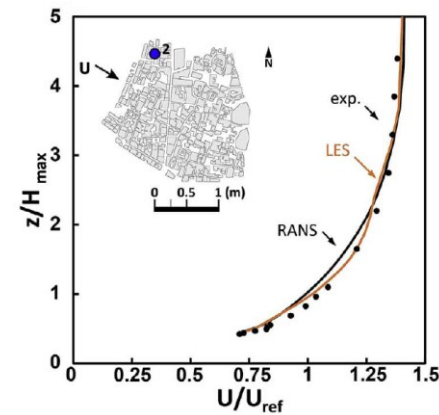
CFD simulations



- Dimensions based on best practice guidelines^{1,2}
- Geometry based on the reduced-scale model
- 13.4 million hexahedral cells

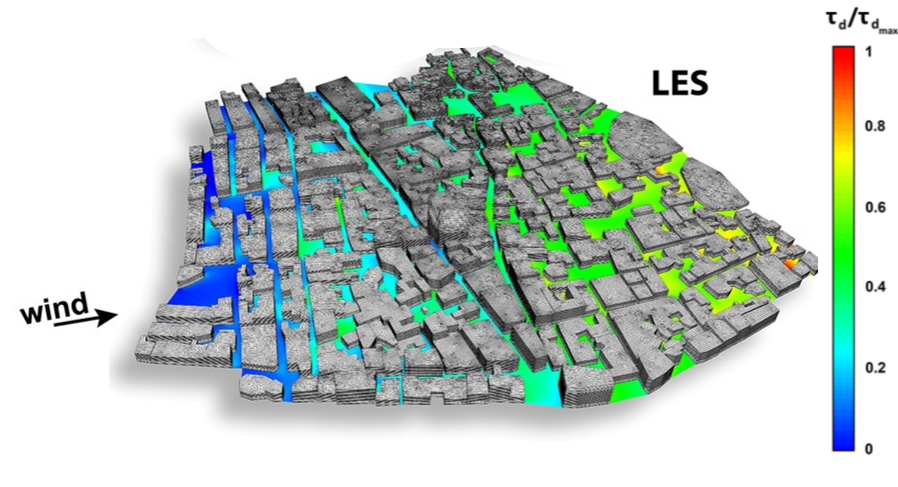
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- Areas with higher building height variability are better ventilated



CFD simulation of urban microclimate

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Novelty:

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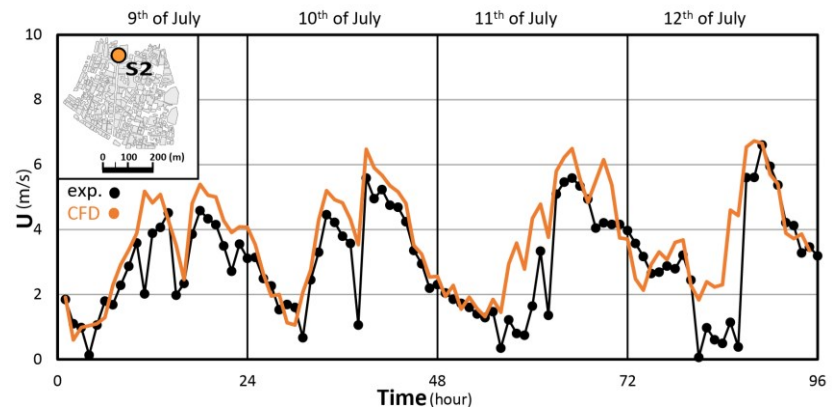
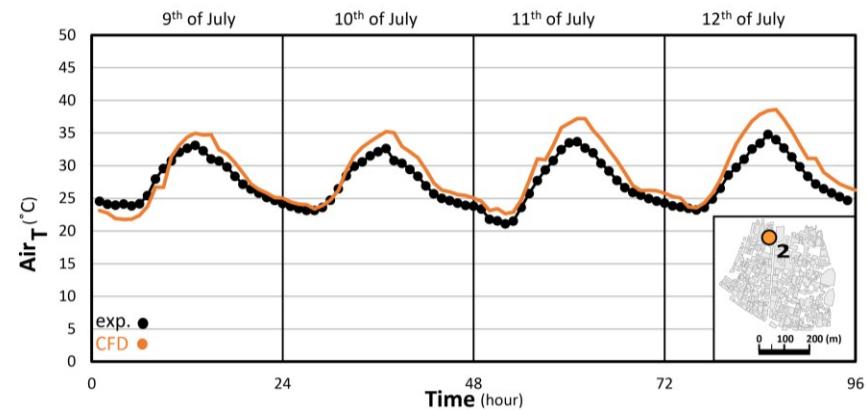
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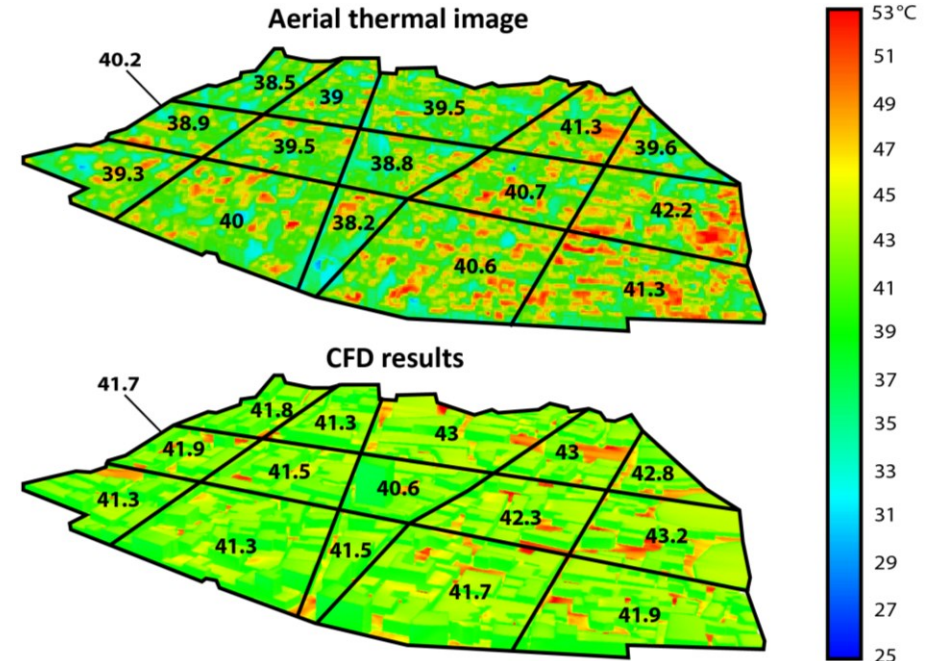
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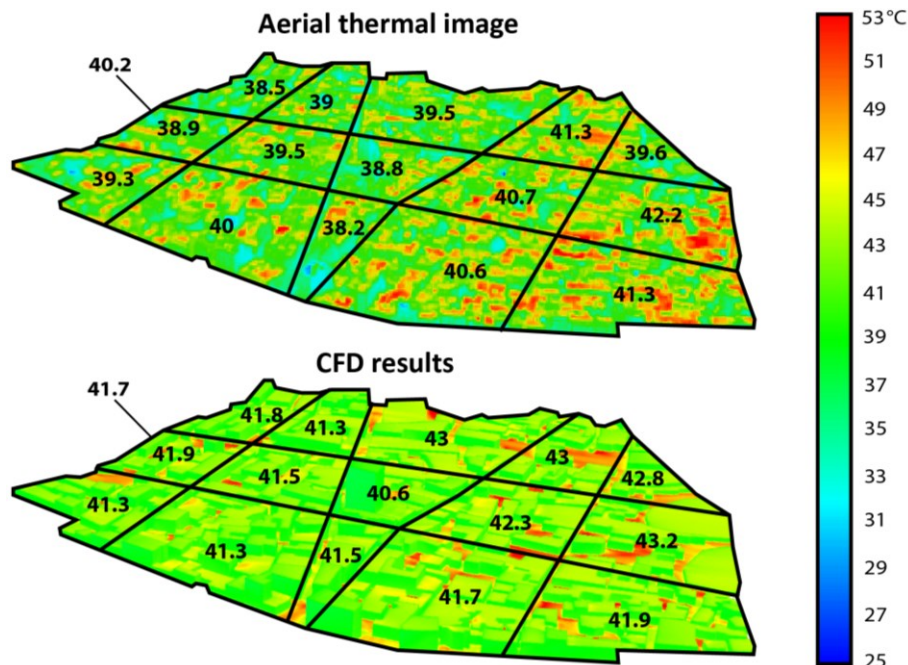
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Climate change impact on urban microclimate

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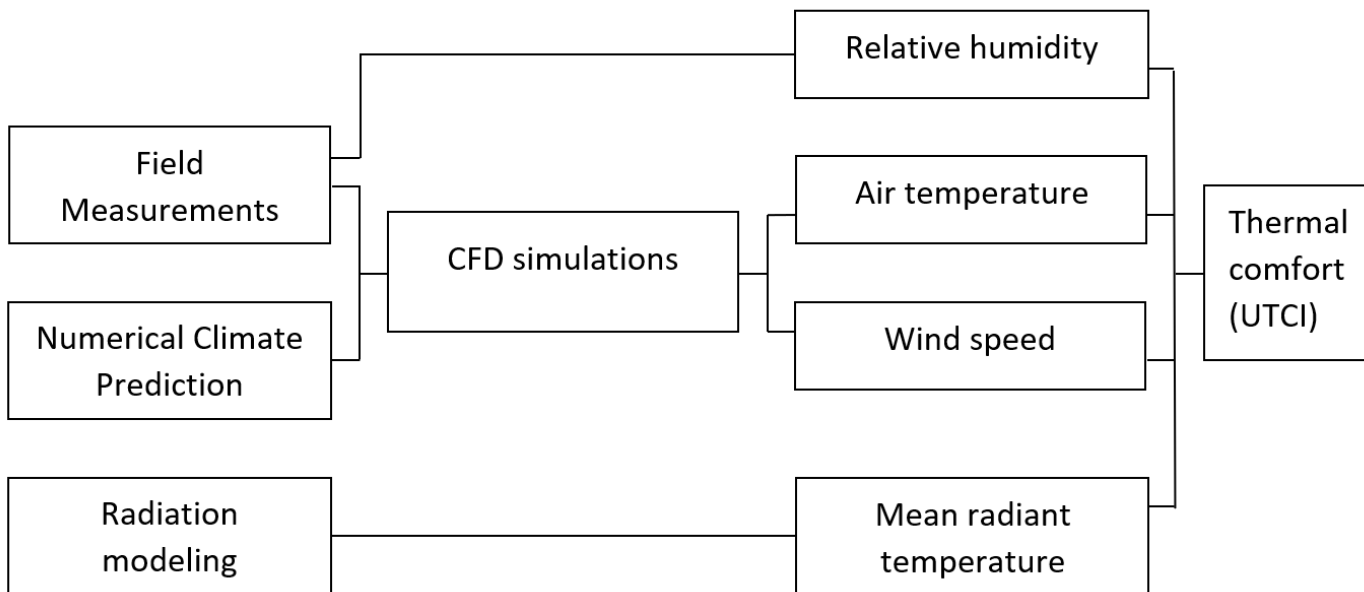
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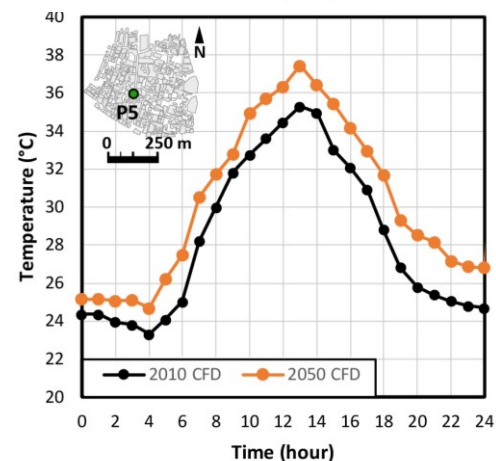
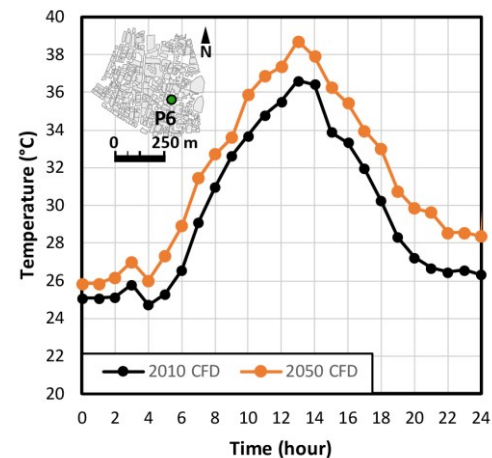
- Coupling of CFD simulations and numerical climate prediction models

Methodology:



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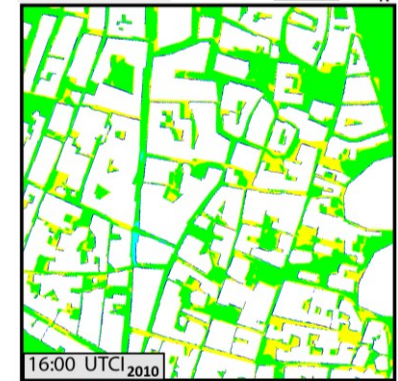
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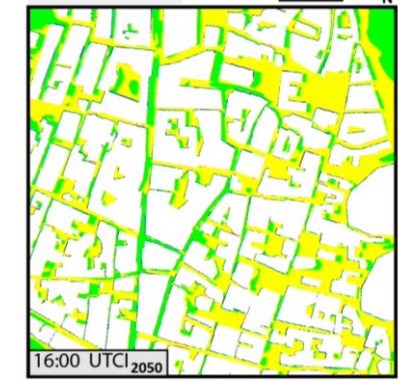
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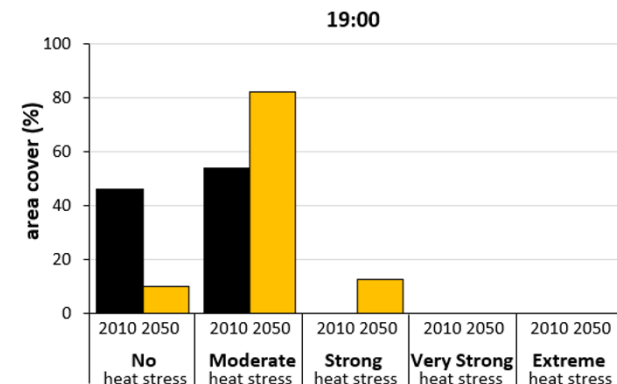
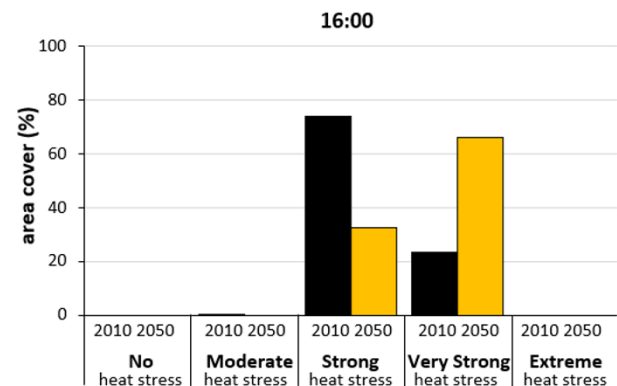


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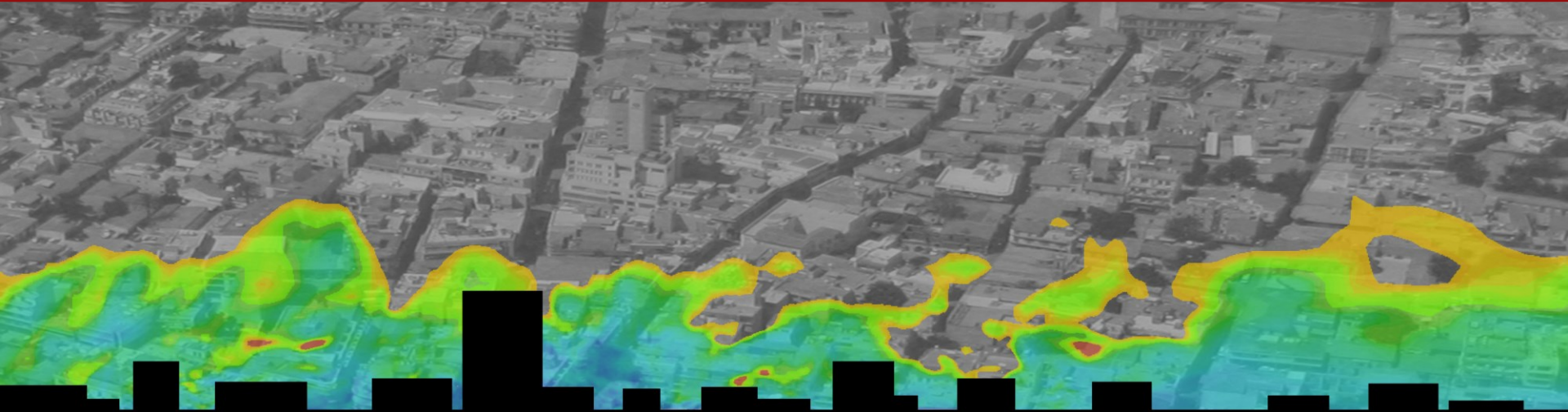
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Numerical simulations of climate change impact on urban microclimate, and pedestrian thermal comfort



Bridging Climate Change Modelling and Engineering Design for Sustainable and Resilient Adaptation Solutions

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Climate Change Mitigation

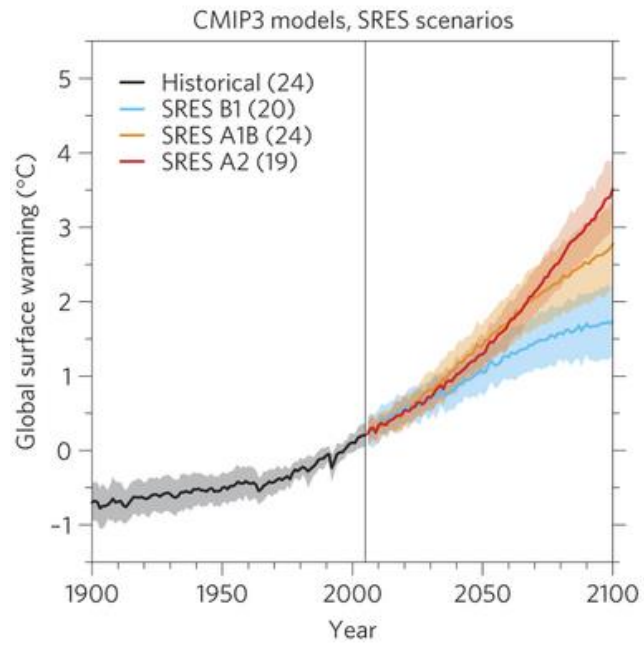
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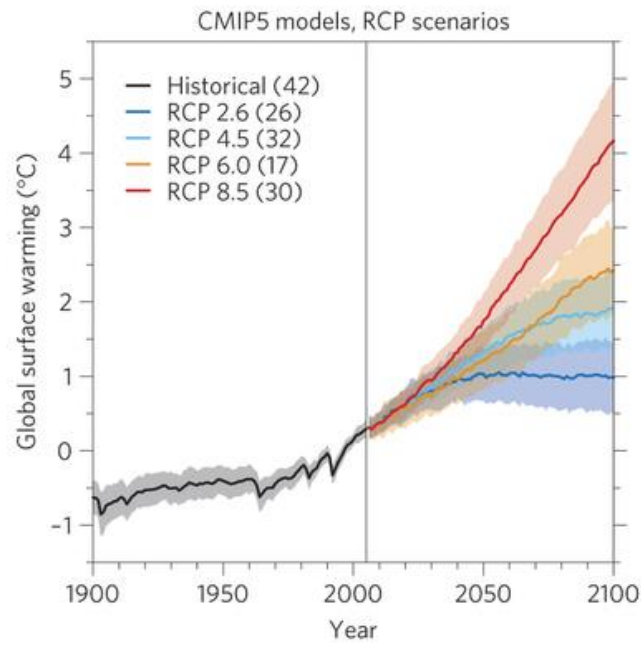
**How to face climate change?
How to decrease future risks?**

Climate Change Adaptation

Impact Assessment of Climate Change

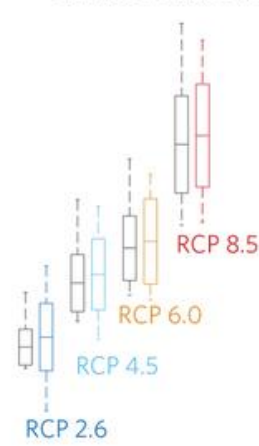


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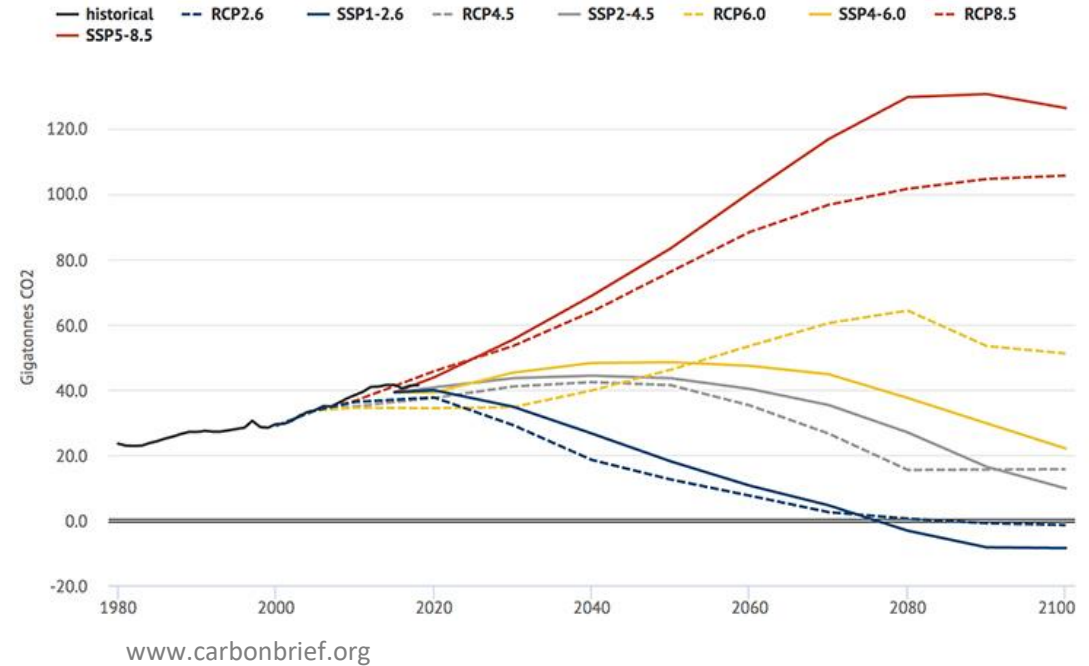
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Comparison with emulated CMIP3 RCP

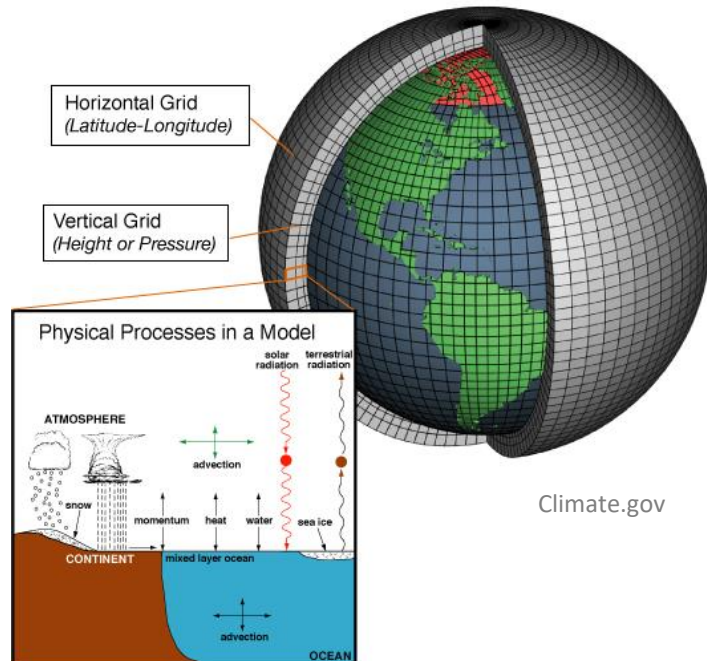


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CO2 emissions in comparable CMIP5 and CMIP6 scenarios



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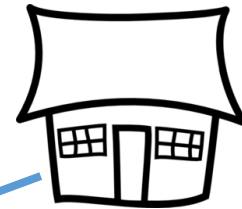
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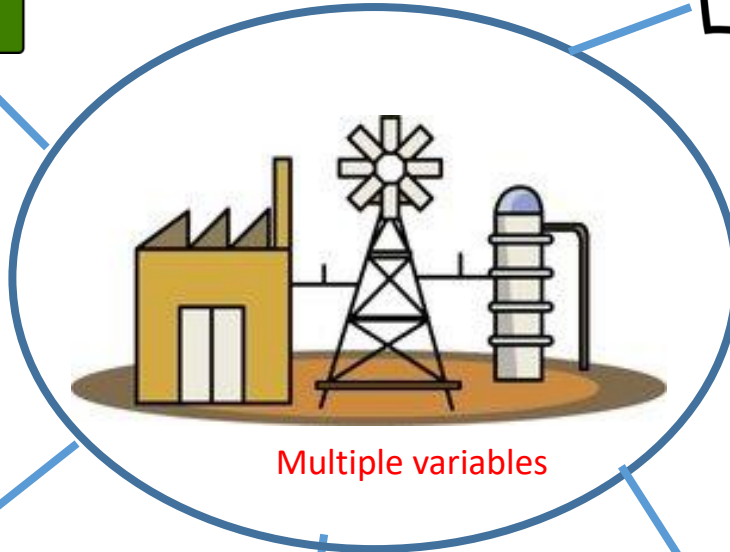
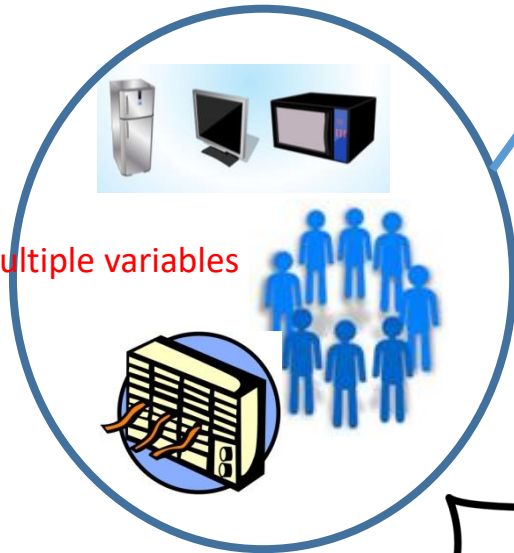
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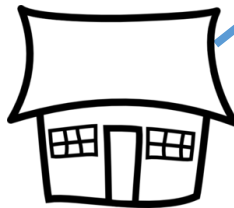
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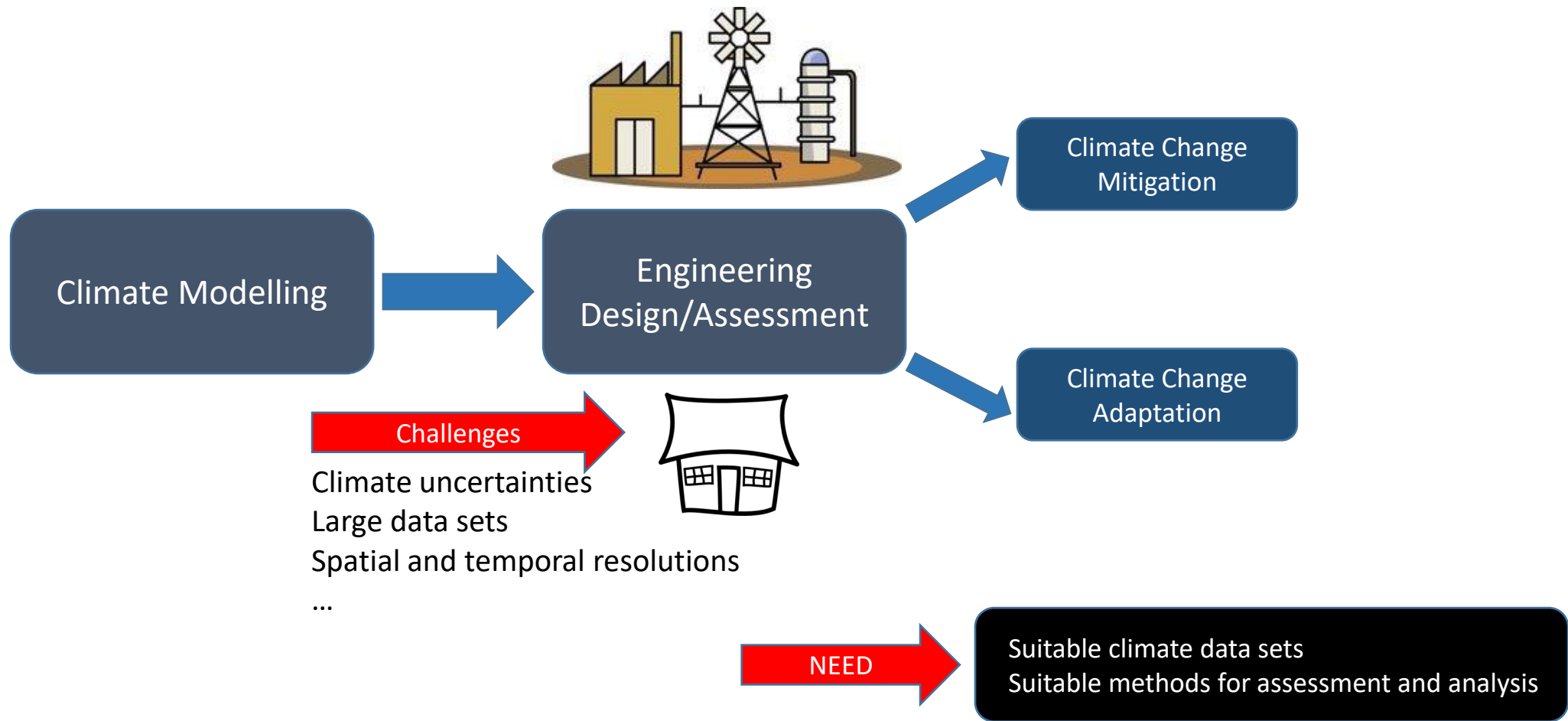


Retrofitting &
Designing Buildings



Urban Comfort

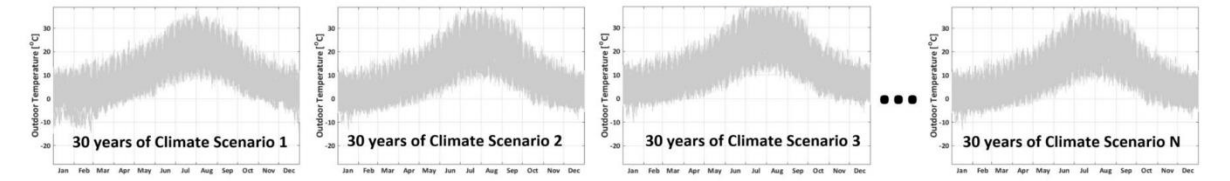
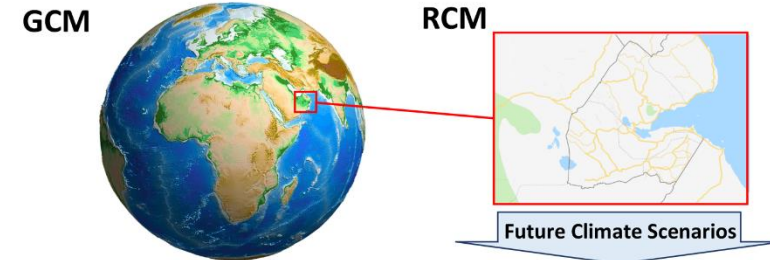




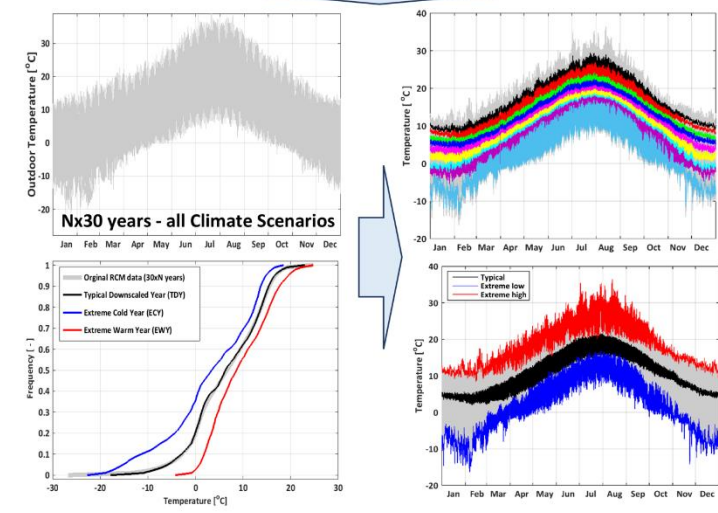
We have developed novel methods/approaches:

- Representative Future Weather Data [1, 2]
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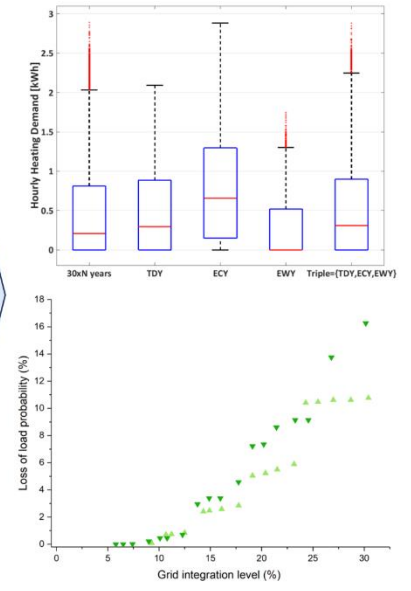
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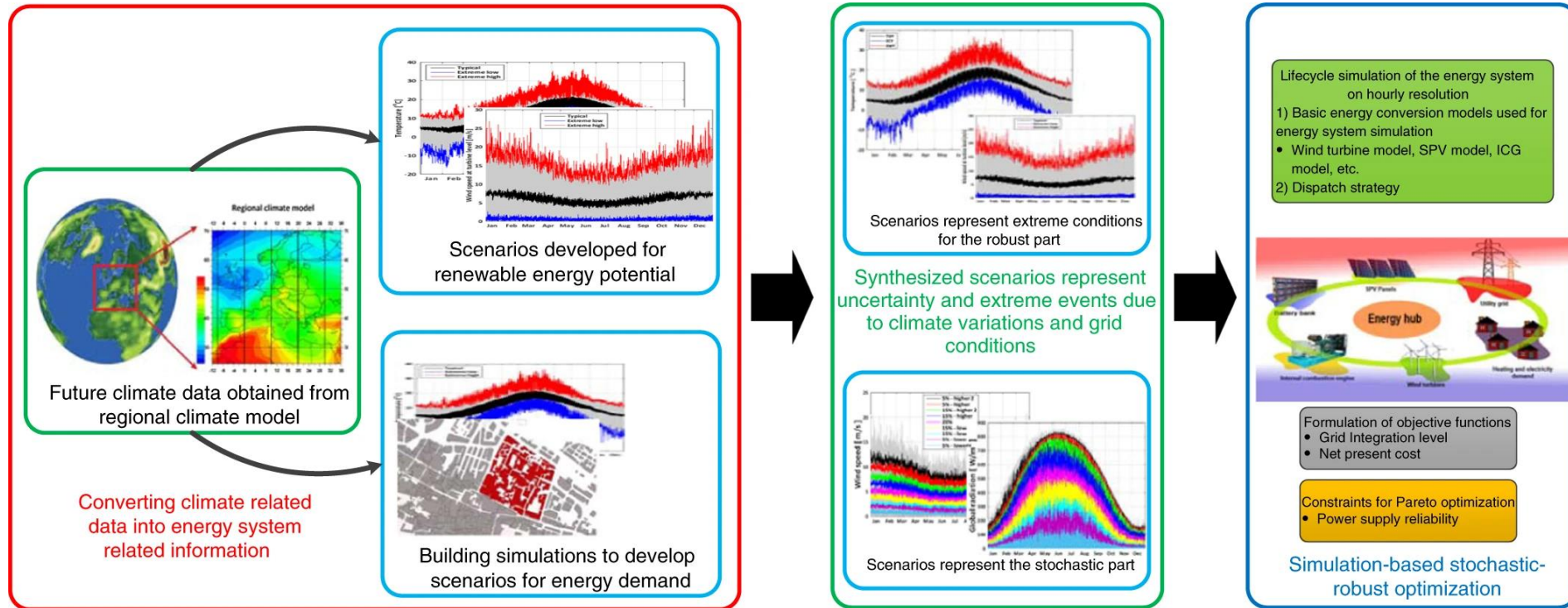
Synthesizing representative weather data sets



Resilience Assessment: impact assessment, energy simulations and optimization for typical and extreme conditions



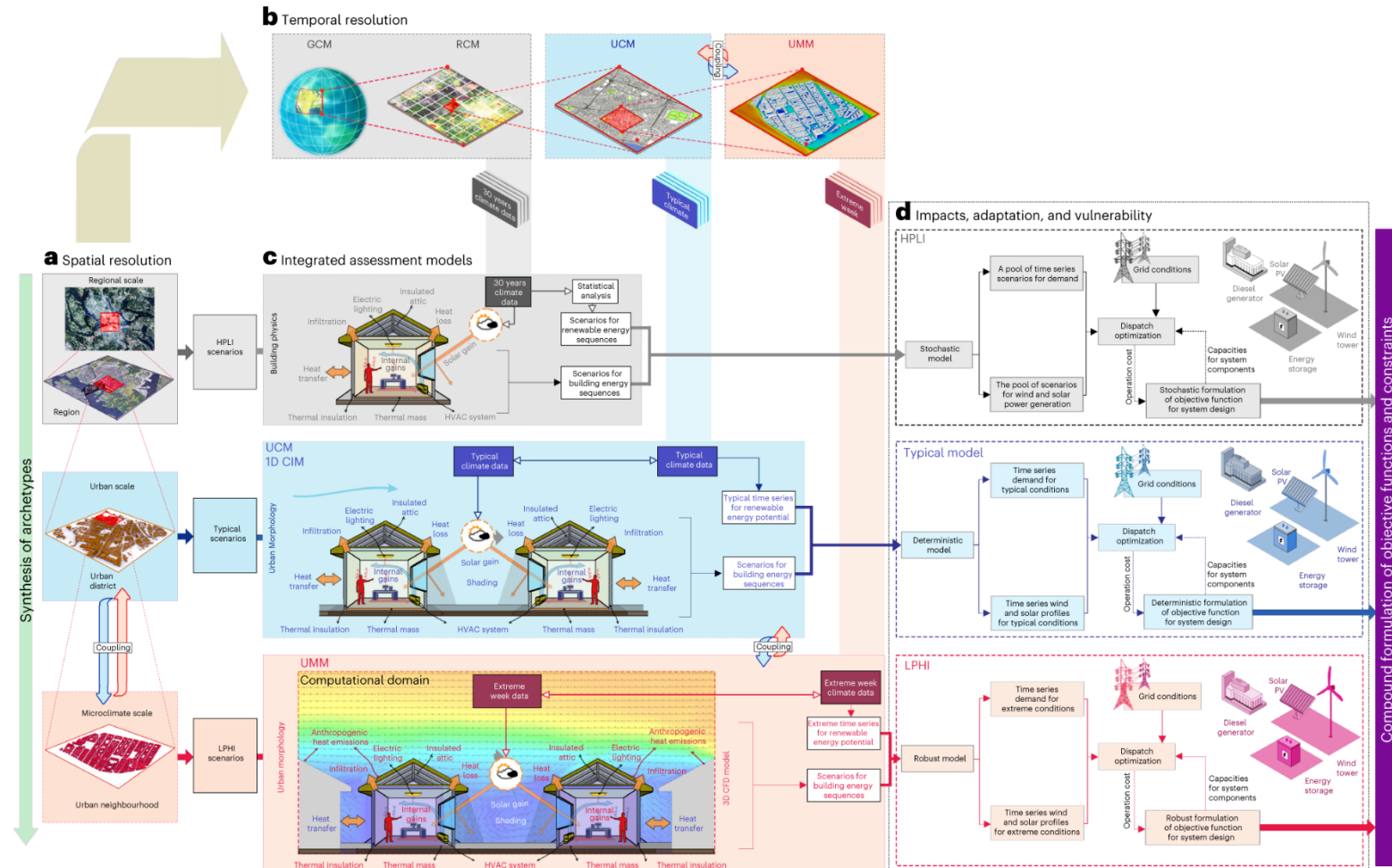
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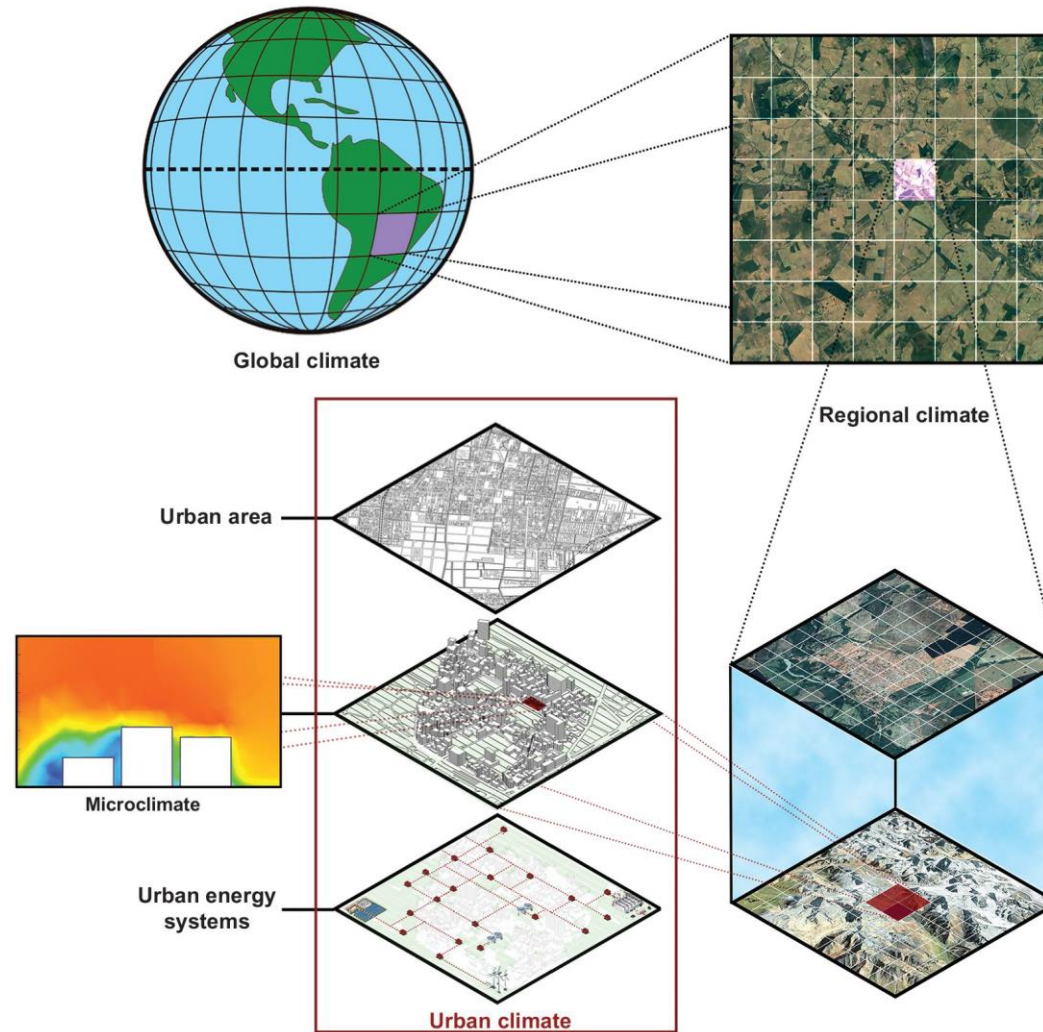
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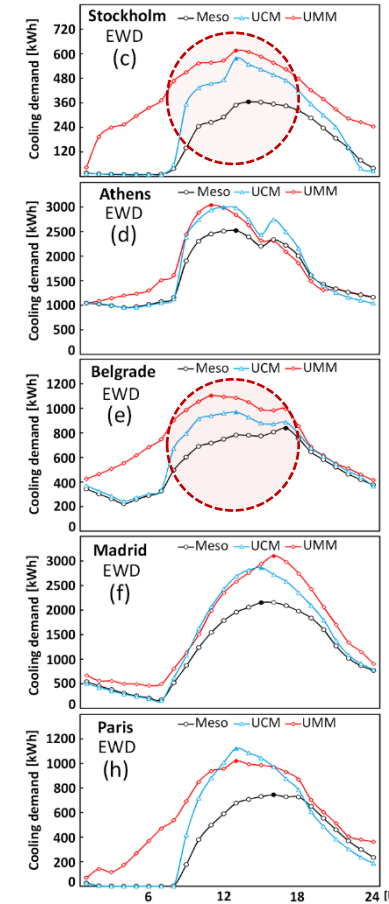
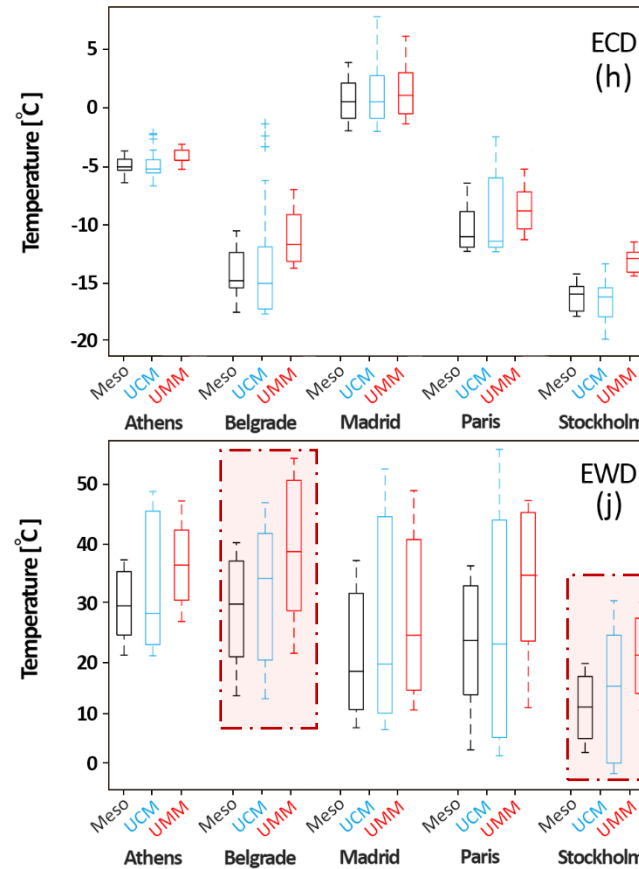
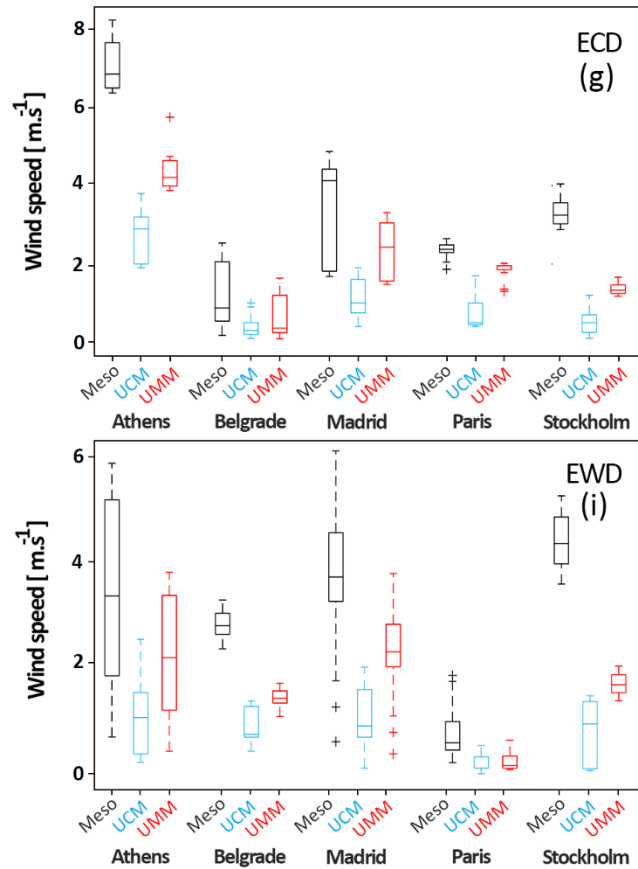
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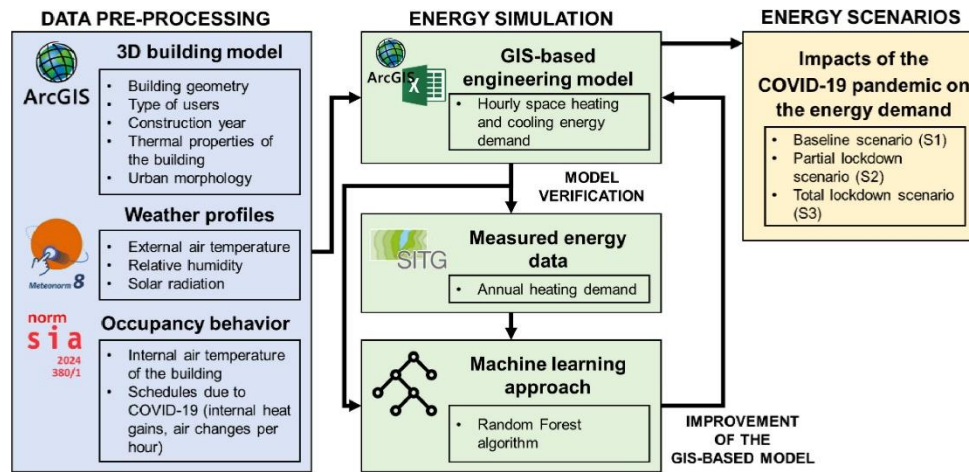
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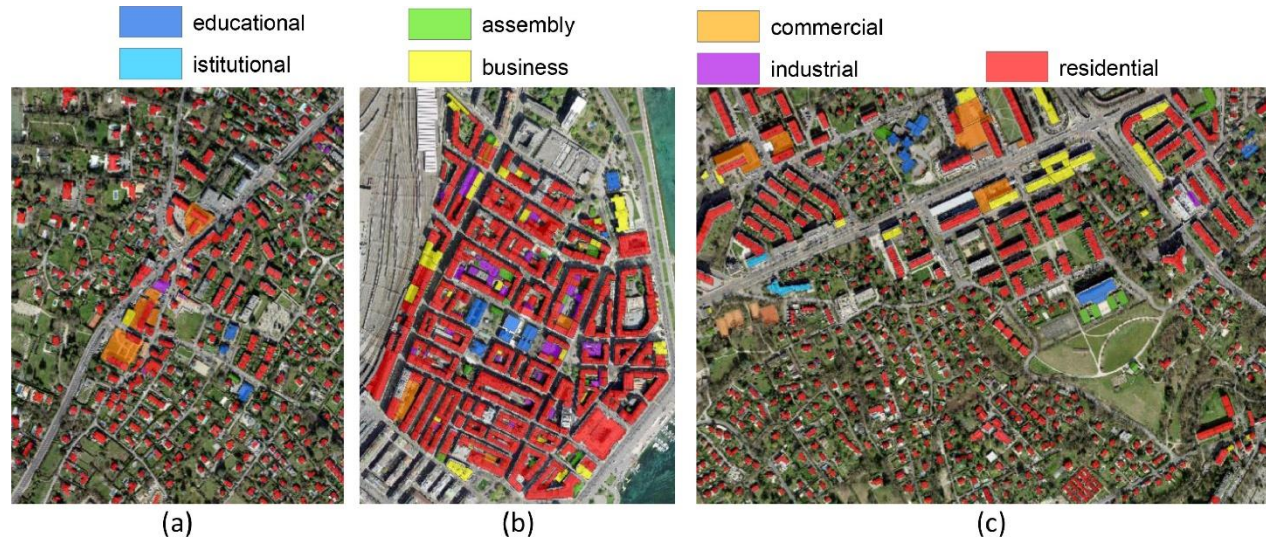
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Linking Urban Morphology to climate variations at the microscale using historical data. The impacts on cooling, heating demands as well as indoor temperature.



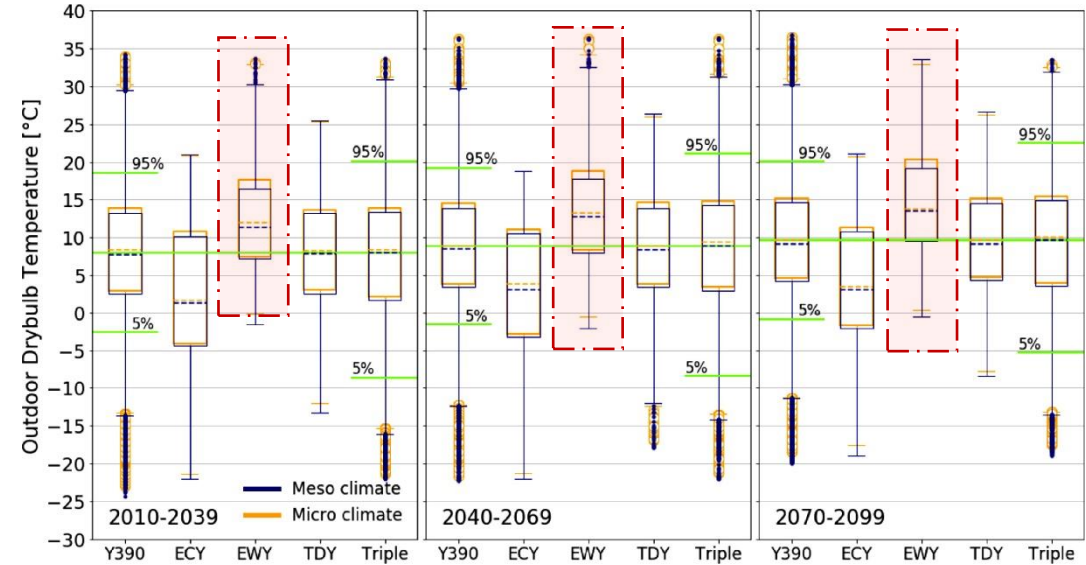
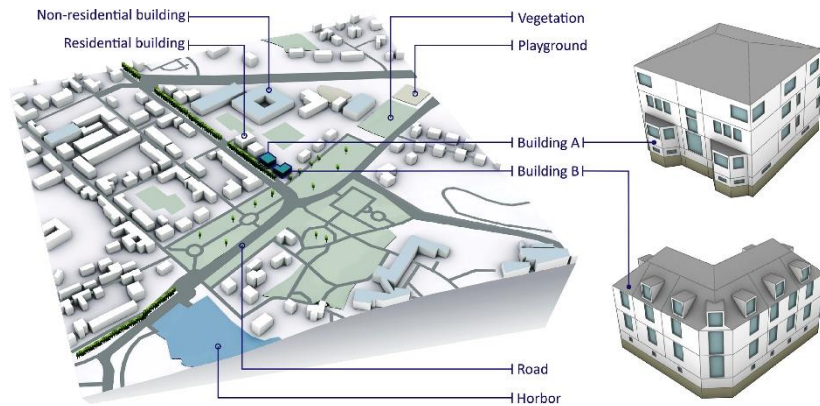
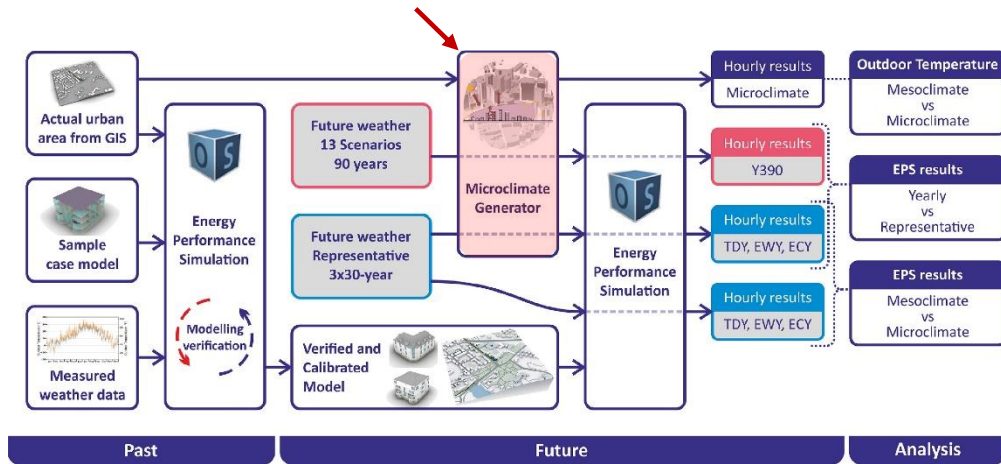
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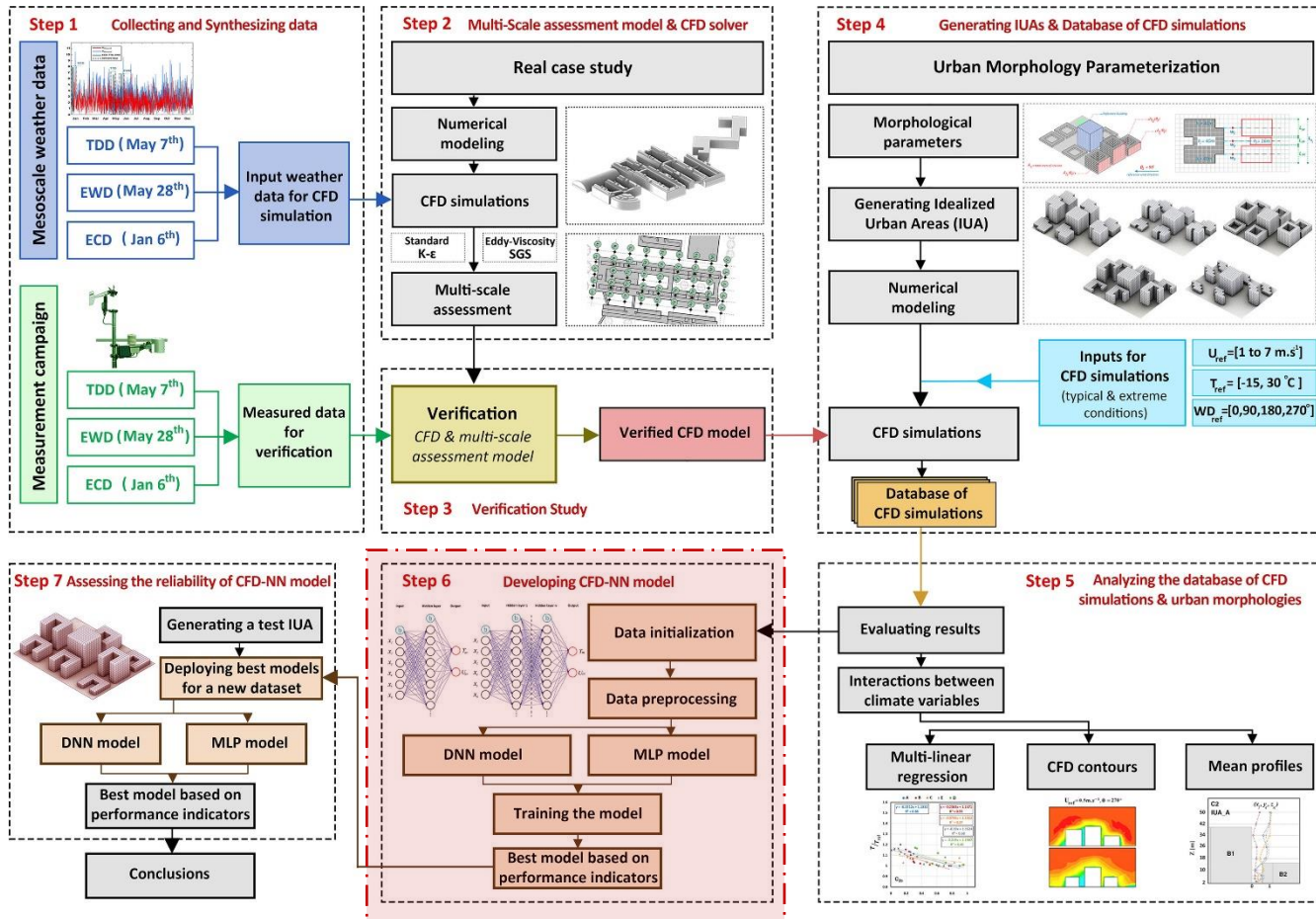
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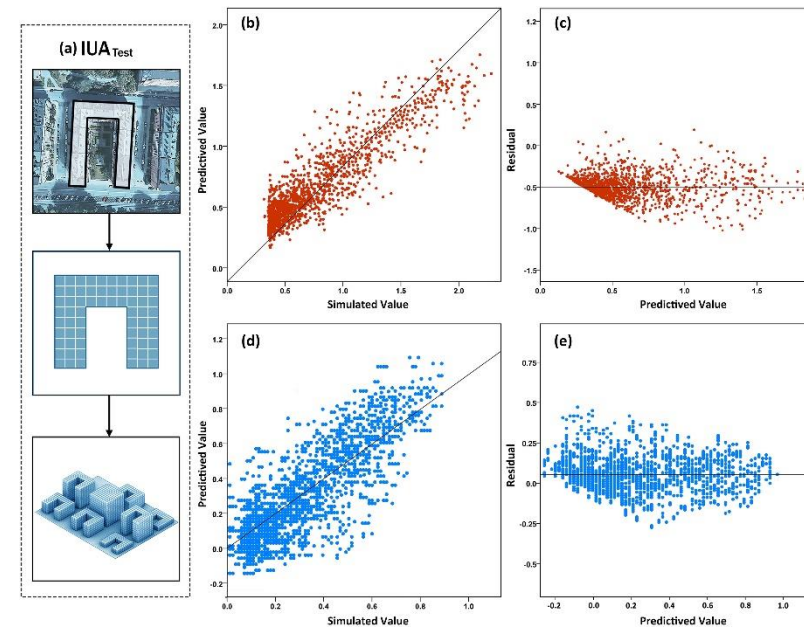
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We introduced CFD-NN to provide Extreme Microclimate for unseen urban morphologies



Performance of CFD-NN for unseen Urban Morphology



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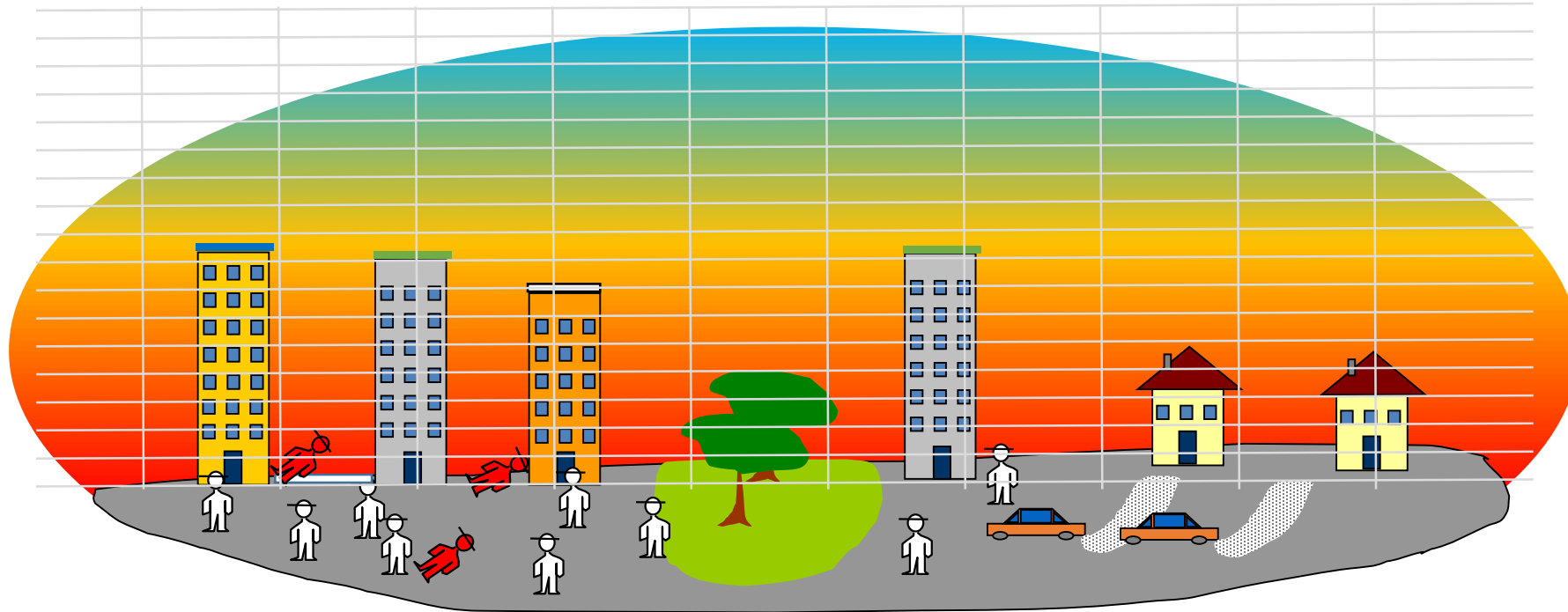
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Mesoscale modelling of urban overheating

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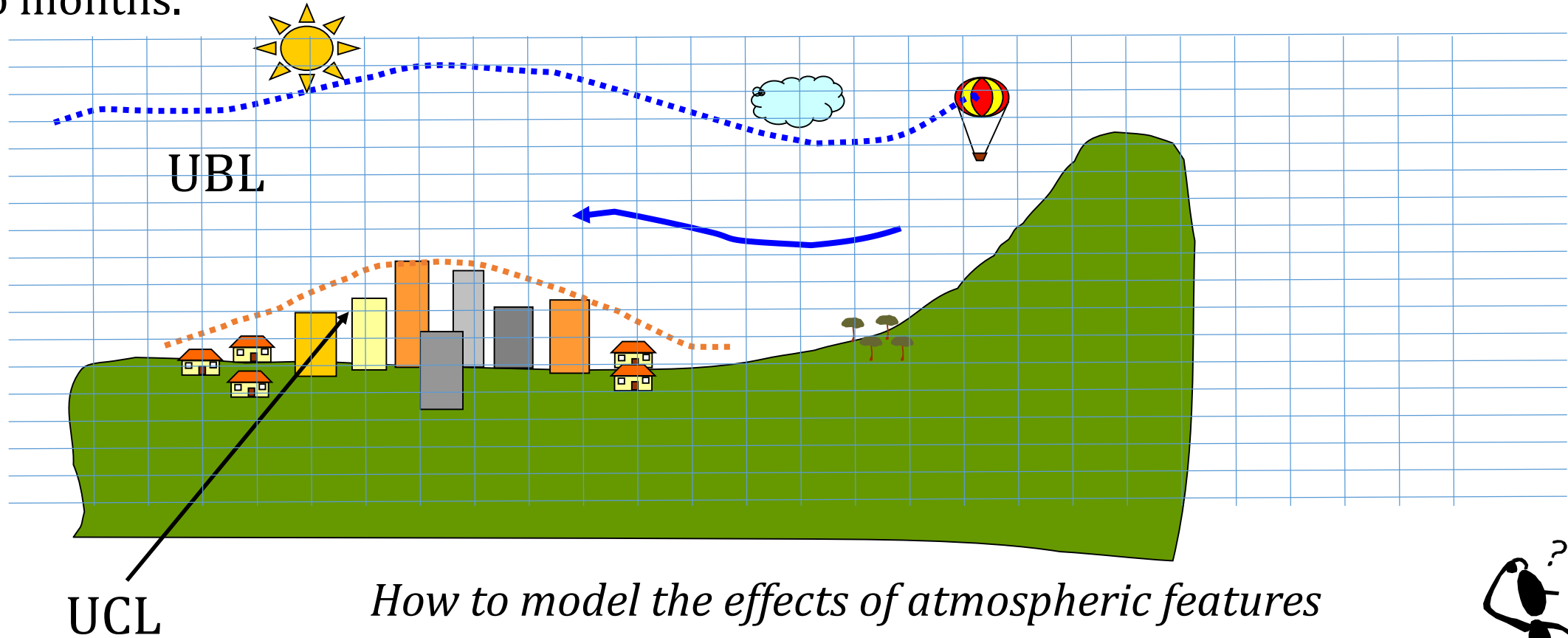
Research questions that motivate my work:

How to simulate the two-way, ***city scale*** interactions between cities, citizens and the urban atmosphere?

How to quantify the ***city scale*** impact of mitigation/adaptation measures, based on the modification of the city characteristics, on thermal comfort and building energy consumption? How these measures affect air quality?

Mesoscale models

Spatial resolution of the order of 1km, domain size of 100 km, simulations from several days to months.



A parameterization is needed.



Philosophy of the parametrizations:

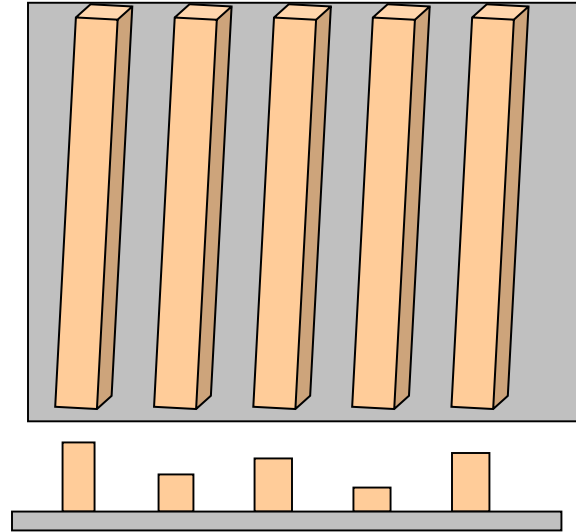
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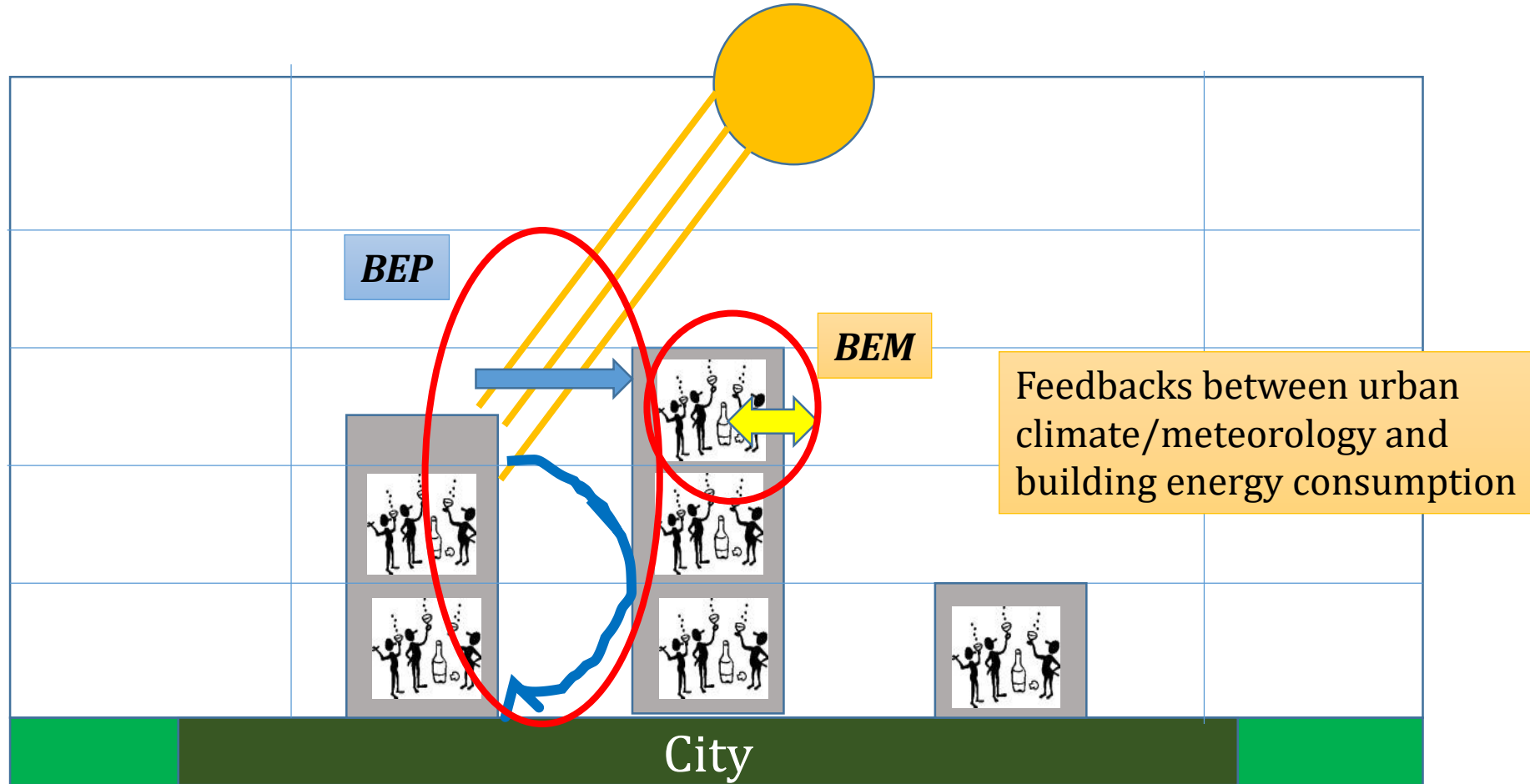
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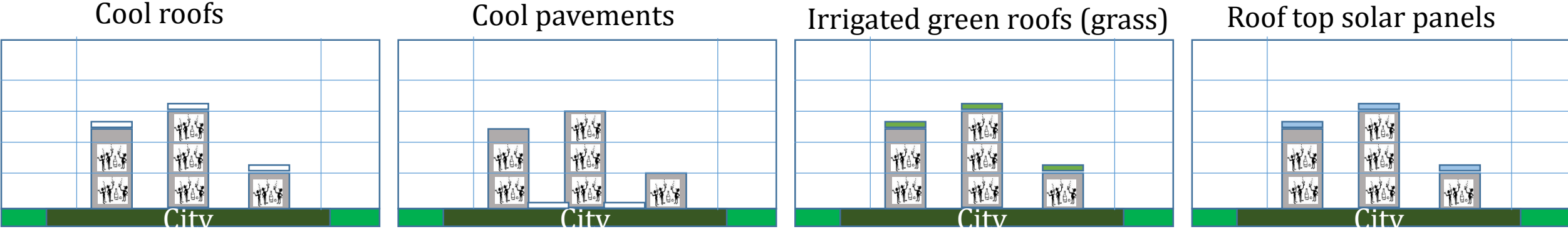
Advantage: every building behaves in the same way and also every street behaves in the same way. By computing the fluxes for one building and for one street, the fluxes for the whole grid cell can be easily estimated.

BEP-BEM

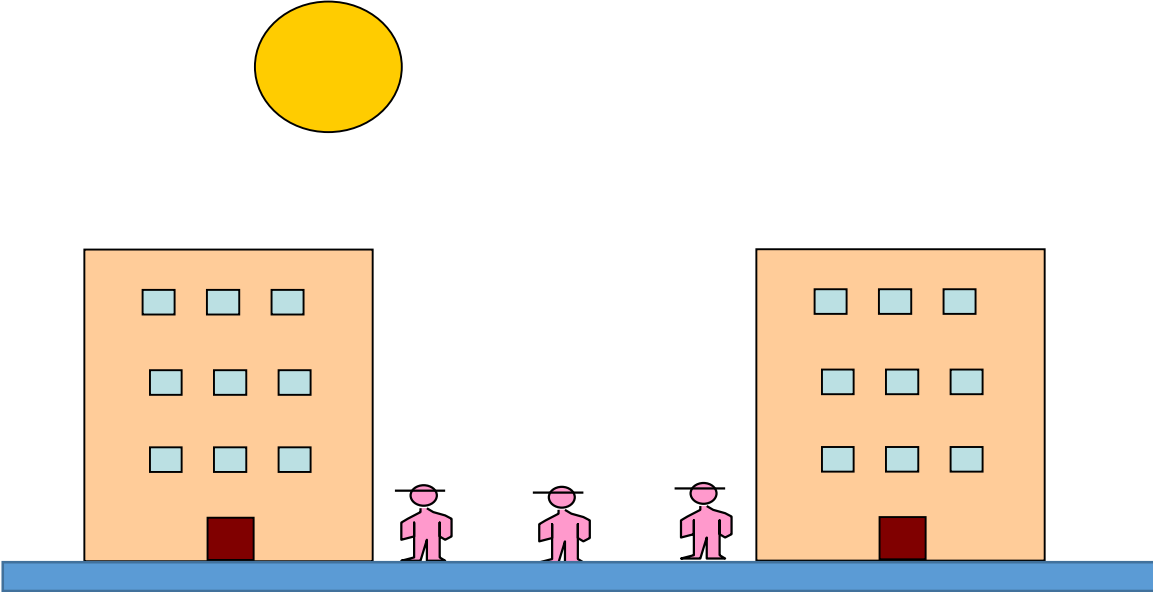
BEP (Building Effect Parameterization, Martilli et al. 2002) is the *multilayer urban canopy parameterization* coupled to a *Building Energy Model* (BEM, Salamanca et al. 2010), embedded in *WRF*.



Currently with the model we can represent different measures like



And estimate thermal comfort parameters like UTCI

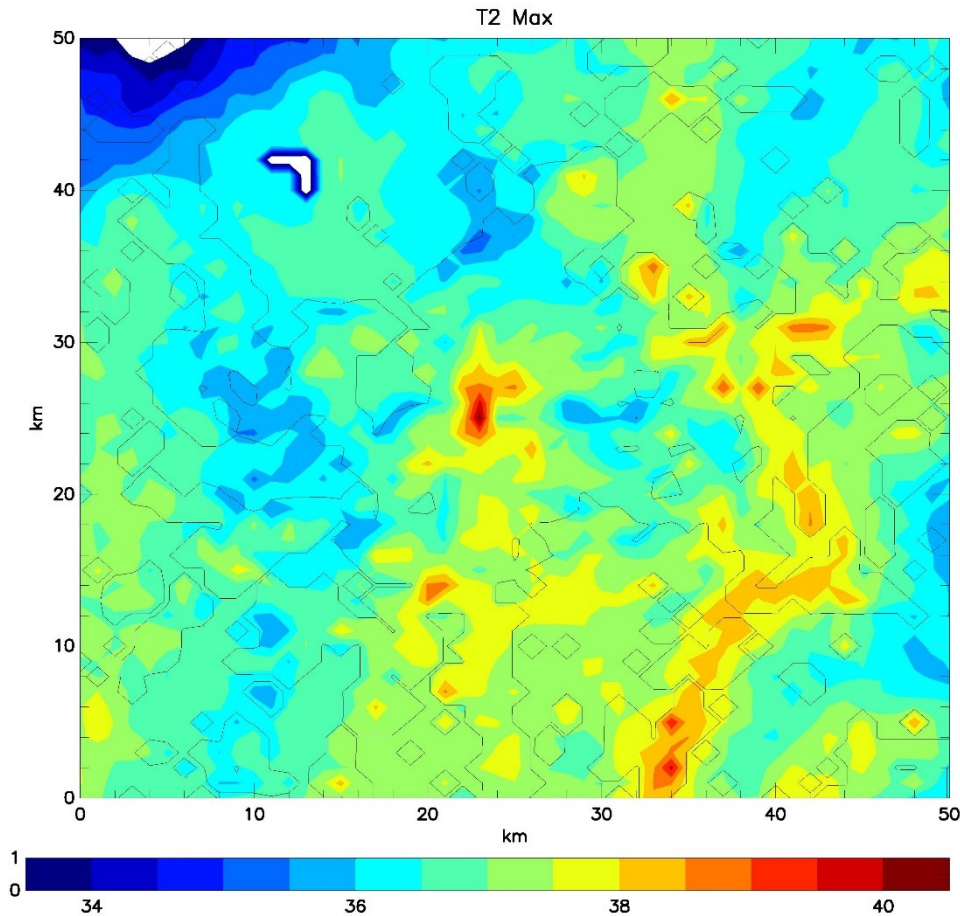


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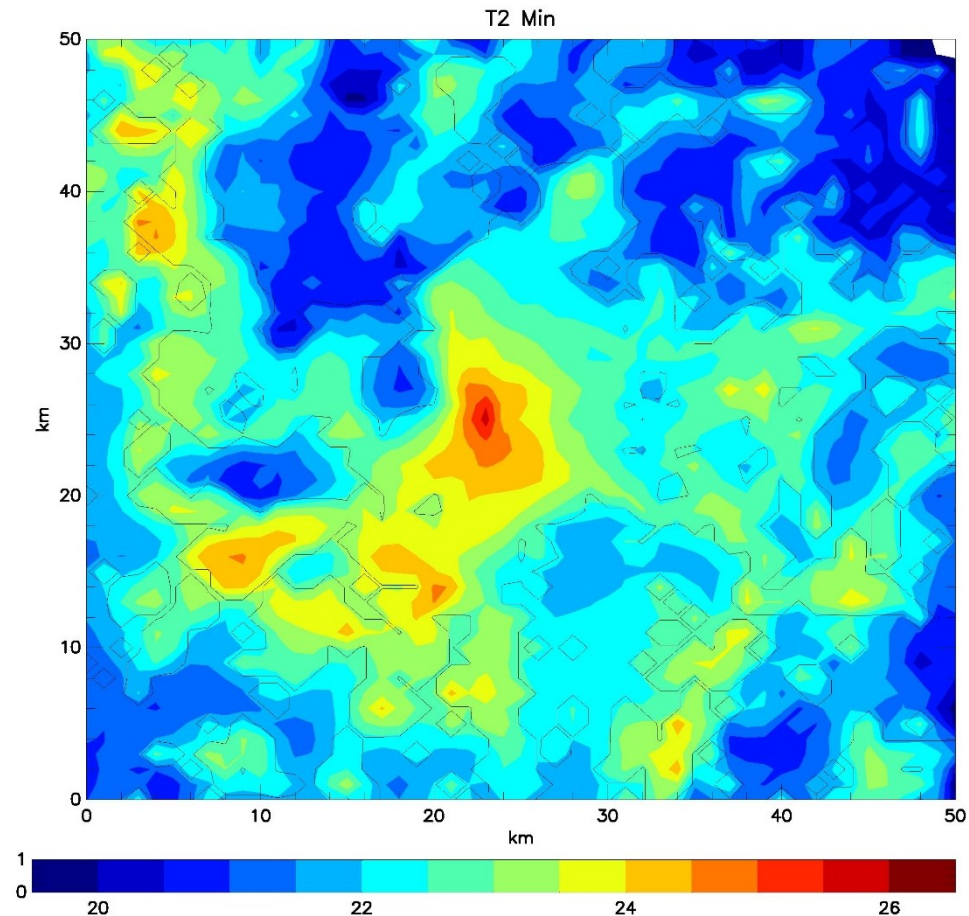
Maps of meteorological variables

Madrid during a heat wave

2m maximum air temperatures (Celsius)



2m minimum air temperatures (Celsius)



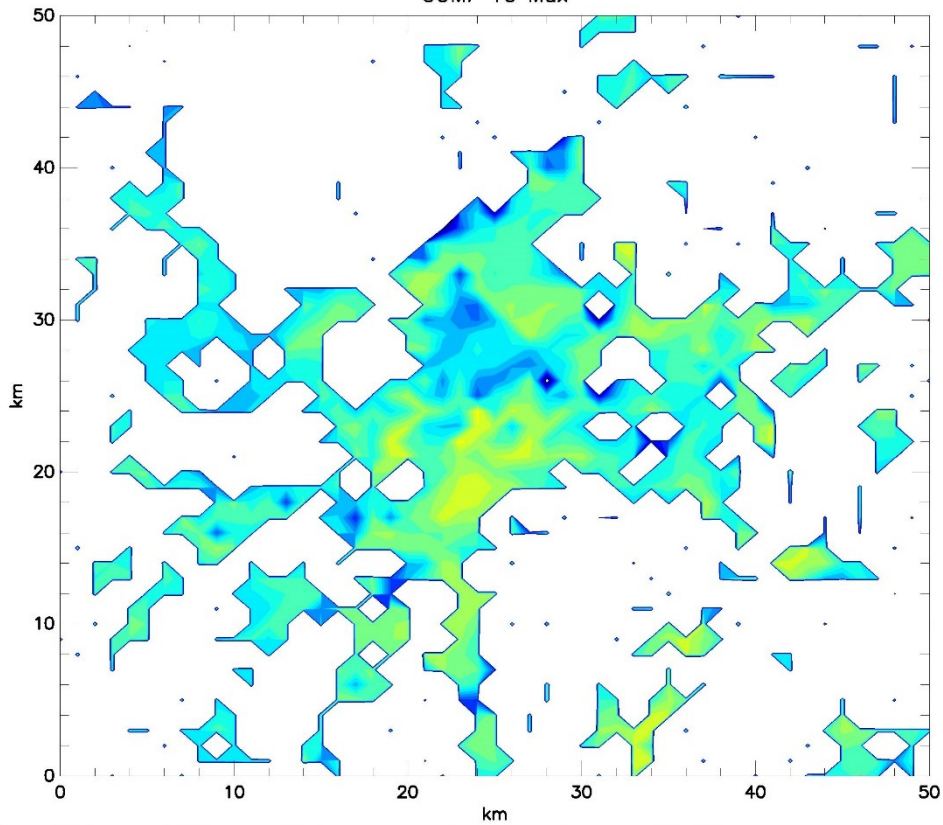
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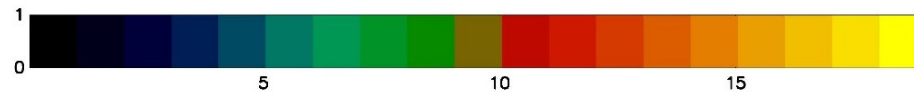
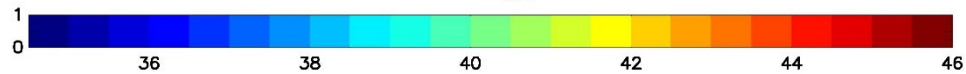
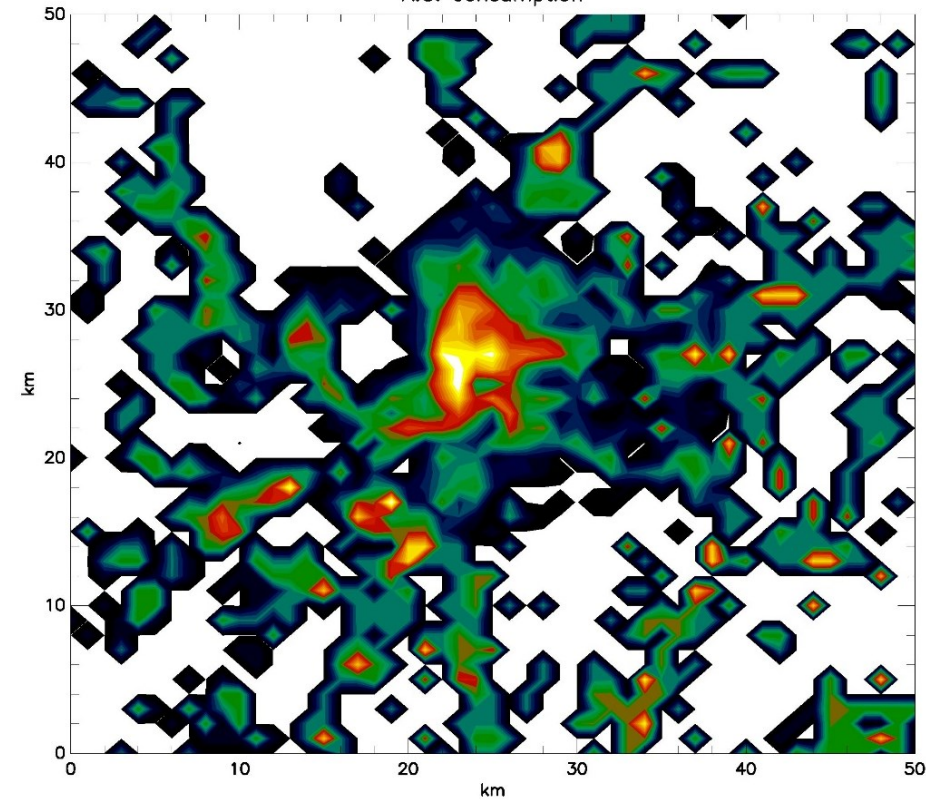
Maps of heat stress

Maps of A.C. energy consumption

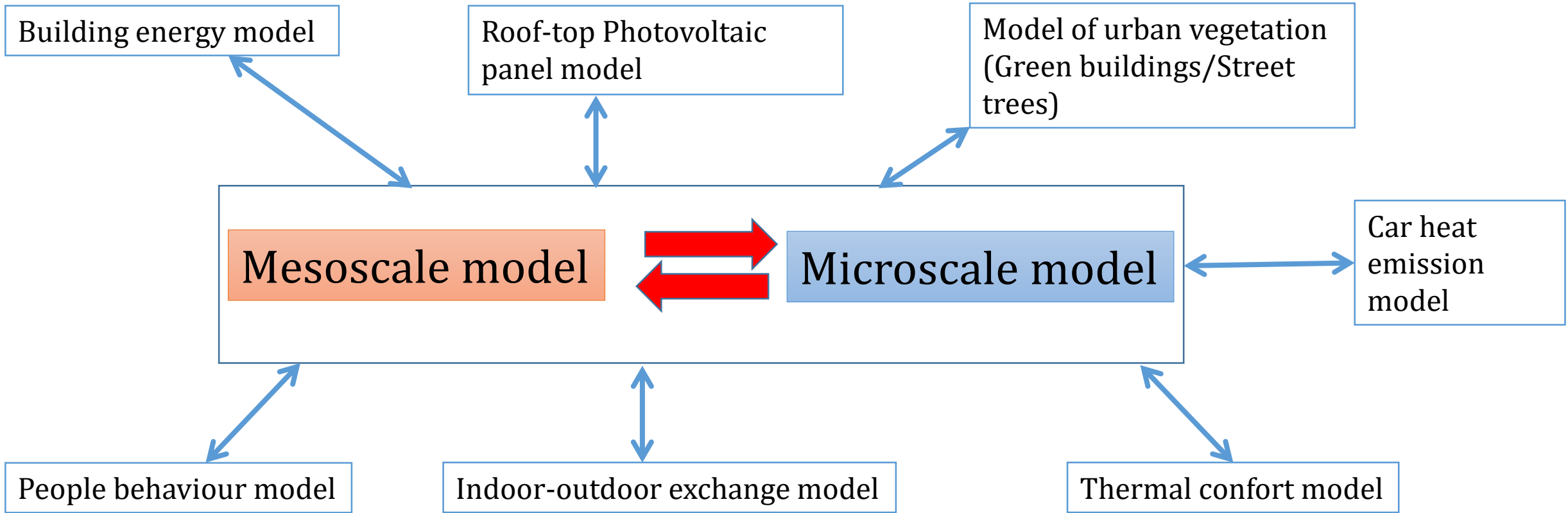
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A.C. consumption



Future directions of (meso) scale atmospheric modelling of urban overheating





Thank you



Discussion



Thank you!

See you again tomorrow at 10.00 CET