

Implementing LCZs to Community Land Model Urban (CLMU)

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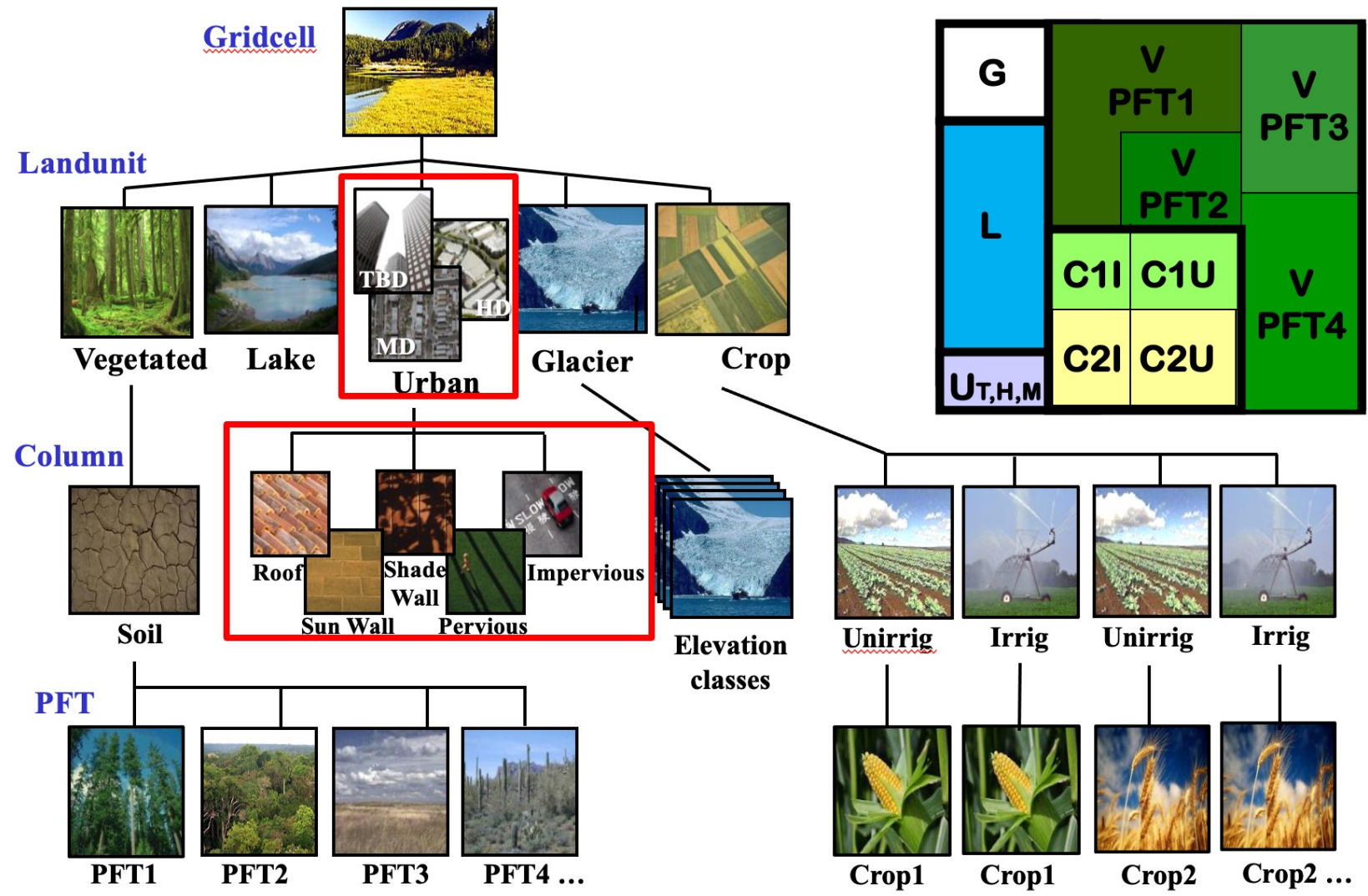
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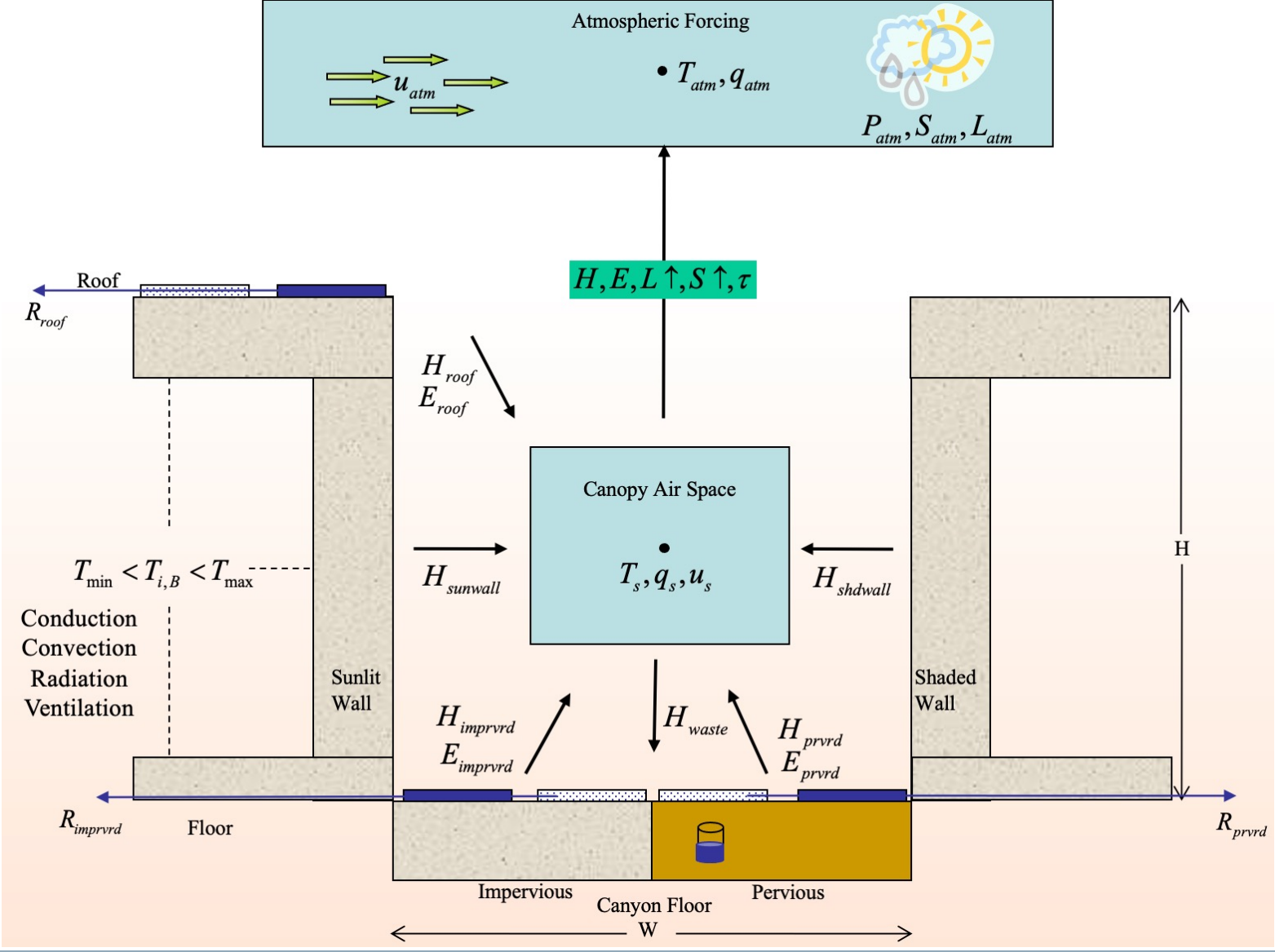
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CLMU: representing urban areas in CESM

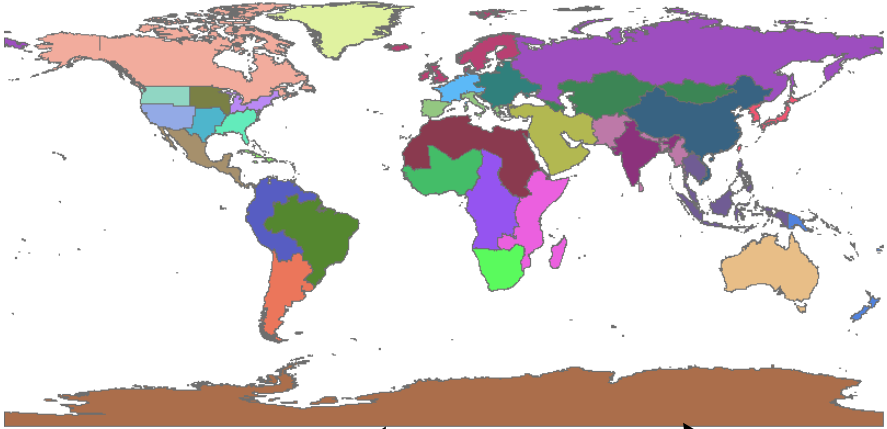


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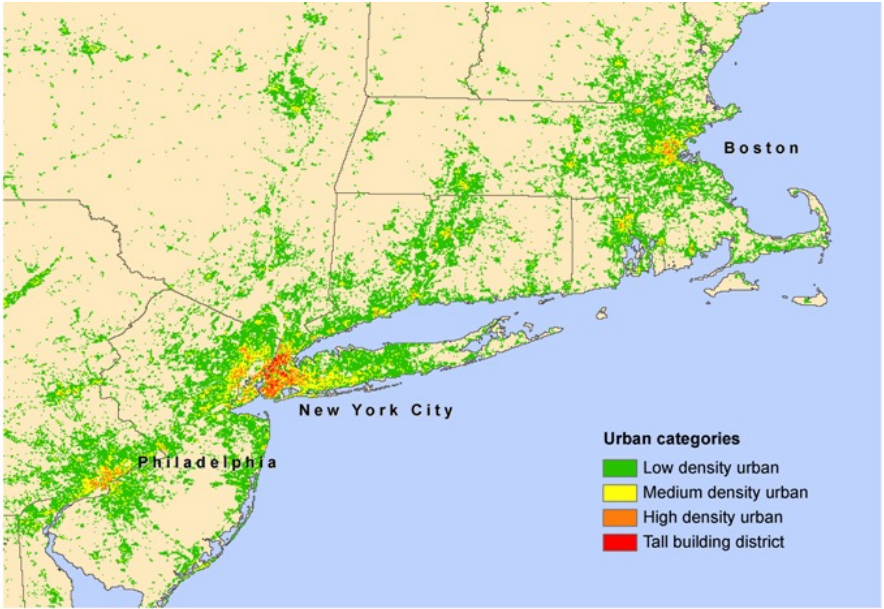
Global Urban Characteristics Dataset

33 Global Regions



→ To CLMU

Urban Extent - Landscan 2004



Urban Properties – Compilation of building databases for three density types

- Morphological
- *Building Height*
 - *H/W ratio*
 - *Pervious fraction*
 - *Roof fraction*

Radiative – Roof/Wall/Road

- *Albedo*
- *Emissivity*

Thermal – Roof/Wall/Road

- *Conductivity*
- *Heat Capacity*

Interior temperature settings (HAC)

CLMU-CESM is a powerful tool to study urban climates, especially on large scales

Urban heat islands

LETTER

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Strong contributions of local background climate to urban heat islands

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The urban heat island (UHI), a common phenomenon in which surface temperatures are higher in urban areas than in surrounding rural areas, represents one of the most significant human-induced changes to Earth's surface climate^{1,2}. Even though they are localized hotspots in the landscape, UHIs have a profound impact on the lives of urban residents, who comprise more than half of the world's population³. A barrier to UHI mitigation is the lack of quantitative attribution of the various contributions to UHI intensity⁴ (expressed as the temperature difference between urban and rural areas, ΔT). A common perception is that reduction in evaporative cooling in urban land is the dominant driver of ΔT (ref. 5). Here we use a climate model to show that, for cities across North America, geographic variations in daytime ΔT are largely explained by variations in the efficiency with which urban and rural areas convect heat to the lower atmosphere. If urban areas are aerodynamically smoother than surrounding rural areas, urban heat dissipation is relatively less efficient and urban warming occurs (and vice versa). This convection effect depends on the local background climate, increasing daytime ΔT by

3.0 ± 0.3 kelvin (mean and standard error) in decreasing ΔT by 1.5 ± 0.2 kelvin in dry climate. In the eastern United States, there is evidence of higher ΔT relationships imply that UHIs will exacerbate heat health in wet climates where high temperature compounded by high air humidity^{6,7} and intensive temperature anomalies may be reinforced by temperature feedback⁸. Our results support a viable means of reducing ΔT on large scale

The conversion of natural land to urban land perturbations to the Earth's surface energy balance. Evaporative cooling is generally thought to be the dominant driver of UHI. Anthropogenic heat release is an energy balance and should increase the surface input by solar radiation will also increase if all process of land conversion. Buildings and other store more radiation energy in the daytime than and soil; release of the stored energy at night co-



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Interactions between urban heat islands and heat waves

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Projected trends in high-mortality heatwaves under different scenarios of climate, population, and development

Heat Waves in the United States: Mortality Risk during Heat Waves and Effect Modification by Heat Wave Characteristics in 43 U.S. Communities

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BACKGROUND: Devastating health effects from recent heat waves, and projected increases in frequency, duration, and severity of heat waves from climate change, highlight the importance of understanding health consequences of heat waves.

OBJECTIVES: We analyzed mortality risk for heat waves in 43 U.S. cities (1987–2005) and investigated how effects relate to heat waves' intensity, duration, or timing in season.

METHODS: Heat waves were defined as ≥ 2 days with temperature ≥ 95 th percentile for the community for 1 May through 30 September. Heat waves were characterized by their intensity, duration, and timing in season. Within each community, we estimated mortality risk during each heat wave compared with non-heat wave days, controlling for potential confounders. We combined individual heat wave effect estimates using Bayesian hierarchical modeling to generate overall effects at the community, regional, and national levels. We estimated how heat wave mortality effects were modified by heat wave characteristics (intensity, duration, timing in season).

effects of heat waves decreased as summer progressed. Studies estimating other urban heat island effects found differences in effects with timing in season. Effects of single days of high temperature were larger earlier in the summer in seven U.S. and European cities (e.g., Baccini et al. 2008; Hajat et al. 2002; Kalkstein and Smokey 1993). A study in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania using a synoptic approach found that oppressive air masses had greater effects when they occurred earlier in the summer (Kalkstein et al. 1993). Our study found that the magnitude of the mortality risk during heat waves was modified by heat wave characteristics (intensity, duration, timing in season).

A wedge strategy for mitigation of urban warming in future climate scenarios

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TOPICAL REVIEW

Cooling hot cities: a systematic and critical review of the numerical modelling literature

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Urban climate projections and uncertainty

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Global multi-model projections of local urban climates

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Effective urban planning for climate-driven risks relies on robust climate projections since projections are absent because of a near-universal lack of urban representation in global climate models. We combine climate modelling and data-driven approaches to provide global multi-model projections of urban heat waves in the twenty-first century. The results demonstrate the inter-model robustness of specific regions under climate change. Under a high-emissions scenario, cities in the United States, northeastern China and inland South America and Africa are estimated to experience substantially larger than regional warming—by the end of the century, with high inter-model confidence. Our findings highlight the need for multi-model global projections of local urban climates for climate-sensitive development and the potential of nature-based climate change adaptation and mitigation intervention as an effective means of reducing urban heat stress on large scales.

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Large model structural uncertainty in global projections of urban heat waves

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Urban heat waves (UHWs) are strongly associated with socioeconomic impacts. Here, we use an urban climate emulator combined with large ensemble global climate simulations to show that, at the urban scale a large proportion of the variability results from the model structural uncertainty in projecting UHWs in the coming decades under climate change. Omission of this uncertainty would considerably underestimate the risk of UHW. Results show that, for cities in four high-stake regions – the Great Lakes of North America, Southern Europe, Central India, and North China – a virtually unlikely (0.01% probability) UHW projected by single-model ensembles is estimated by our model with probabilities of 23.73%, 4.24%, 1.56%, and 14.76% respectively in 2061–2070 under a high-emission scenario. Our findings suggest that for urban-scale extremes, policymakers and stakeholders will have to plan for larger uncertainties than what a single model predicts if decisions are informed based on urban climate simulations.

Zheng et al., *Nat. Comm.* 2021

Implementing LCZs to CLMU: a case study

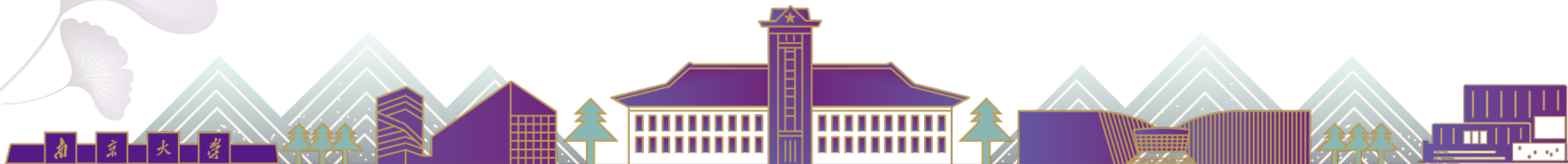
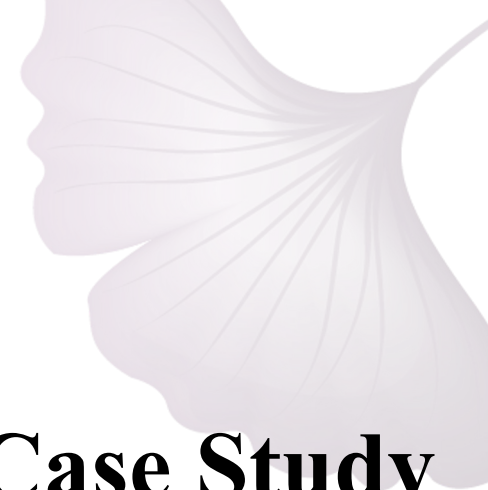


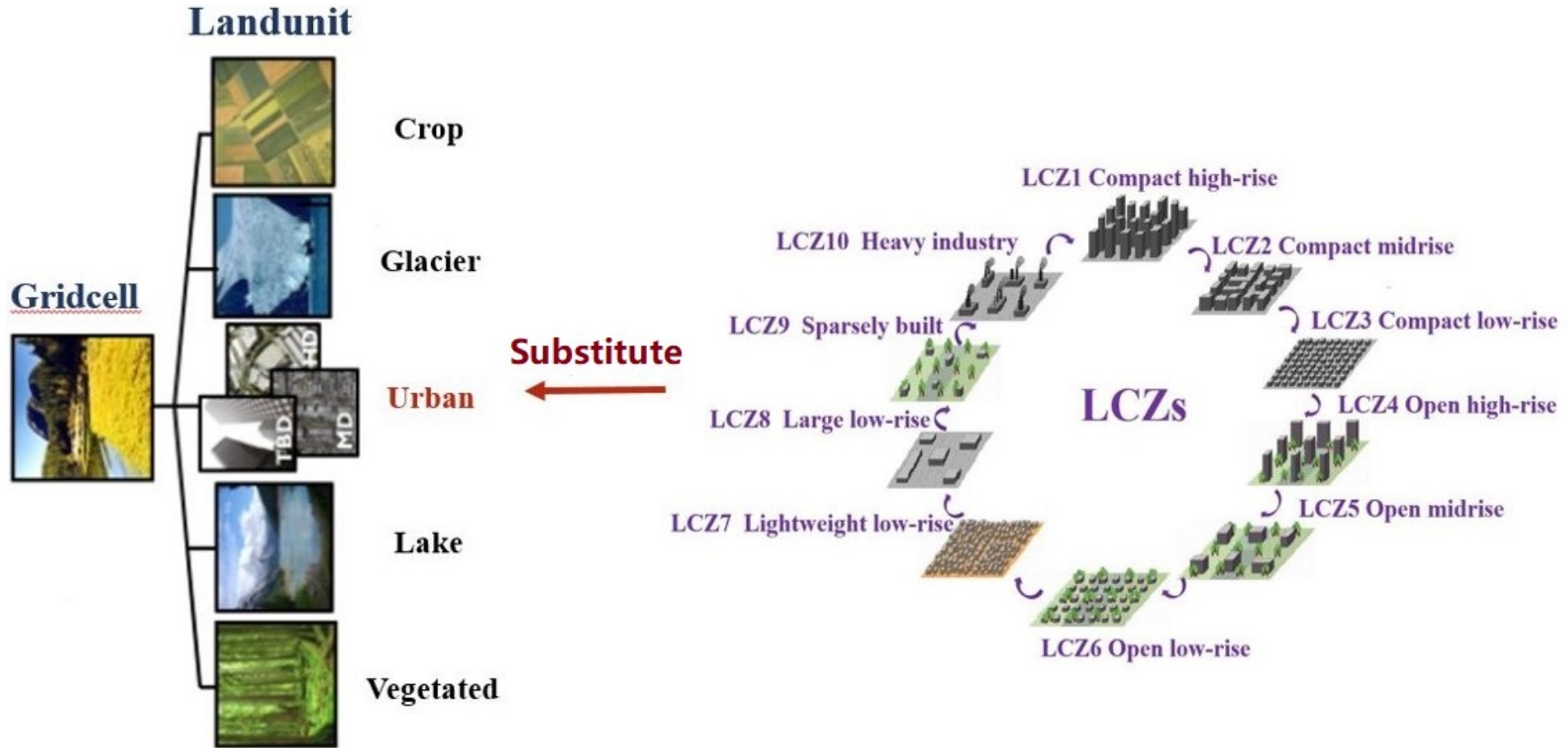
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Implement of Local Climate Zones in CLM5: A Case Study (CLM5-LCZs)

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Replace current urban density classes with LCZs classification





- ✓ Modify corresponding modules within CLM5
- ✓ Update initial conditions within CLM5
- ✓ Resample LCZs map for surface dataset
- ✓ Create input parameter table for each urban LCZ

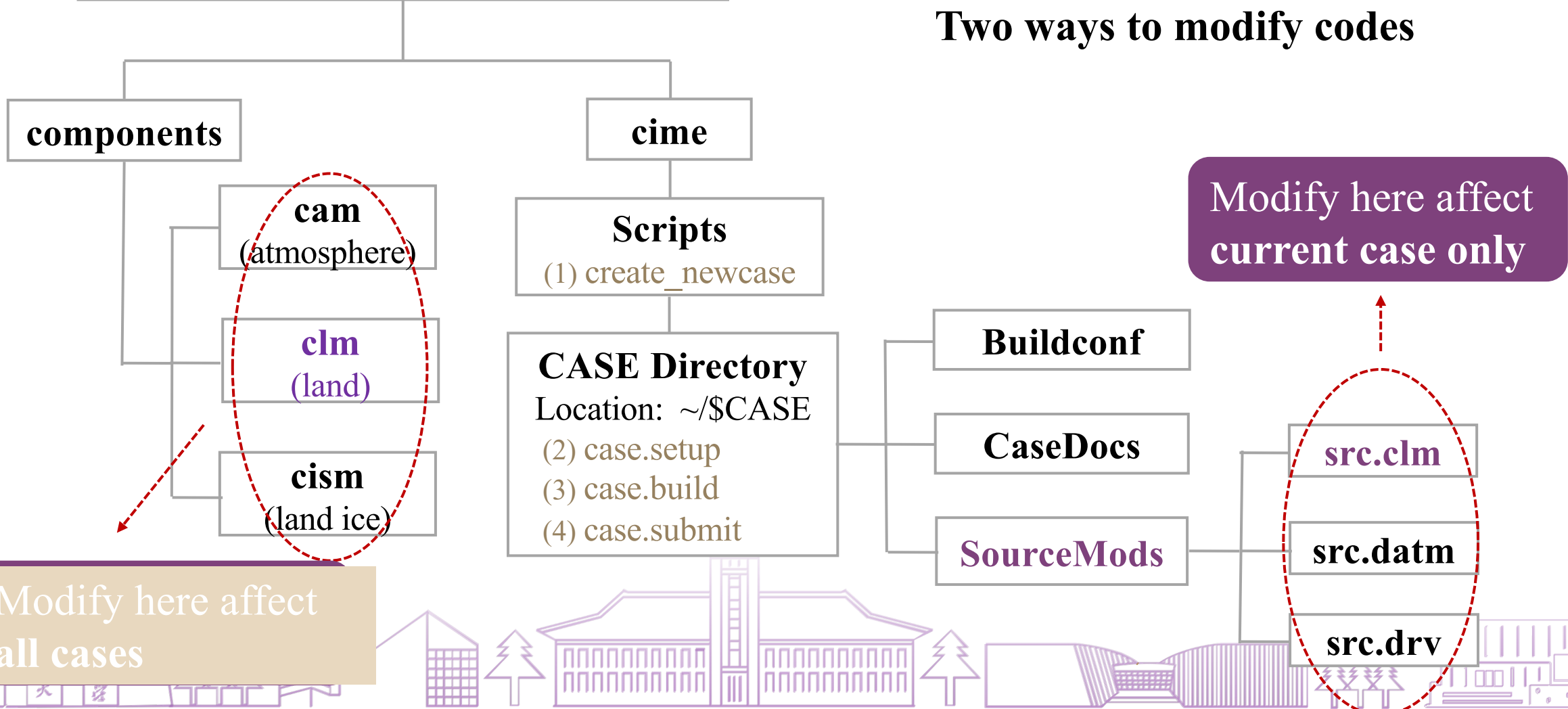




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Modify corresponding modules within CLM5

CESM Source Code
Location: ~/cesm/CESM2-release-2.2.0 (e.g.)



Two ways to modify codes

Modify here affect current case only

Modify here affect all cases





Modify corresponding modules within CLM5

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!! Modifying urban landunits with 10 LCZs, and altering relative functions (licy)
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! call subgrid_get_info_urban_tbd(gi, npatches_temp, ncols_temp, nlunits_temp)  
! call accumulate_counters()  
! call subgrid_get_info_urban_hd(gi, npatches_temp, ncols_temp, nlunits_temp)  
! call accumulate_counters()  
! call subgrid_get_info_urban_md(gi, npatches_temp, ncols_temp, nlunits_temp)  
! call accumulate_counters()
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call accumulate_counters()
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- 1) Copy the corresponding module from the CESM Source Code into a new directory and modify it.
- 2) Copy this directory in current case, then submit the case.

(e.g., The modification for [subgridMod.F90](#))





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Update initial conditions within CLM5

✓ Making a new initial file for CLM5-LCZs

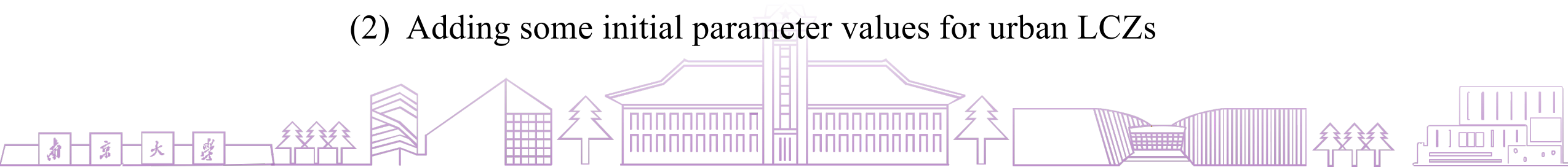
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(Location: ~/cesm/inputdata/Ind/clm2/initdata_map)

(1) Changing the numbering of landunits, columns and PFTs

- Expand landunits with 10 urban LCZs within current global initial conditions
- Adding 10*5 columns with 10 urban LCZs, each LCZ consists of 5 urban subsurface (roof, sunlit\shaded wall, impervious/pervious road)
- Adding 10*5 PFTs

(2) Adding some initial parameter values for urban LCZs





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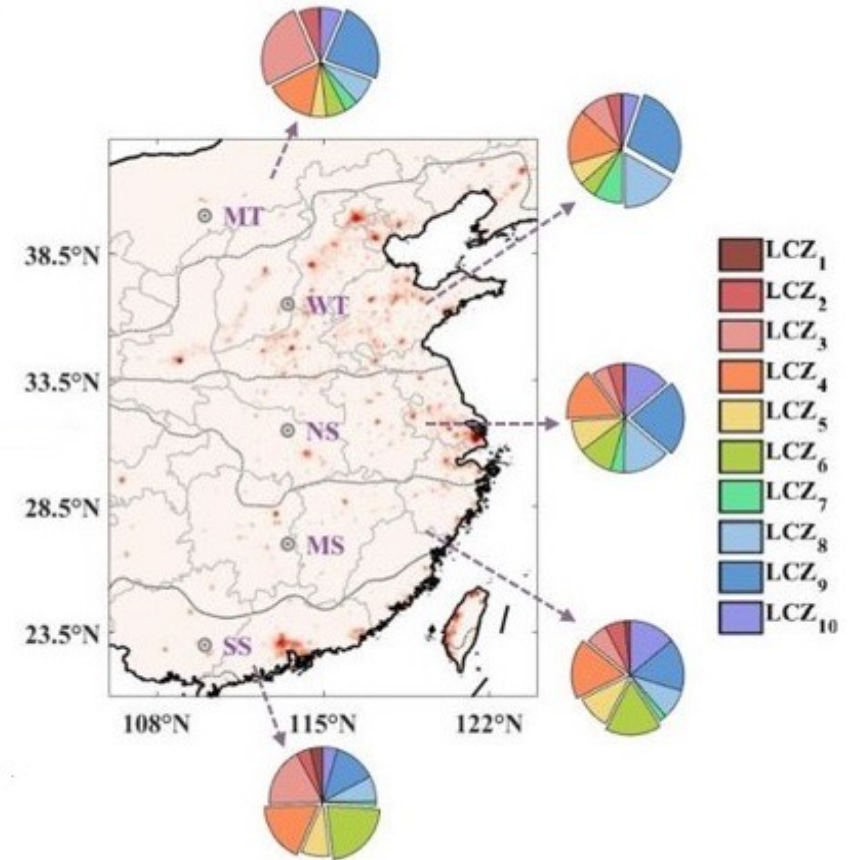
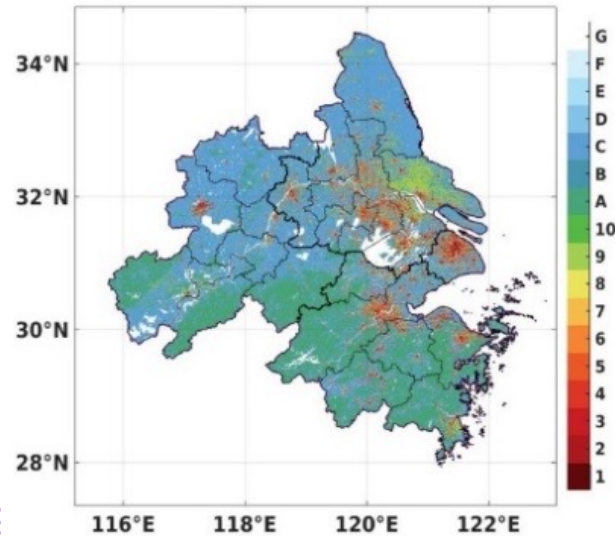
Resample LCZs map to create surface dataset

- ✓ **LCZs map based on the WUDAPT method**

(Ching et al., 2018@*BAMS*,
Bechtel et al., 2019@ *Urban Climate*)

- ✓ **Input surface dataset created by LCZs map (~100m) and MODIS land-use data (~500m)**

(LCZs map)



(Surface data (0.1°) utilized in CLM5-LCZs)





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Create input parameter values for each urban LCZs

- ✓ **Appropriate input parameters needed to represent urban LCZs forms**

(Stewart and Oke, 2012@BAMS
Stewart et al., 2014@I.JC.)

- ✓ **Creating surface dataset comprising these parameters**

Location:

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ax_Oleson_2016_0.9x1.25_simyr1849-2106_LCZs.nc

	Local Climate Zones (LCZs)									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Land Cover										
f_b	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.75	0.40	0.15	0.25
f_i	0.45	0.40	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.40	0.10	0.45	0.15	0.30
f_p	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.15	0.15	0.70	0.45
Morphological										
H	37.5	17.5	6.5	30.0	17.5	6.5	3.0	6.5	6.5	10.0
HW	2.5	1.25	1.25	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.15	0.35
Δz_r	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.25	0.15	0.1	0.12	0.15	0.05
Δz_w	0.3	0.25	0.25	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.05
Radiative										
α_r	0.23	0.28	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.55	0.28	0.23	0.20
α_w	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.55	0.35	0.35	0.30
α_i	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.14
α_p	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
ϵ_r	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.91	0.91	0.91
ϵ_w	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
ϵ_i	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.91	0.91	0.91
ϵ_p	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Thermal										
λ_r	1.70	1.70	1.09	1.25	1.70	1.09	0.50	1.07	1.09	2.00
λ_w	1.27	2.60	1.66	1.45	1.88	1.66	0.18	1.07	1.66	1.42
λ_i	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78
c_r	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.80	1.32	1.32	2.00	2.11	1.32	2.00
c_w	1.54	1.54	1.54	2.00	1.54	1.54	2.00	2.11	1.54	1.59
c_i	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
$T_{ib, max}$	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
$T_{ib, min}$	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

(urban LCZs parameters)





Evaluation of CLM5-LCZs with Nanjing Observations

Model: CESM – CLM5.0

Urban parameterization: modified CLMU5

Simulation period: 2013

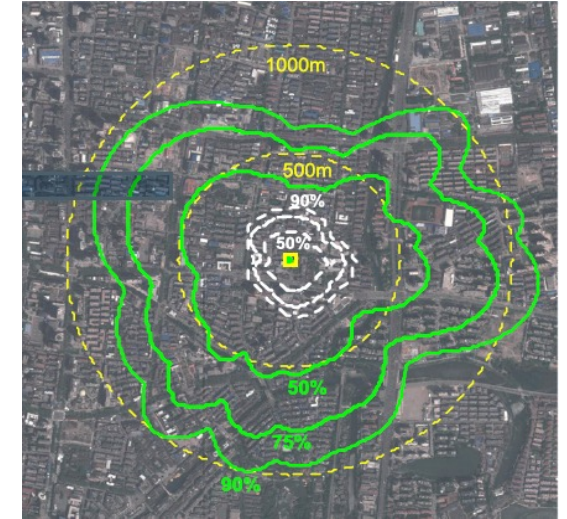
Simulation domain: Nanjing

Data

Forcing data: observation obtained from tower measurement

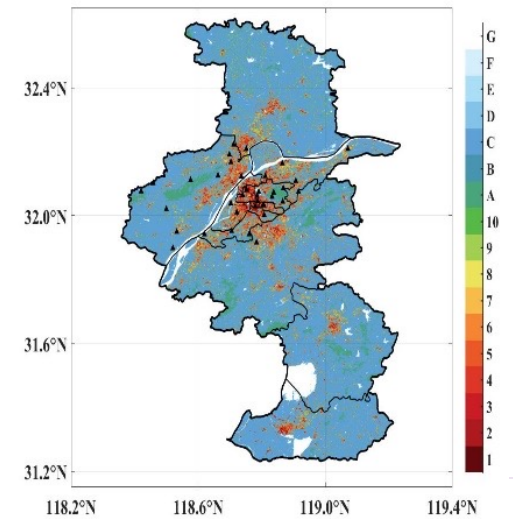
Observed 2-m temperature: Automatic weather stations

Land-use data: LCZs map+MODIS



(Flux measurement site in Nanjing)
(32.0301° N, 118.7916° E)

	CLM5 – 10 类					LCZs					閔 曠	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Area Fraction	0.095	0.388	0.051	0.122	0.122	0.02	0	0.003	0	0.031	0.167	

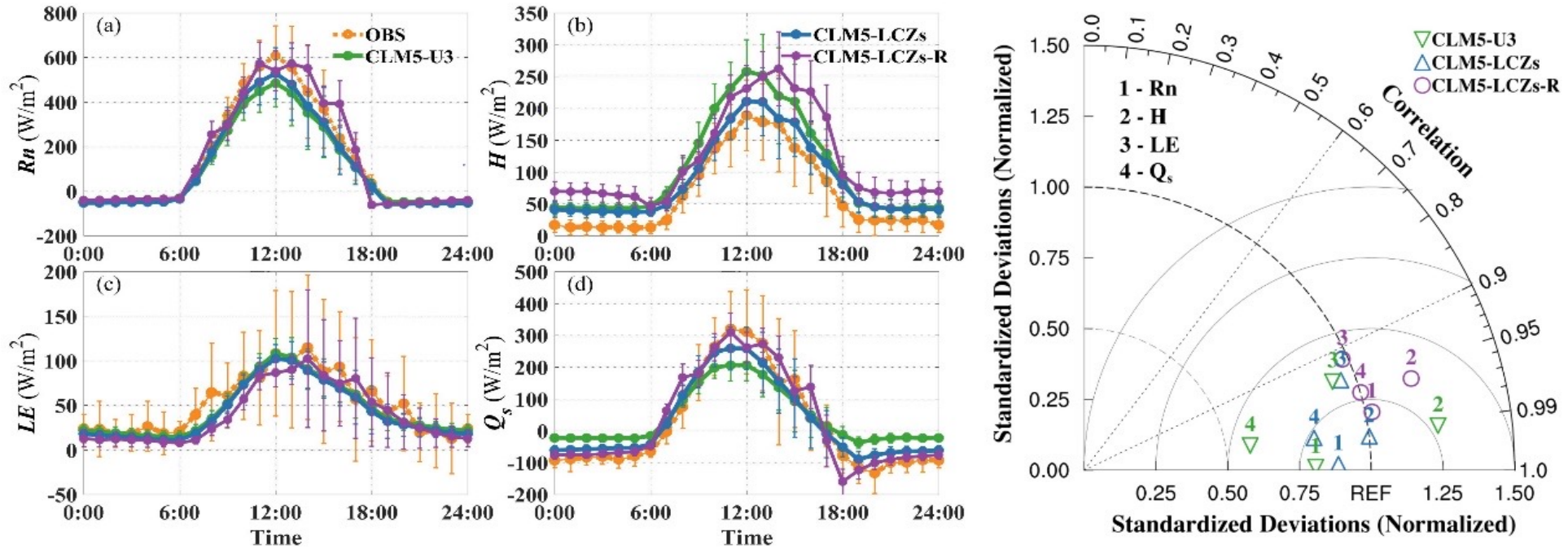


(Automatic stations in Nanjing)



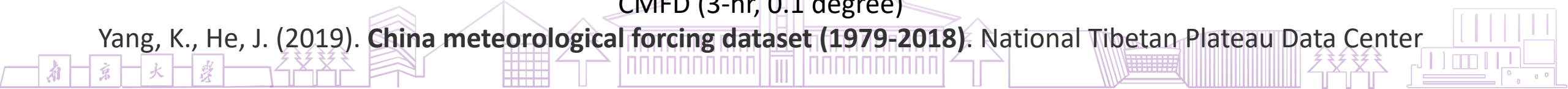


Evaluation of CLM5-LCZs with Nanjing Observations



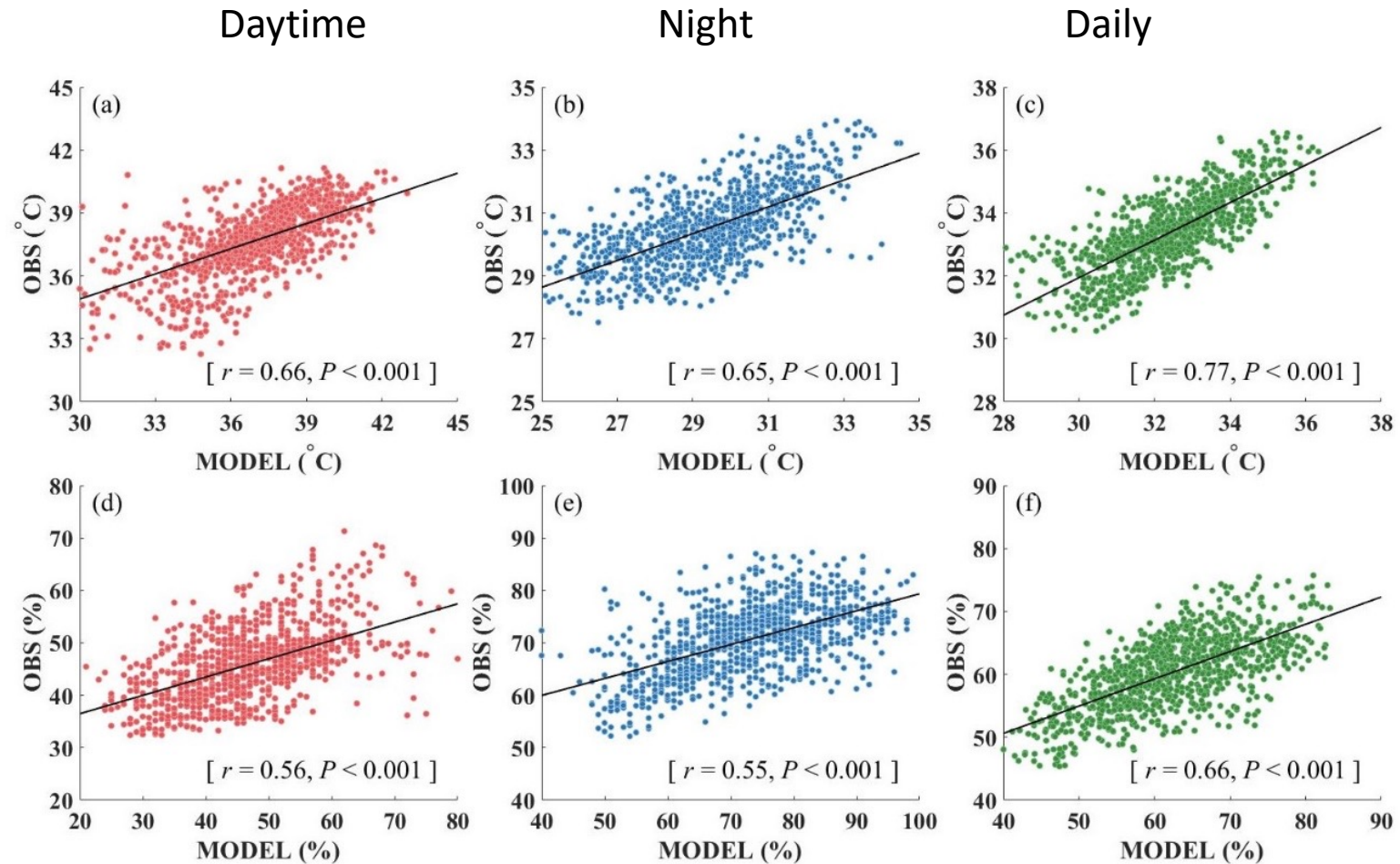
Case	Forcing data	Surface data	Domain
1	observation	MODIS (3 urban classes)	Nanjing-single
2	observation	LCZs (10 urban classes)	Nanjing-single
3	CMFD	MODIS (3 urban classes)	Nanjing-regional

CMFD (3-hr, 0.1 degree)





Evaluation of CLM5-LCZs with Nanjing Observations



Comparison with 36 automatic meteorological stations in Nanjing City (July and August, 2013)
(results from 1km-resolution regional run forced by CMFD)



Looking forward:
global scale implementation of LCZs

- Approach and potential issues/concerns

Proposed Approach

1. Data

- global LCZ map (Demuzere et al., *ESSD* 2022)
- urban extent data (land surface map, in relation to other land cover fractions in CESM)
- urban property parameters (LCZ → parameters that CLMU reads)

2. Code dev

- develop the CLMU-LCZ module (example: current CLMU-T/H/M module)
- follow the CESM/CTSM-dev workflow on *github*: “issue” -> “branch” -> “code dev/change” -> “PR”

3. Test

- NCAR test suite available that checks for proper operation under a large range of possible model setups and conditions, including evaluation of performance (speed), memory, and I/O.

4. Evaluation

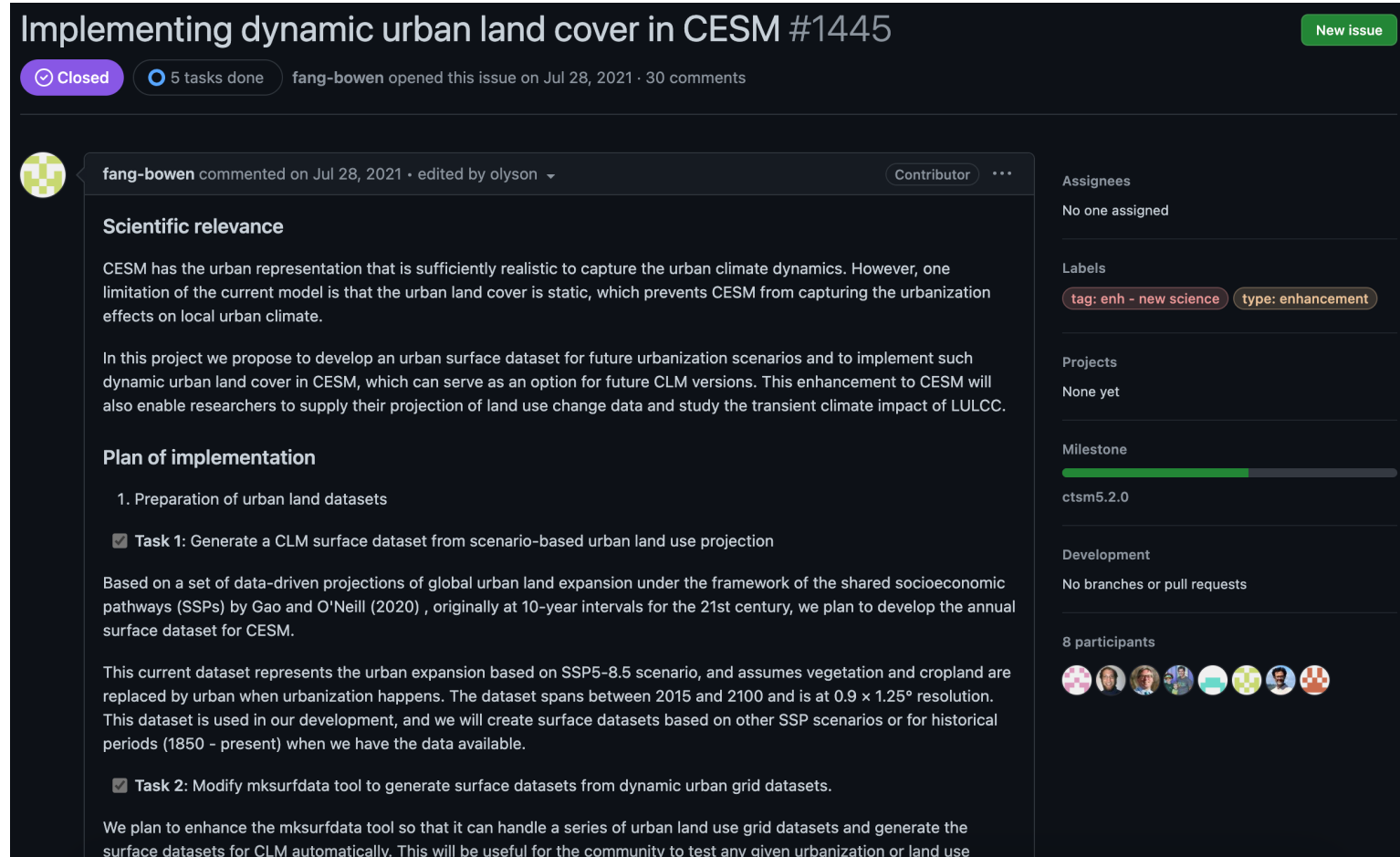
- CESM diagnostic tools available to do global/regional climatic assessments.
- Urban measurements

Standard CESM/CTSM dev protocol

On CESM *Github* repo:

1. create an “issue” to describe planned projects involving CESM/CLMU
2. “branch” from latest CESM
3. develop code on our own “branch”
4. “Pull Request”

<https://github.com/ESCOMP/CTSM/issues/1445>



The screenshot shows a GitHub issue page for "Implementing dynamic urban land cover in CESM #1445". The issue is marked as "Closed" and has "5 tasks done". It was opened by fang-bowen on Jul 28, 2021, and has 30 comments. The issue is categorized as "New issue" and "type: enhancement".

Scientific relevance

CESM has the urban representation that is sufficiently realistic to capture the urban climate dynamics. However, one limitation of the current model is that the urban land cover is static, which prevents CESM from capturing the urbanization effects on local urban climate.

In this project we propose to develop an urban surface dataset for future urbanization scenarios and to implement such dynamic urban land cover in CESM, which can serve as an option for future CLM versions. This enhancement to CESM will also enable researchers to supply their projection of land use change data and study the transient climate impact of LULCC.

Plan of implementation

1. Preparation of urban land datasets

Task 1: Generate a CLM surface dataset from scenario-based urban land use projection

Based on a set of data-driven projections of global urban land expansion under the framework of the shared socioeconomic pathways (SSPs) by Gao and O'Neill (2020), originally at 10-year intervals for the 21st century, we plan to develop the annual surface dataset for CESM.

This current dataset represents the urban expansion based on SSP5-8.5 scenario, and assumes vegetation and cropland are replaced by urban when urbanization happens. The dataset spans between 2015 and 2100 and is at $0.9 \times 1.25^\circ$ resolution. This dataset is used in our development, and we will create surface datasets based on other SSP scenarios or for historical periods (1850 - present) when we have the data available.

Task 2: Modify mksurfdata tool to generate surface datasets from dynamic urban grid datasets.

We plan to enhance the mksurfdata tool so that it can handle a series of urban land use grid datasets and generate the surface datasets for CLM automatically. This will be useful for the community to test any given urbanization or land use

Assignees: No one assigned

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Potential issues/concerns

1. Computational cost

CLM-T/H/M
(default)

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Resource usage summary:
CPU time : 4467737.00 sec.
Max Memory : 31836 MB
Average Memory : 31499.45 MB
Total Requested Memory : -
Delta Memory : -
Max Swap : -
Max Processes : 258
Max Threads : 500
Run time : 18674 sec.
Turnaround time : 18675 sec.
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CLM-default:

Run time: 18674 sec

Memory:31499.45 MB

A quick test:

- 220 by 180 grids in east China
- two-year offline simulations
- 0.1 degree resolution

CLM-LCZs

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Resource usage summary:
CPU time : 6246277.00 sec.
Max Memory : 39402 MB
Average Memory : 39066.73 MB
Total Requested Memory : -
Delta Memory : -
Max Swap : -
Max Processes : 258
Max Threads : 500
Run time : 26108 sec.
Turnaround time : 26112 sec.
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CLM-LCZ:

Run time: 26108 sec

(40% more)

Memory:39066.73 MB

(24% more)

Solution: provide user options (default T/H/M mode, LCZ mode, LCZ collapse, etc.)

Potential issues/concerns

1. Computational cost
2. NCAR CGD/TSS/LMWG resources (scientific & software engineer resources)

Thank you!

Comments & questions?