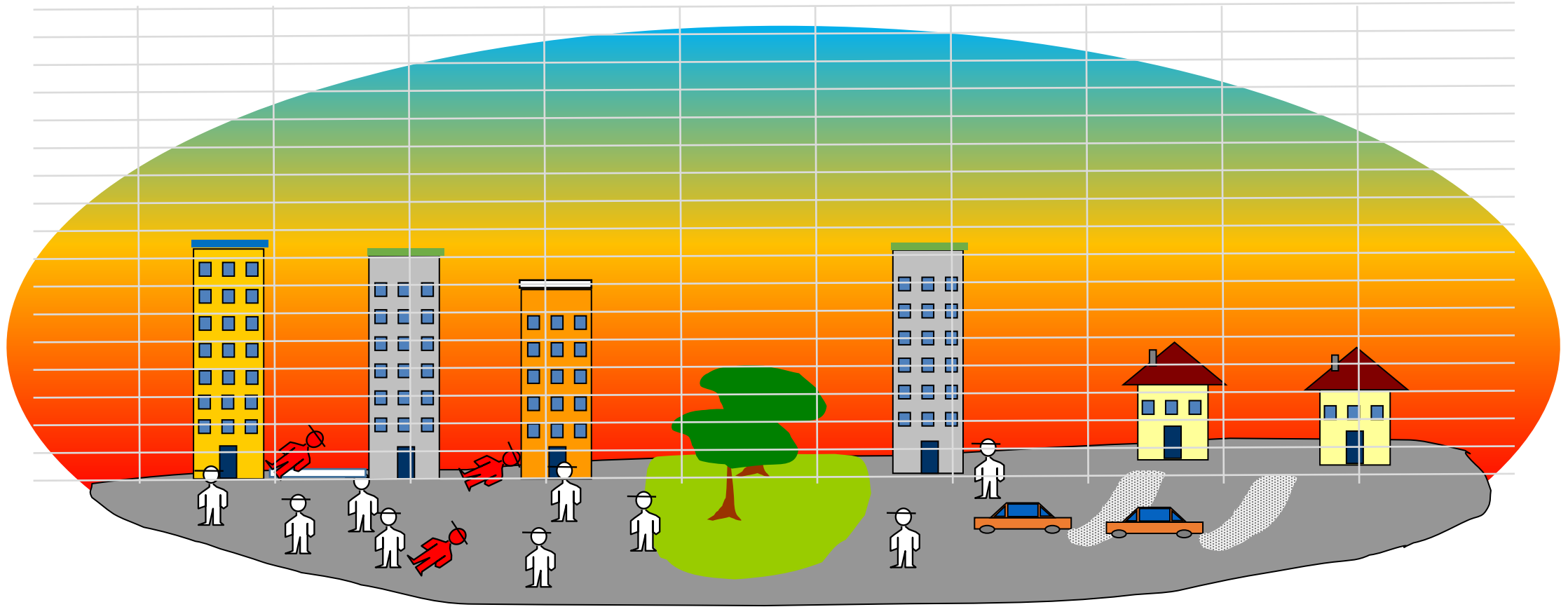


BEP-BEM

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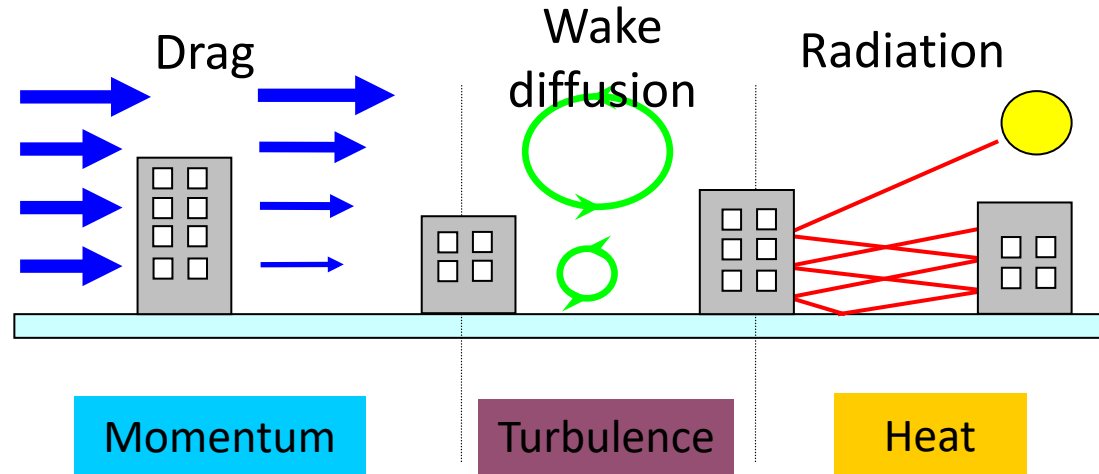
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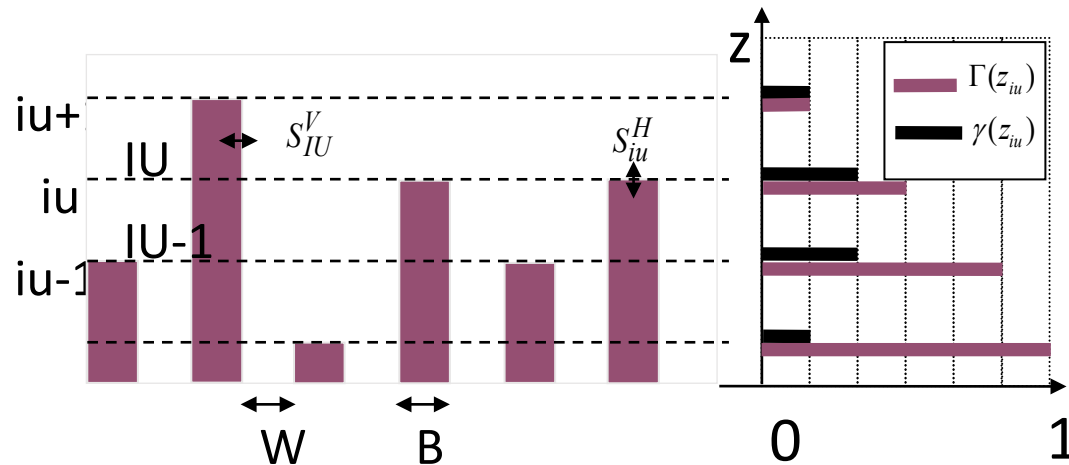
BEP (Building Effect Parameterization, Martilli et al. BLM 2002)

AN URBAN SURFACE EXCHANGE PARAMETERISATION FOR MESOSCALE MODELS

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BEP is implemented in FVM (swiss model), **WRF**, LM (Lokal Model), UK model.



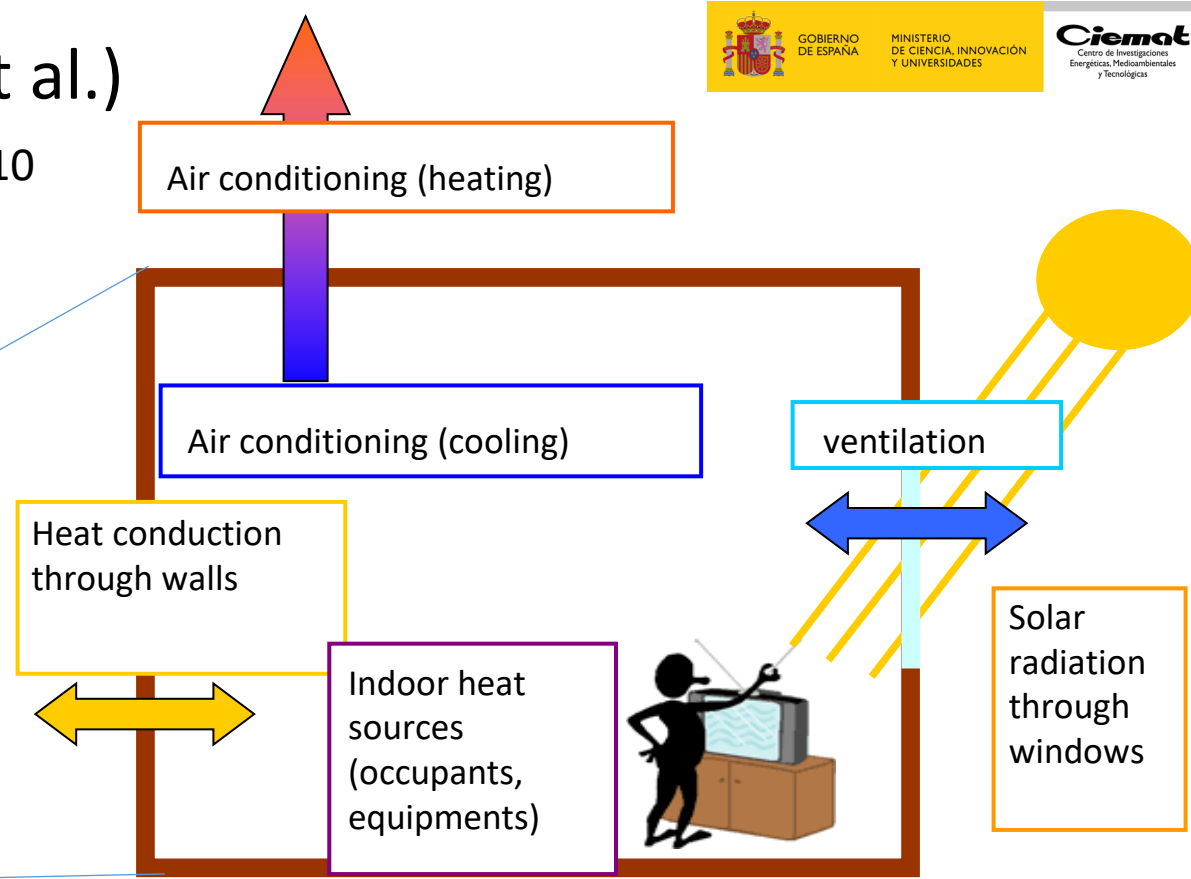
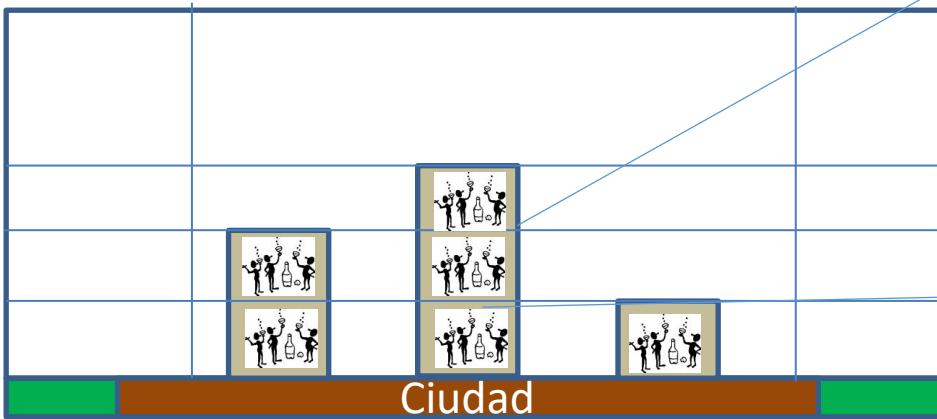
Turbulent scheme of Bougeault and Lacarrere, (1989)

BEM (Building Energy Model, Salamanca et al.)

Theor Appl Climatol 2010

A new building energy model coupled with an urban canopy parameterization for urban climate simulations—part I. formulation, verification, and sensitivity analysis of the model

Francisco Salamanca · Andrea Krpo · Alberto Martilli · Alain Clappier



$$\rho C_p Vol \frac{\partial T_{indoor}}{\partial t} = H_{people} + H_{equip} + H_{walls} + H_{vent} + H_{windows} + H_{need}$$

Recently added features
(already in the official release)

JGR Atmospheres

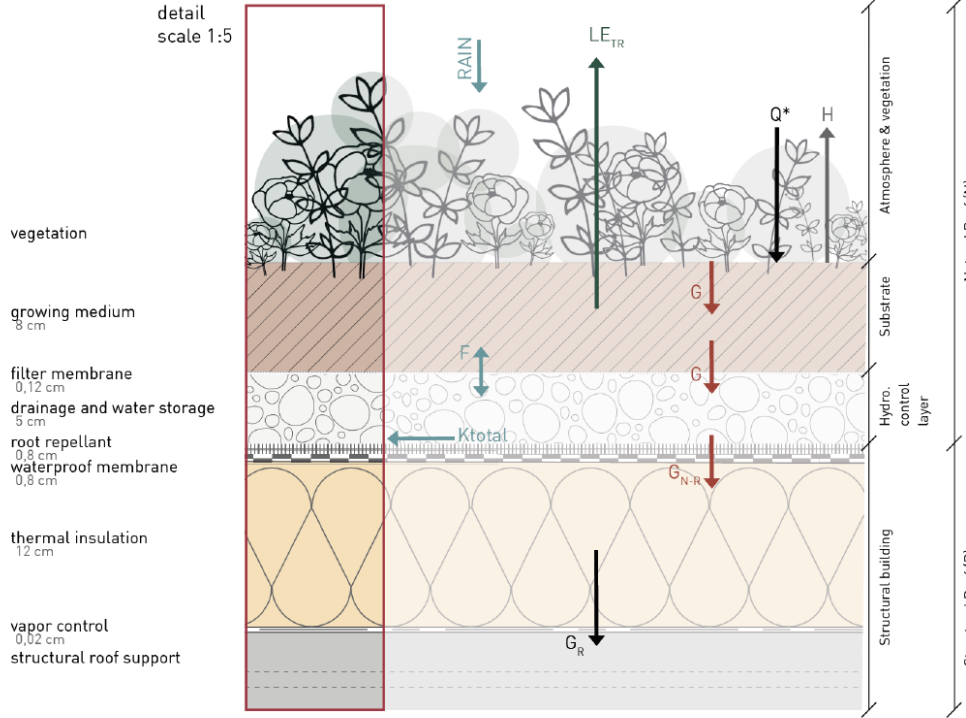
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Exploring the Effects of Rooftop Mitigation Strategies on Urban Temperatures and Energy Consumption

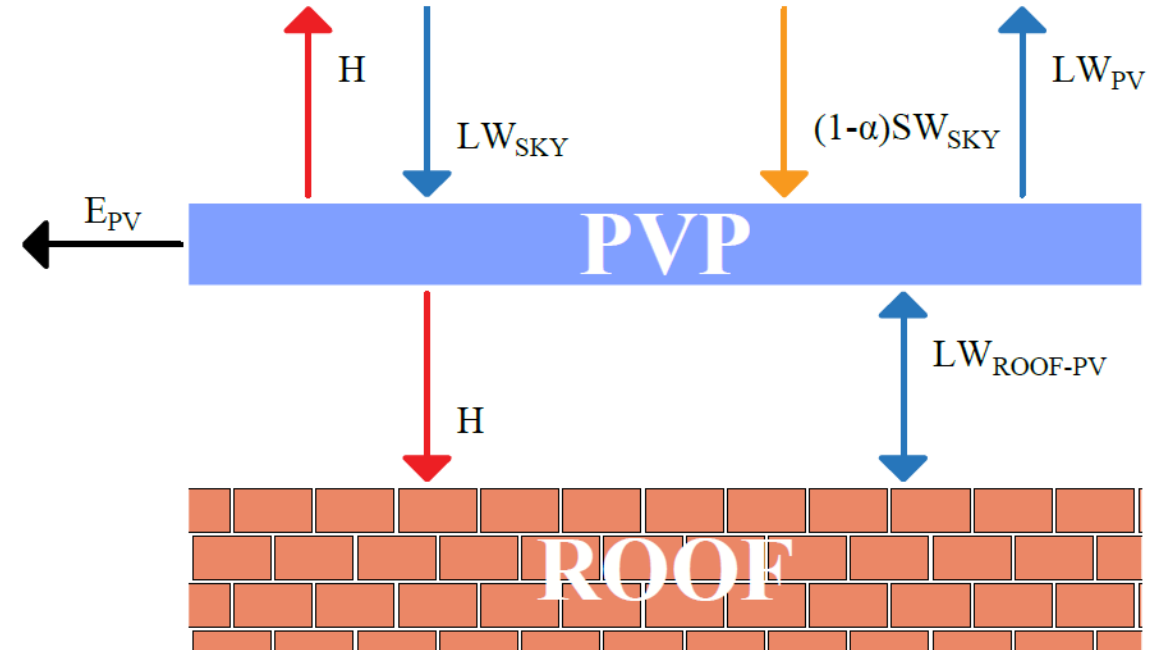
A. Zonato¹, A. Martilli², E. Gutierrez³, F. Chen⁴, C. He⁴, M. Barlage⁴, D. Zardi¹, and L. Giovannini¹

Key Points:
• New parameterizations of rooftop mitigation strategies are developed

Green roofs



Roof top solar panels



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of New York



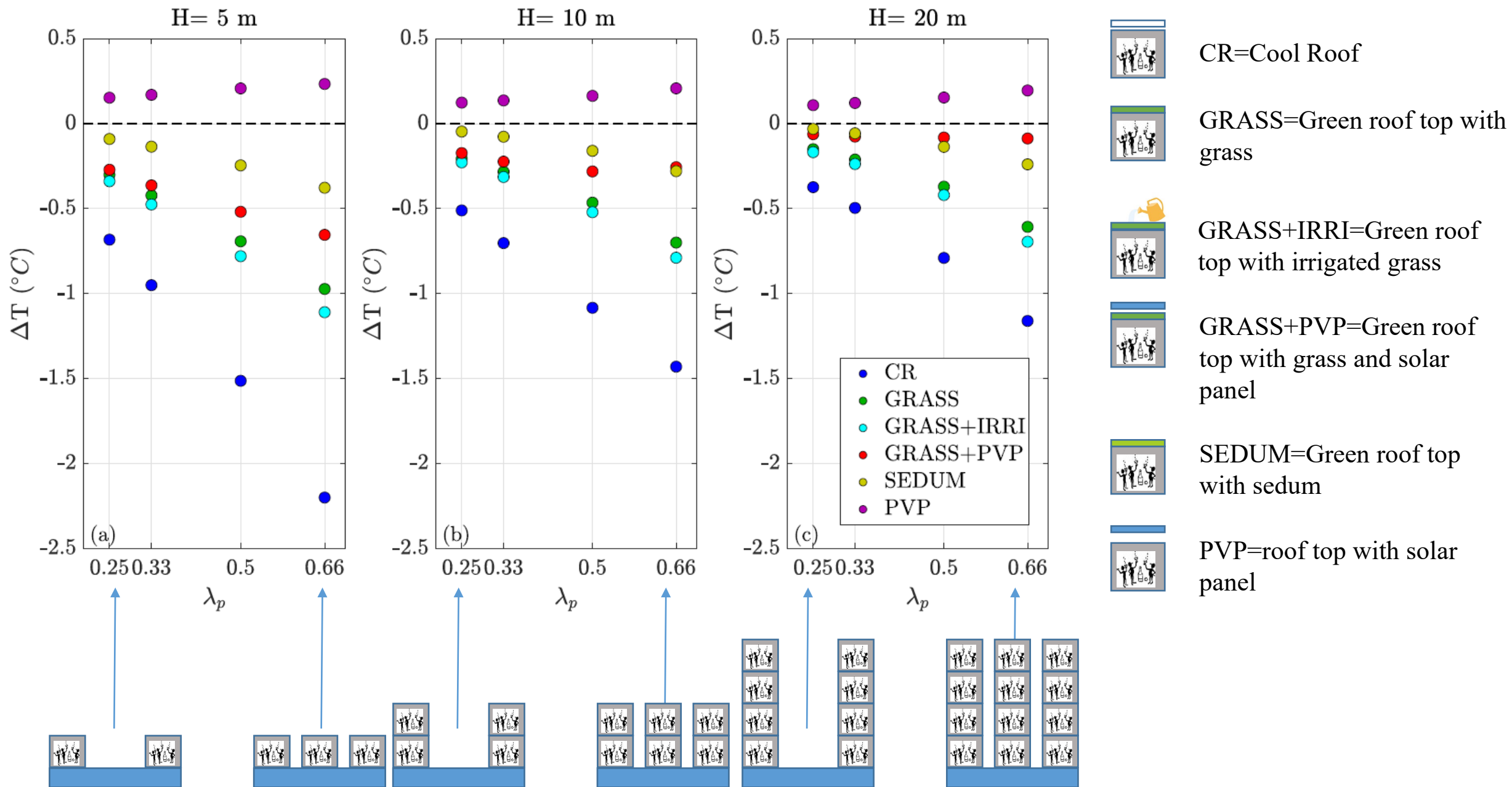
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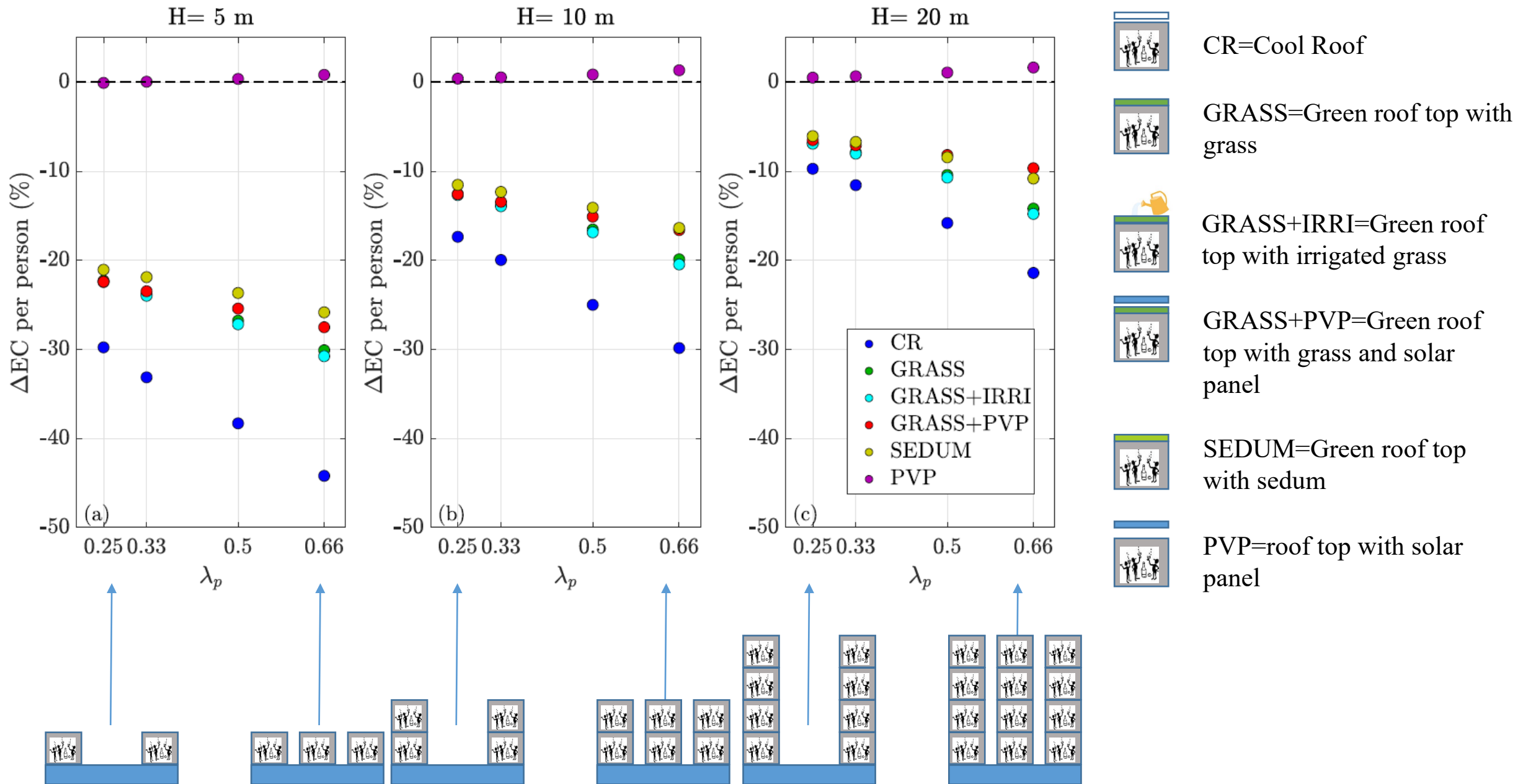


PhD of Andrea Zonato (2021)

Impact on 2m daily mean summer air temperature (idealized simulations)



Impact on daily summer energy consumption (idealized simulations)



Impact on daily summer energy consumption (idealized simulations)

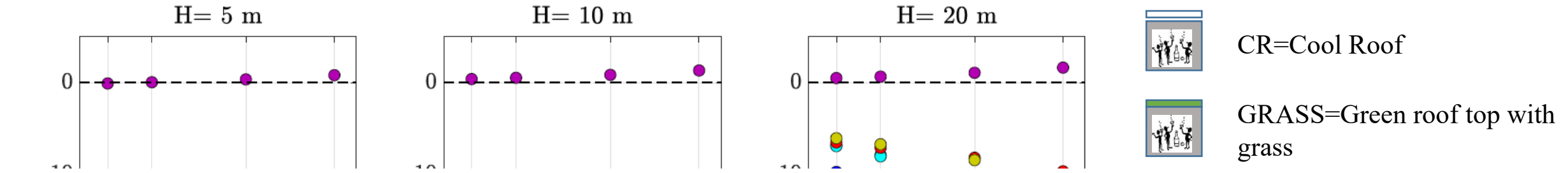
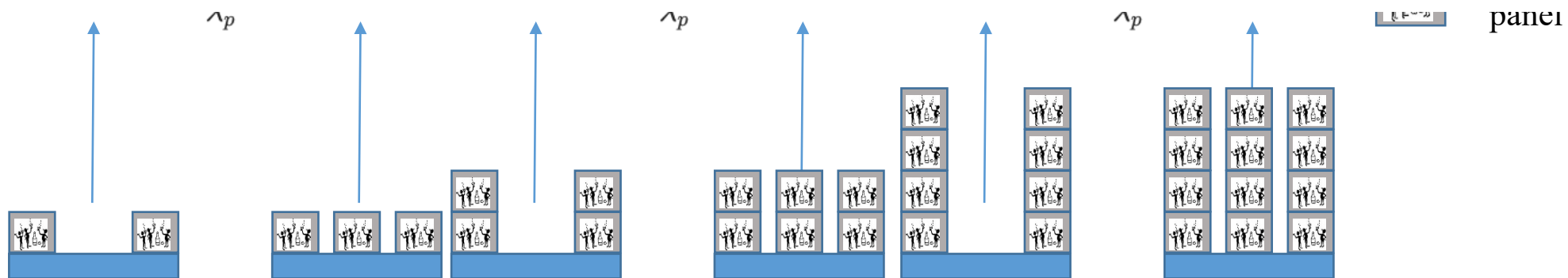


Table 2

Energy Saving Per Person (kWh/Person) During Summertime in the Photovoltaic Panel Cases in Absolute Values and in Percentage (in Brackets) With Respect to the Air Conditioning Systems Consumption

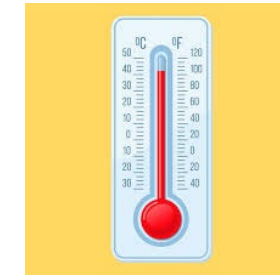
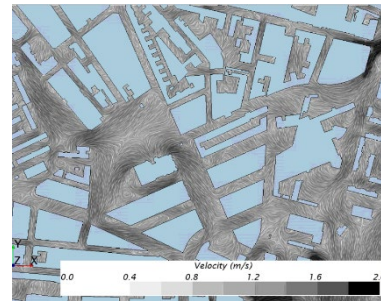
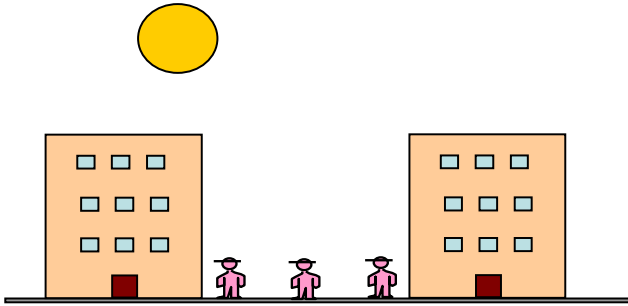
λ_p					
H	0.25	0.33	0.50	0.66	
5 m ()	- 2.78 (-211%)	- 2.77 (-212%)	- 2.77 (-213%)	- 2.76 (-218%)	
10 m ()	- 0.23 (-107%)	- 1.38 (-109%)	- 1.38 (-113%)	- 1.37 (-119%)	
20 m ()	- 0.69 (-53%)	- 0.68 (-55%)	- 0.68 (-60%)	- 0.67 (-67%)	



Recently added features
(not yet in the official release)

Methodology to compute heat stress, and its subgrid variability

- 1 WRF-Comfort: Simulating micro-scale variability of outdoor heat stress at the city scale with a mesoscale model
- 2 Alberto Martilli¹, Negin Nazarian^{2,3}, E. Scott Krayenhoff⁴, Jacob Lachapelle⁴, Jiachen Lu^{2,3}, Esther Rivas¹, Alejandro Rodriguez-Sanchez¹, Beatriz Sanchez¹, Jose Luis Santiago¹



Starting from the two Street direction of BEP-BEM, computes **6 values of mean radiant temperature**

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Starting from a database of CFD simulations, deduce a parameterization to estimate **3 values of wind speed** as function of urban morphology

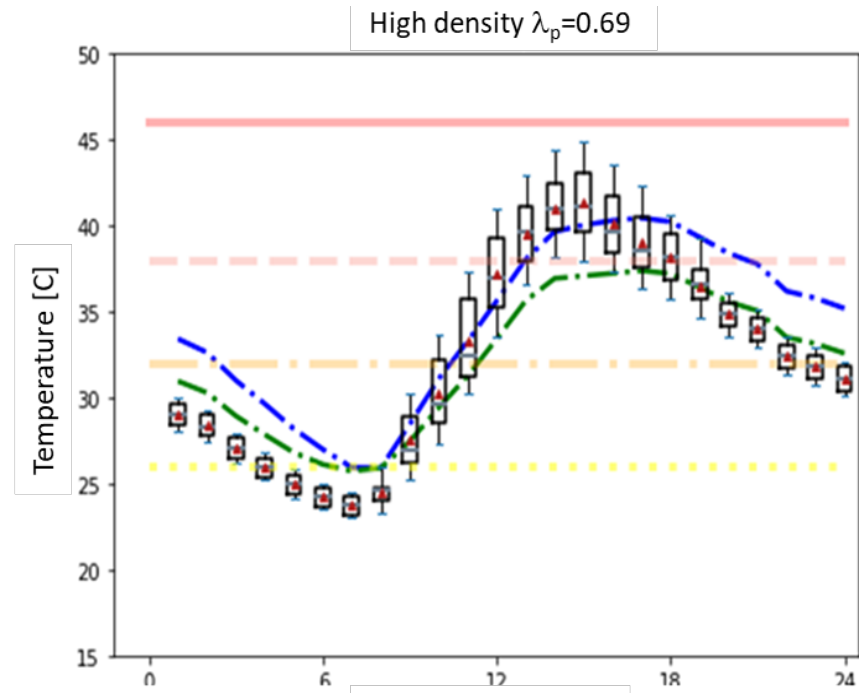
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Starting from a typical subgrid variability ($\pm 1\text{C}$) **3 values of air temperature**



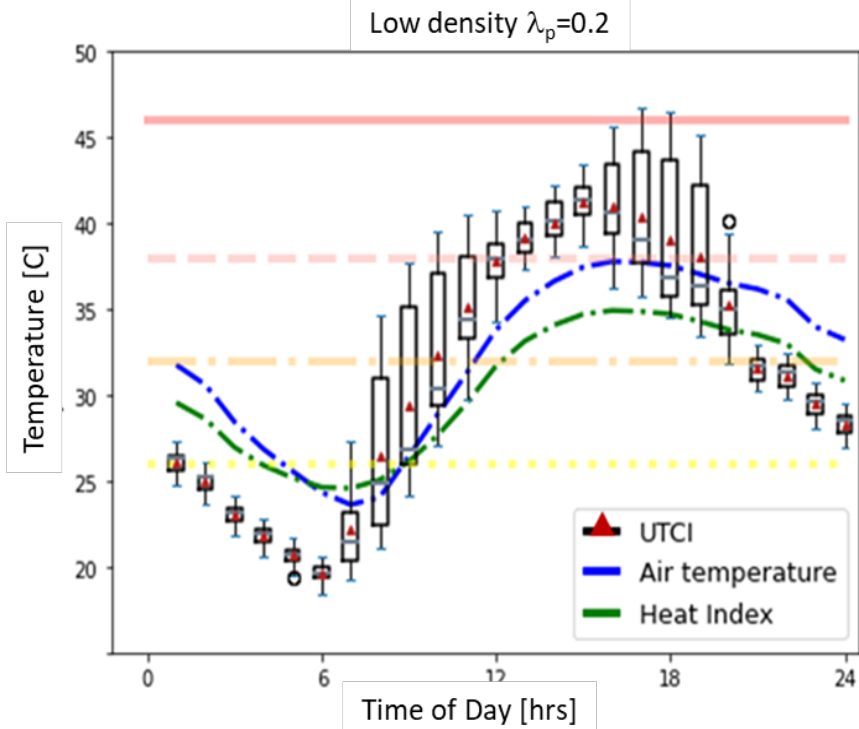
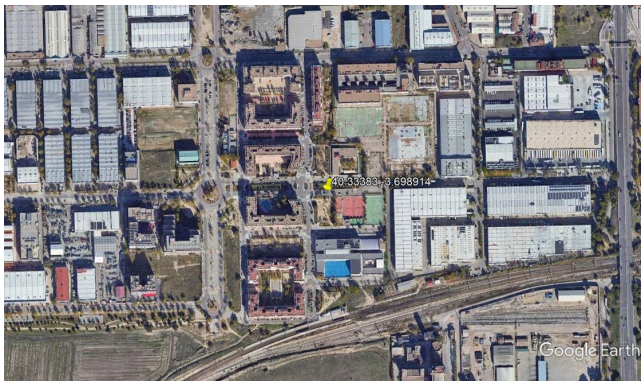
54 possible values of heat stress index (UTCI)

Example for Madrid during heat wave



Dense city center

H/W=1.6
Lambda_p=0.69

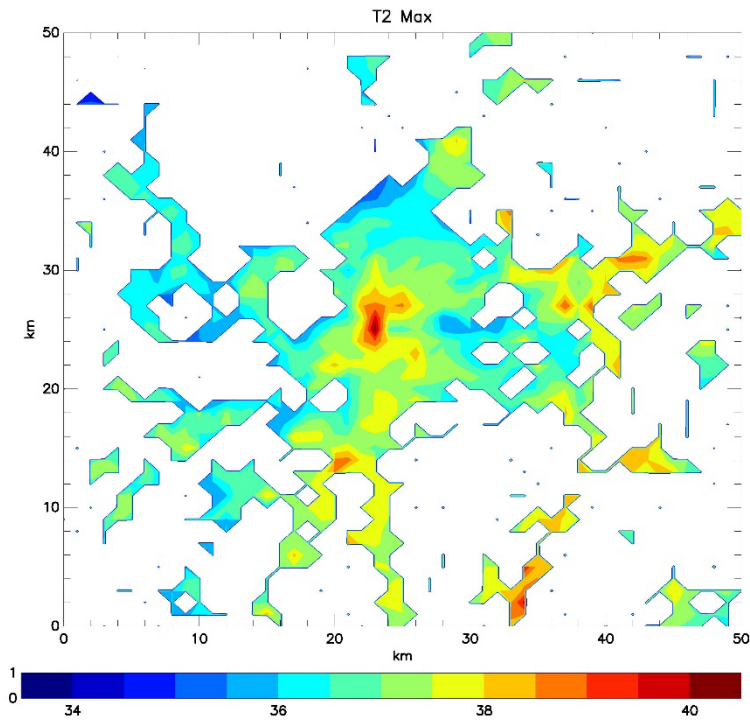


**Low density region,
south of the city center**

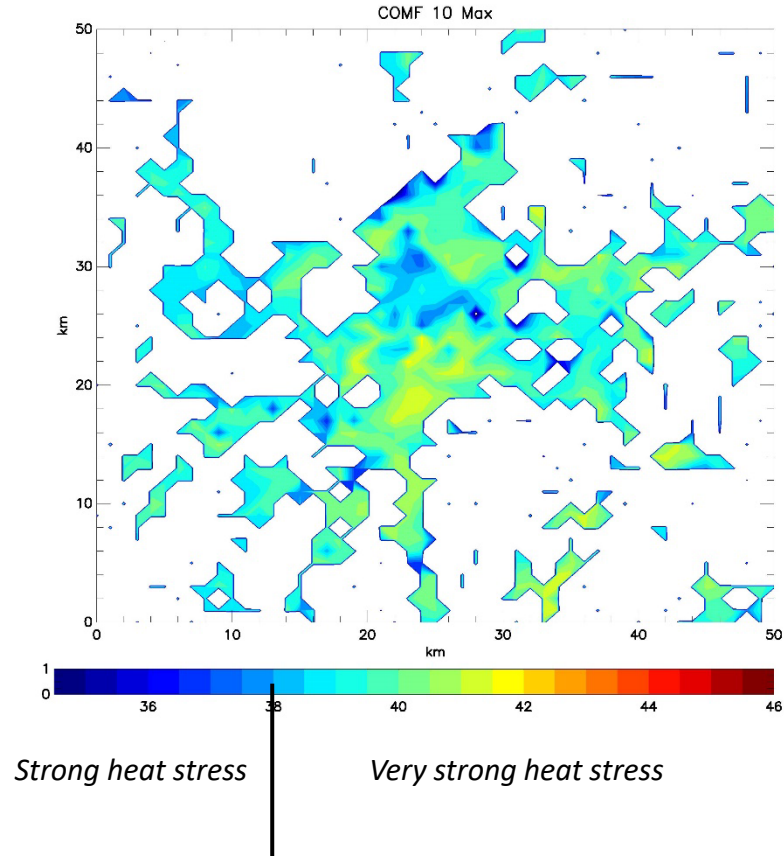
H/W=0.1
Lambda_p=0.2

Spatial distribution

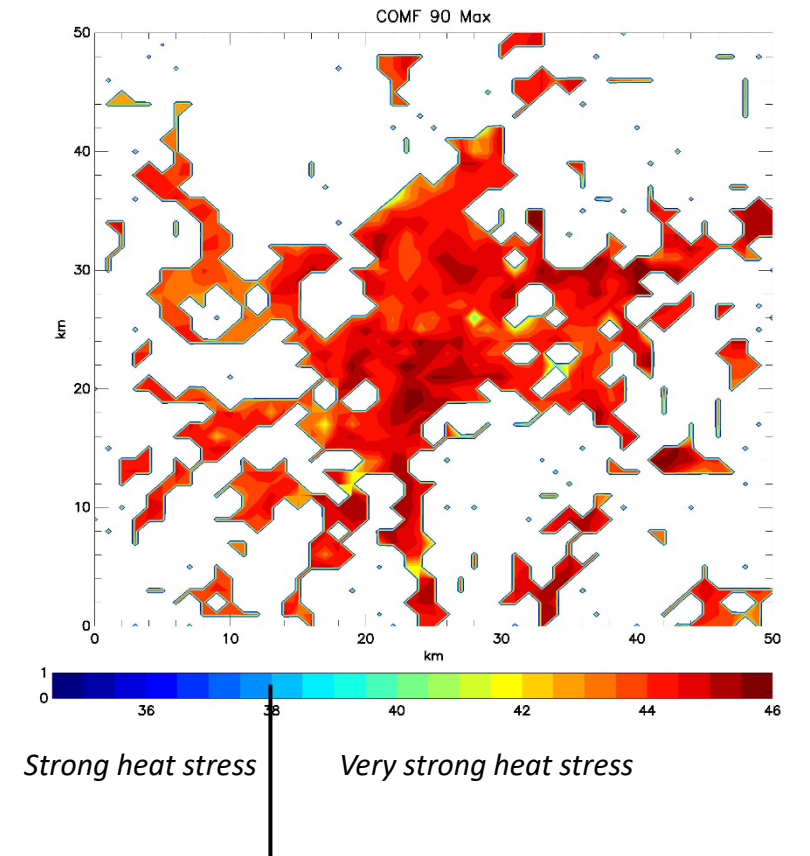
Maximum 2m Air temperature



Maximum 10 percentile UTCI



Maximum 90 percentile UTCI



How to activate it?

In namelist

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sf_urban_physics = 3,
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*Currently coupled to PBL schemes Bougeault and Lacarrère (bl_physics=8),
MYJ (bl_physics=2), and YSU (bl_physics=1 – under testing)*

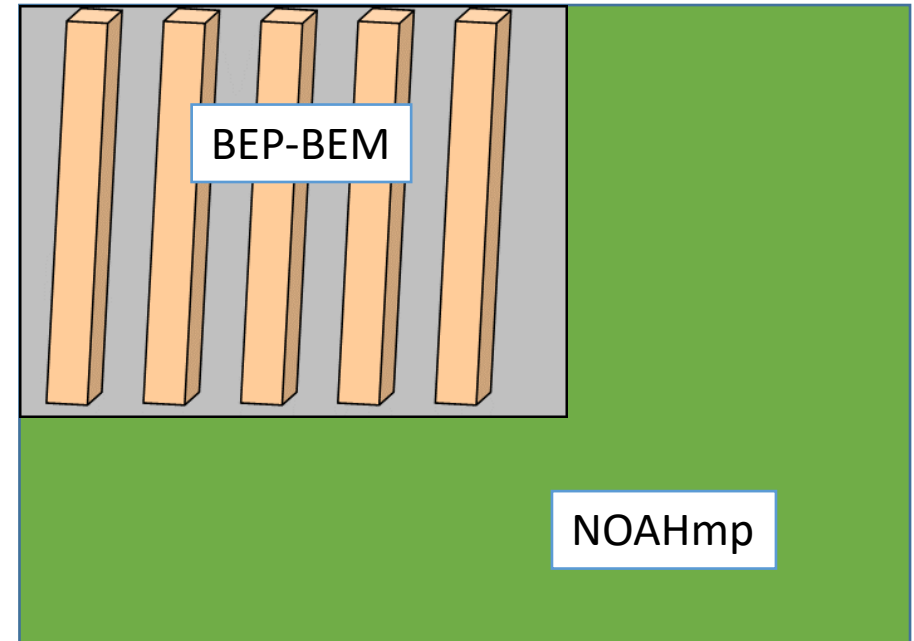
Set specific parameters in

URBPARAM.TBL if you use three urban classes

or

URBPARAM_LCZ.TBL if you use 11 urban classes (LCZs)

How does it work?



For each grid cell an urban fraction is defined.

- BEP-BEM computes fluxes of heat, momentum and source/sink terms for TKE for the urban fraction.
- NOAHmp (or NOAH) computes heat and momentum fluxes for the non-urban fraction, using the vegetation class indicated by NATURAL in VEGPARAM.TBL (*alternatively it can be derived point by point based on LADUSEF – not in standard version yet*).
- Fluxes are weighted averaged

How to give **morphological parameters** to BEP-BEM.

1) Via URBPARAM.TBL

Section STREET PARAMETERS to provide street width, building width and distribution of building heights for each one of the three urban landuse classes (51,52,53).

Urban_fraction

2) Via URBPARAM_LCZ.TBL

Activated with use wudapt lcz=1 in namelist.input

Section STREET PARAMETERS, to provide street width, building width and distribution of building heights for each one of the 11 urban landuse classes (51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61), corresponding to the urban LCZ of Stewart and Oke (2012). Typically these are mid-range values of those of S-O.

Urban_fraction

3) Via interpolation of CGLC_MODIS_LCZ_global from M. Demuzere, available in the WRF webpage (you need to download it and use as input in GEOGRID.TBL).

Activated with use wudapt lcz=1, and use lcz interpolation =1 in namelist.input

*Starting from the LCZ data at 100m resolution, it averages the urban fraction, street width, building width and distribution of building heights provided for each LCZ in **URBPARAM_LCZ.TBL***

4) Gridded by modifying field URB_PARAM and FRC_URB2D in geo_em, files:

URB_PARAM(i,91,j)=lambda_p (plan area building density)

URB_PARAM(i,95,j)=lambda_b (density of building surfaces, vertical+horizontal)

URB_PARAM(i,94,j)= mean building height

URB_PARAM(i,118-132,j)=distribution of building heights (every 5m by default)

Sources of gridded data of *urban morphology* and *urban fraction*

Readily available in *WPS Geographical Input Data for Specific Applications* in WRF webpage:

NUDAPT= National Urban Data and Access Portal Tool (Ching et al. *BAMS*, 2009). Detailed of urban morphology for parts of some US cities.

nlcd= urban fraction fomr nlcd at 30m resolution for US

Soon to be available

GLOBUS: GLObal Building heights for Urban Studies

Data for over 1000 cities worldwide

Format ready to be used in geogrid.exe

Harsh G. Kamath and Dev Nyiogi (University of Austin)



<https://tinyurl.com/ut-globus-data>

Building heights and urban canopy parameters for urban modeling

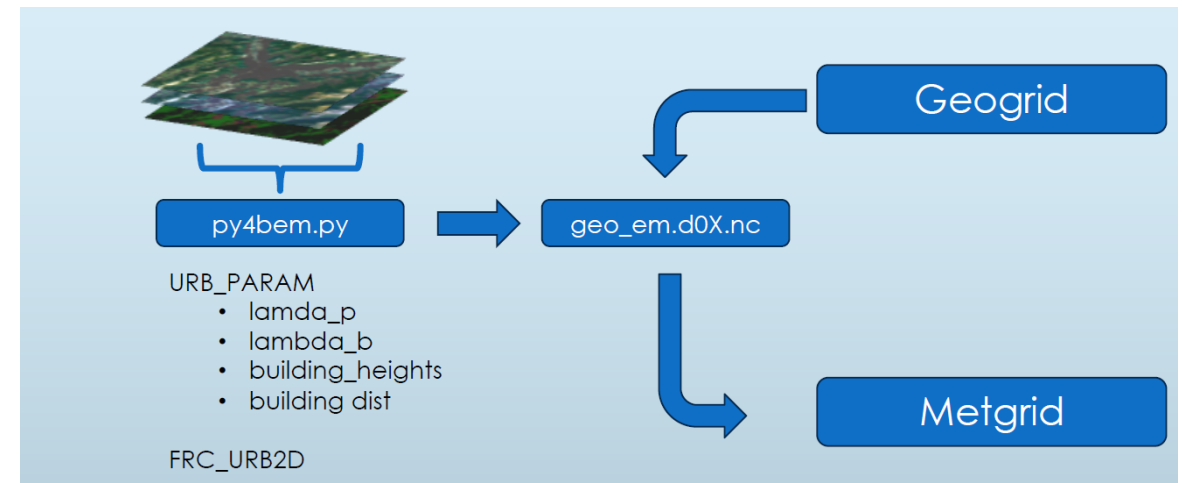
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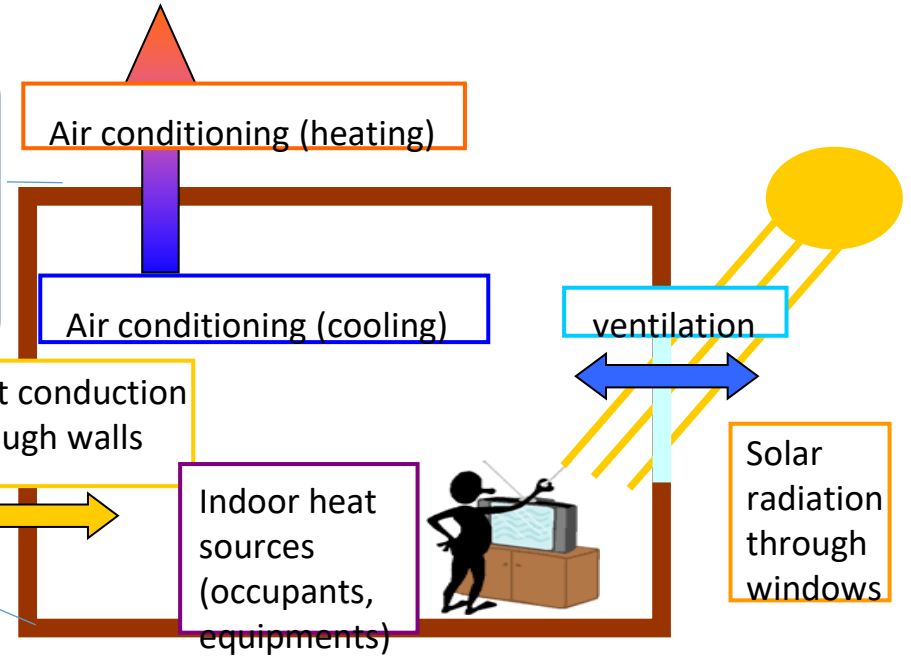
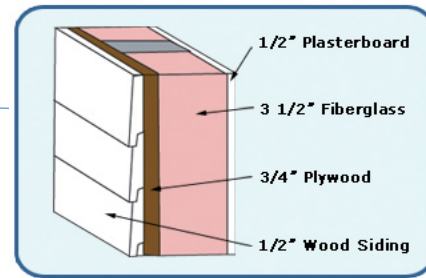
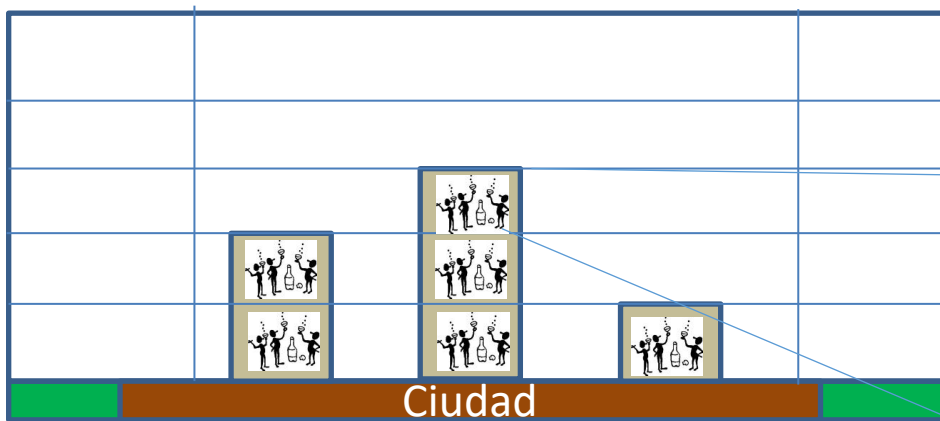
Do it yourself!

Many sources of data available (LIDAR, Openstreetmap, etc.)

Pyhton script to modify geo_em files

Thanks fo Jacobo Gabeiras (U. Grenoble)





Currently the **thermal and human properties** are assigned per urban class (LCZ). **Work in progress to give them gridded.**

Thermal properties:

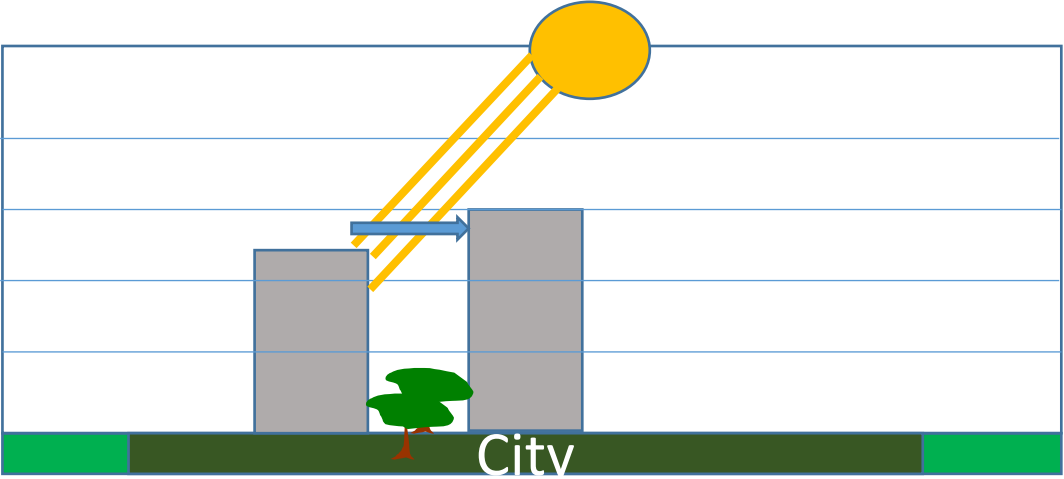
- CAPR: Heat capacity of roof [$J m^{-3} K^{-1}$]
- CAPB: Heat capacity of building wall [$J m^{-3} K^{-1}$]
- AKSR: Thermal conductivity of roof [$J m^{-1} s^{-1} K^{-1}$]
- AKSB: Thermal conductivity of building wall [$J m^{-1} s^{-1} K^{-1}$]
- ALBR: Surface albedo of roof [fraction]
- ALBB: Surface albedo of building wall [fraction]
- EPSR: Surface emissivity of roof [-]
- EPSB: Surface emissivity of building wall [-]

Human properties

- COP: Coefficient of performance of the A/C systems [-]
- BLDAC_FRC: fraction of buildings installed with A/C systems [-]
- COOLED_FRC: fraction of cooled floor area in buildings [-]
- TIME_ON: Initial local time of A/C systems, [h]
- TIME_OFF: End local time of A/C systems, [h]
- TARGTEMP: Target Temperature of the A/C systems, [K]
- GAPTEMP: Comfort Range of the indoor Temperature, [K]
- TARGHUM: Target humidity of the A/C systems, [Kg/Kg]
- GAPHUM: Comfort Range of the specific humidity, [Kg/Kg]
- PERFLO: Peak number of occupants per unit floor area, [person/m²]
- HSEQUIP: Diurnal heating profile of heat generated by equipments
- HSEQUIP_SCALE_FACTOR: Peak heat generated by equipments, [W/m²]

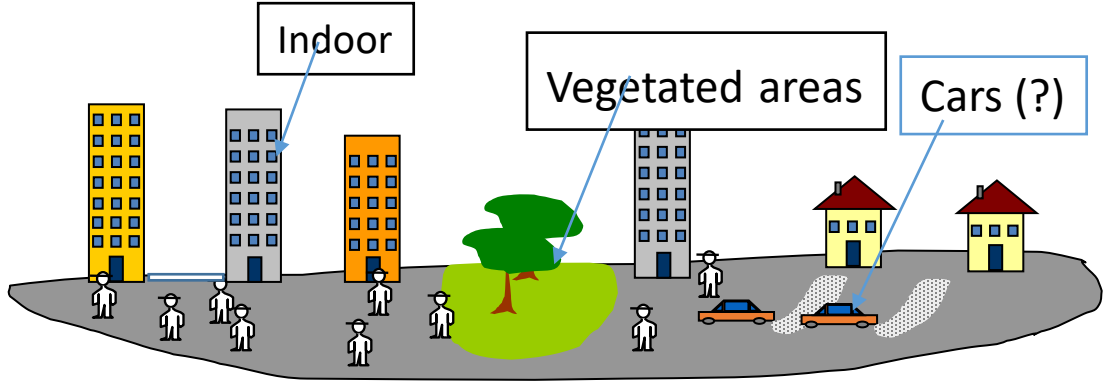
Ongoing/future work:

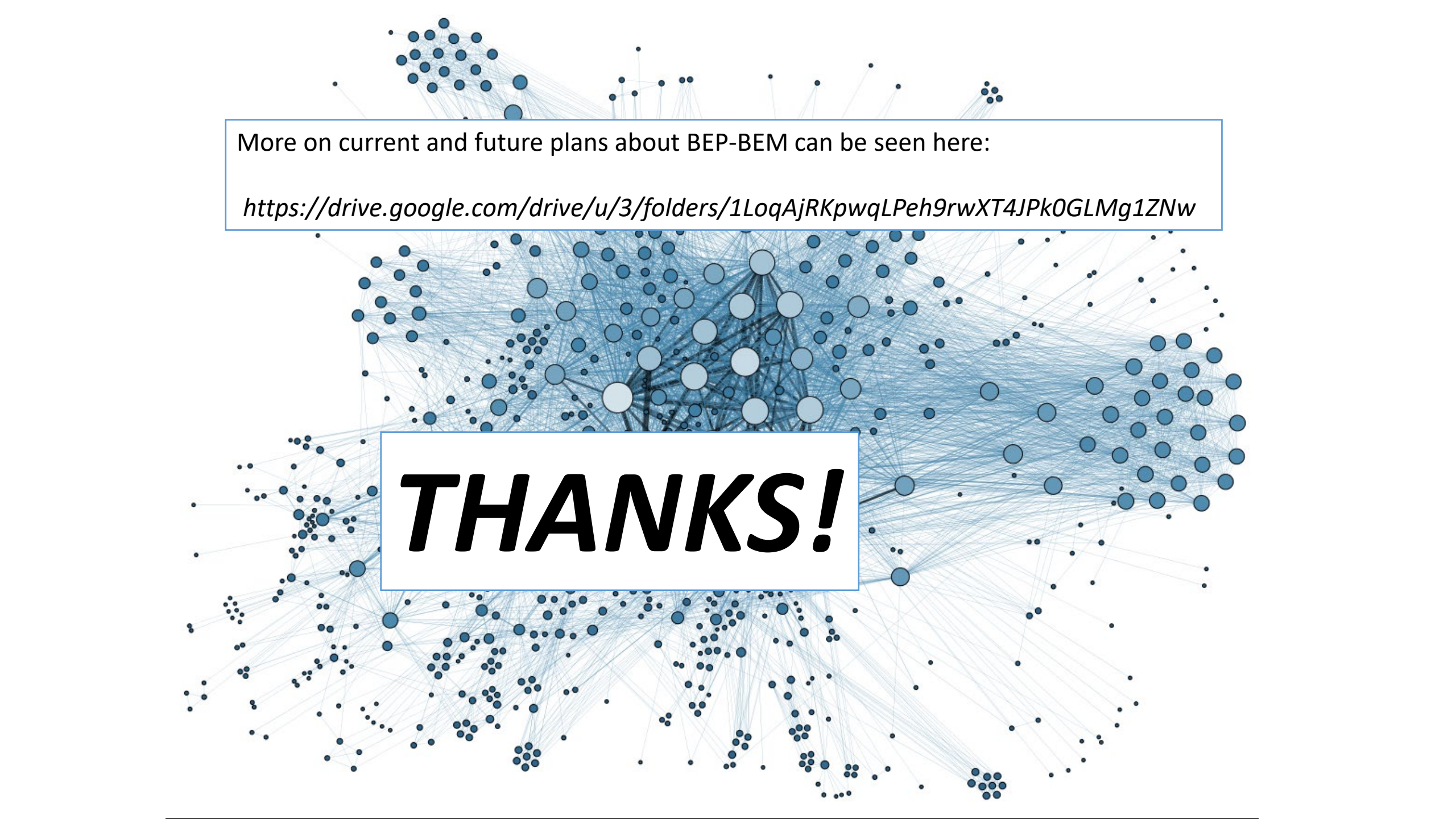
Introduction of Street trees



- Simplified version (only affecting shortwave radiation) - available
- BEP-tree (Krayehnhoff – work in progress)
- UT version (NOAHmp linked. By Kamath and Niyogi –work in progress)

Extend computation of heat stress to:



A complex network graph with numerous blue nodes of varying sizes connected by thin, light blue lines. The nodes are distributed across the slide, with a denser cluster in the center. The overall aesthetic is clean and technical.

More on current and future plans about BEP-BEM can be seen here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1LoqAjRKpwqLPeh9rwXT4JPk0GLMg1ZNw>

THANKS!