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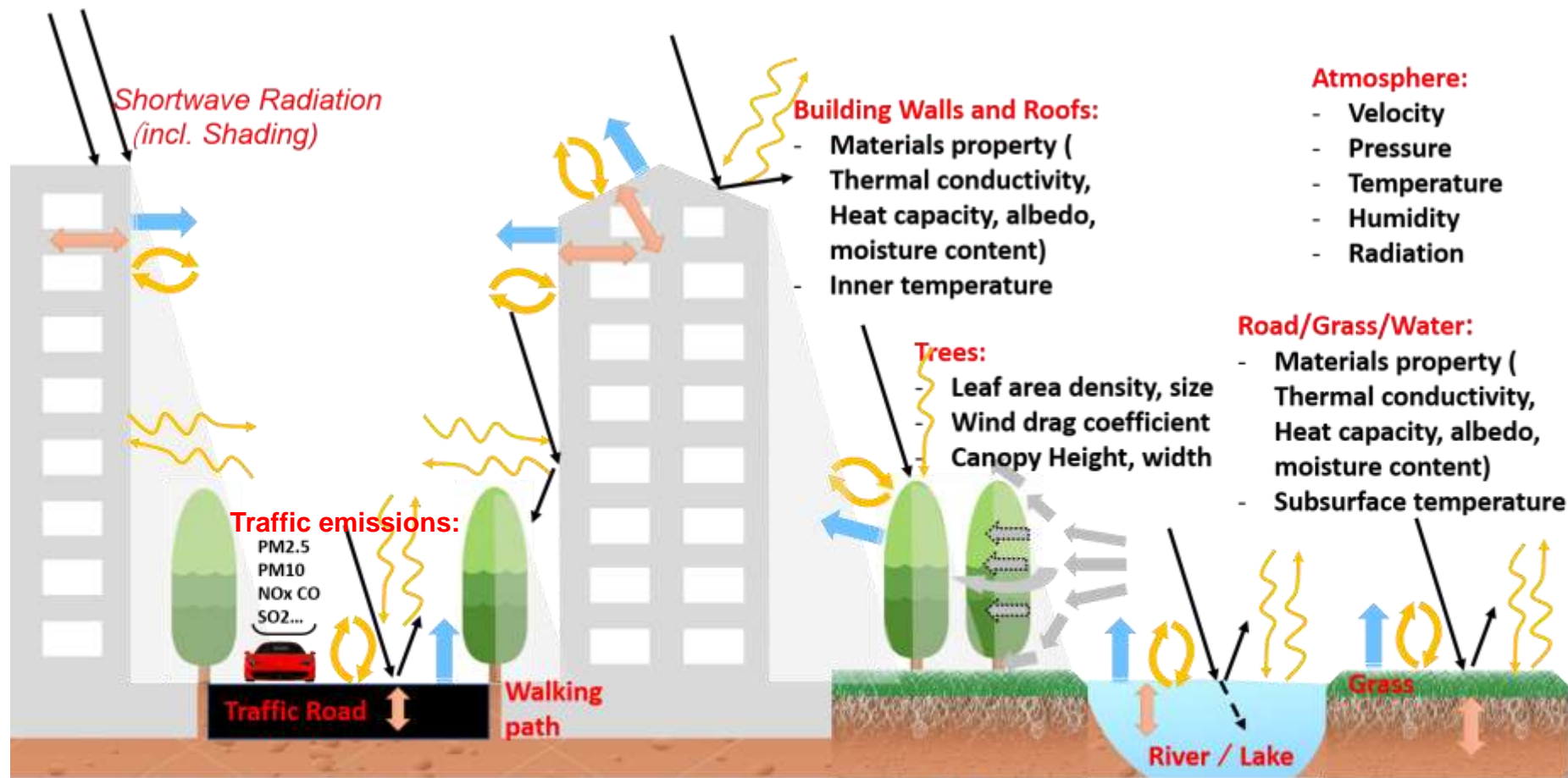
Managing Air for Green Inner Cities

The development of physical tree and ground surface
modules in Fluidity for urban modelling

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Conceptual illustration of the atmospheric physical processes in urban



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Software/tool for generating the geometry and 3D mesh

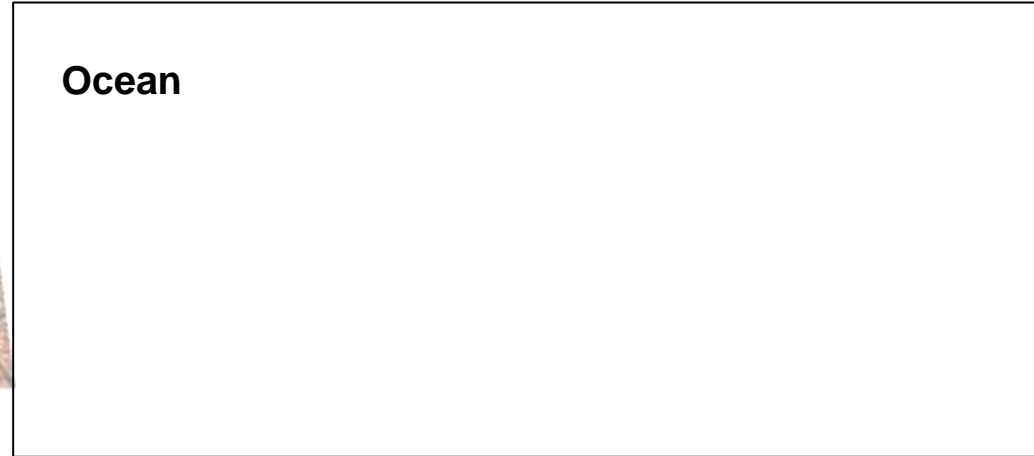
Google Earth View



Geometry



Ocean



Software/tool for generating the geometry and 3D mesh

Google Map



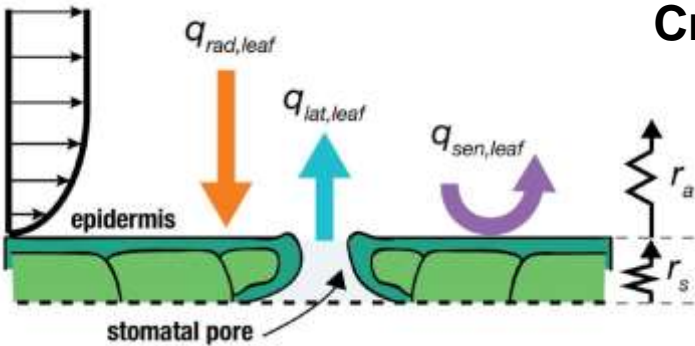
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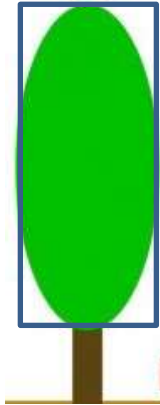
Greens Asphalt Concrete Trees

Tree modelling: trees' effects on velocity, temperature and Humidity

Energy balance on leaf surface



Cross section
Of a tree



Momentum absorption term:

$$s_u = -\rho c_d a |\bar{u}| \bar{u}$$

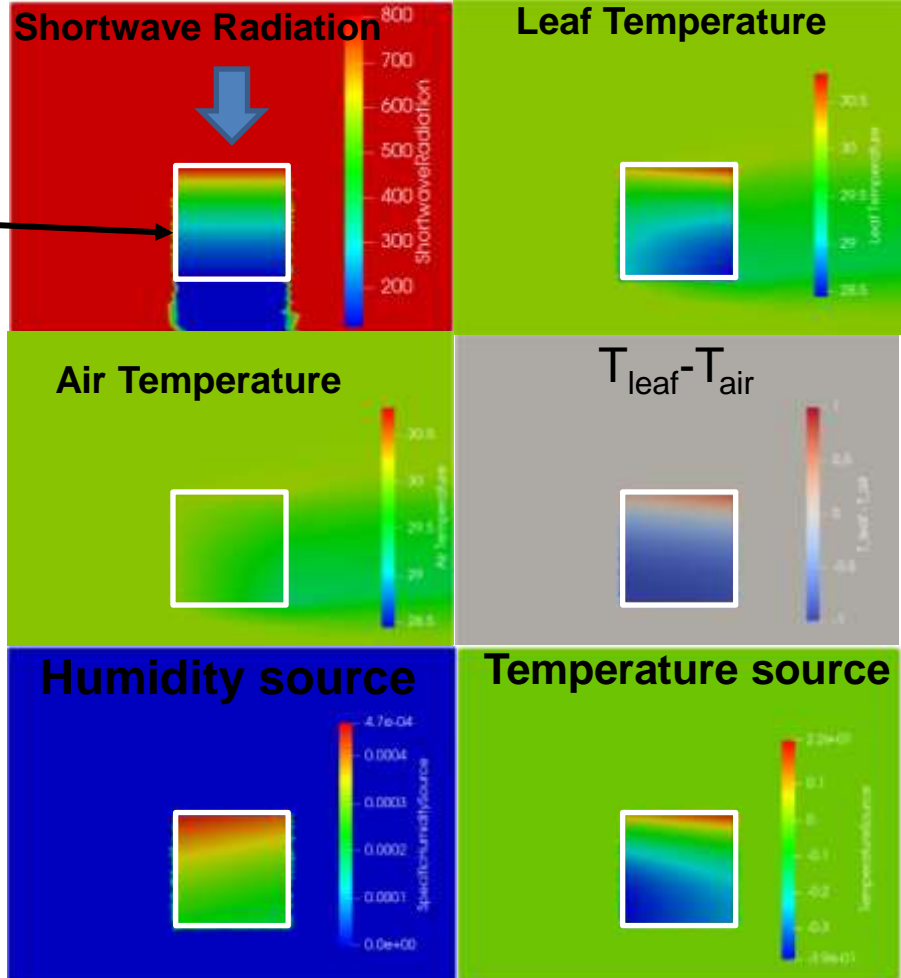
Temperature source term:

$$s_T = a \cdot \frac{q_{sen,leaf}}{\rho c_p} \quad (T - T_{leaf}, \text{ velocity, leafsize})$$

Humidity source term:

$$s_w = a \cdot \frac{g_{v,leaf}}{\rho} \quad \begin{matrix} T_{leaf} \rightarrow \text{leaf saturated vapour pressure} \\ \text{air humidity} \rightarrow \text{air vapour pressure} \end{matrix}$$

Manickathana at al, 2018



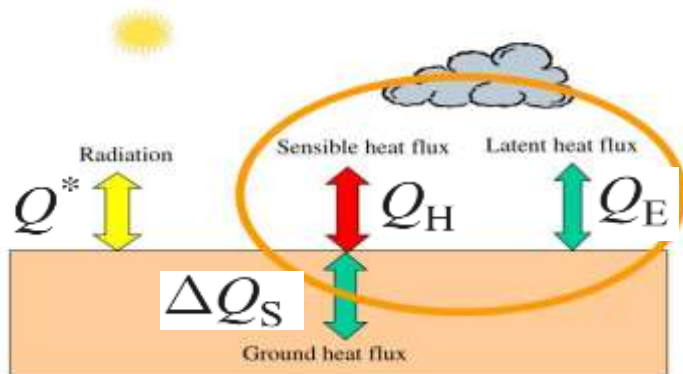
Physical processes in the land surface model

Leaf and Erell, 2018

Energy balance of ground surface:

$$Q^* = Q_H + Q_E + \Delta Q_S$$

Surface Energy Budget



Iteration until the surface temperature converge

- **Net radiative flux**

$$Q^* = Q' - L_{\uparrow} = (K_{\downarrow} - K_{\uparrow} + L_{\downarrow} - L_{refl}) - L_{\uparrow}$$

$$L_{\uparrow} = \varepsilon_s \sigma T_s^4$$

$$K_{\uparrow} = \alpha K_{\downarrow}$$

$$L_{refl} = (1 - \varepsilon_s) L_{\downarrow}$$

- **Sensible heat flux**

$$Q_H = h_c (T_s - T_a) = \frac{\rho_a C_p (T_s - T_a)}{r_a}$$

- **Latent heat flux**

$$Q_E = \lambda_w E T = \frac{s(Q^* - \Delta Q_S) + \rho_a C_p \frac{(e_s - e_a)}{r_a}}{s + \psi \left(1 + \frac{r_s}{r_a}\right)}$$

- **Ground heat flux**

$$\Delta Q_S = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{z_{deep}} (T_s - T_{deep}) + \frac{C_v z_{deep}}{2 \Delta t} (T_s - T_{mid})}{1 + \frac{z_{mid}}{z_{deep}} + \frac{C_v z_{mid} z_{deep}}{2 \Delta t \lambda}}$$

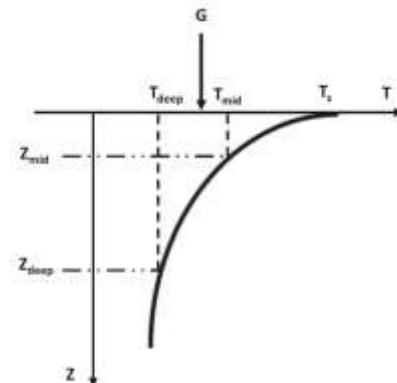
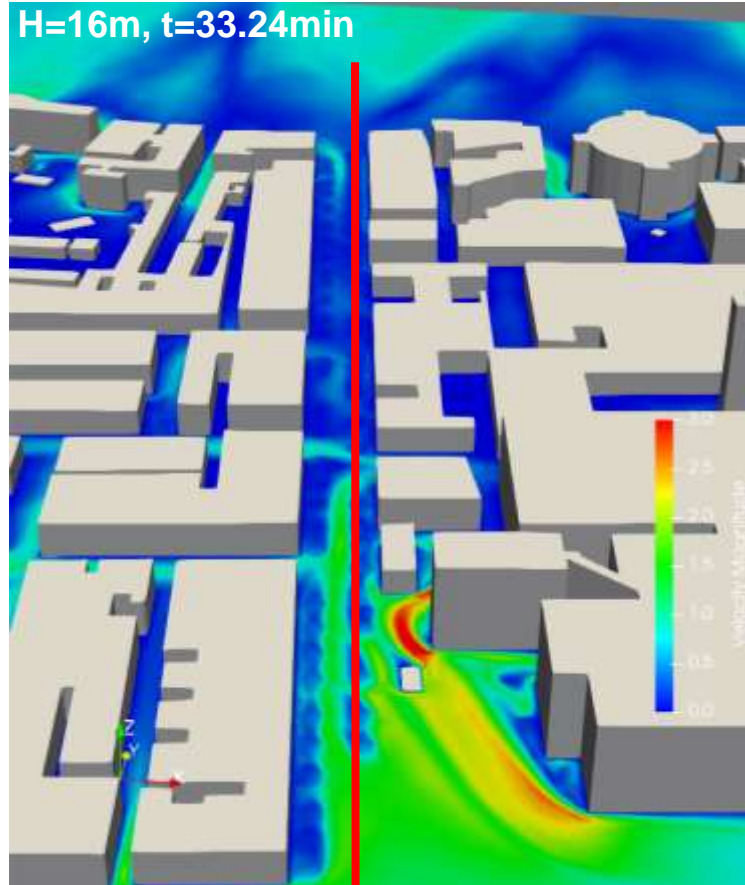


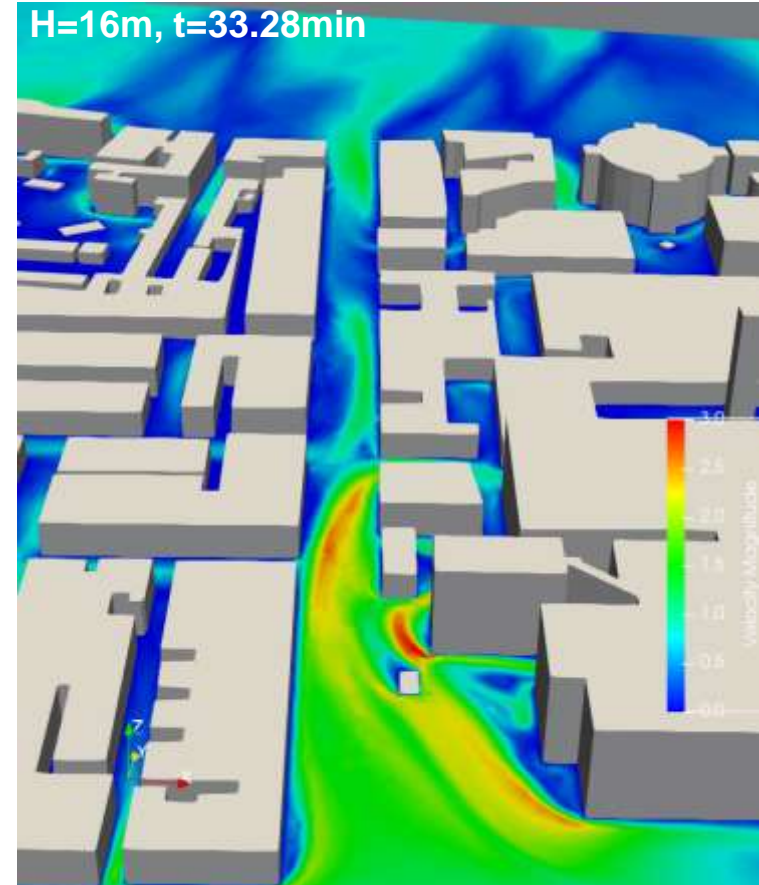
Fig. 1 Schematic representation of the sub-surface temperature profile (illustrated for the daytime). Diurnal variations decrease with depth.

Tree modelling: Simulation over Queens's Gate with trees

With Trees



No Trees



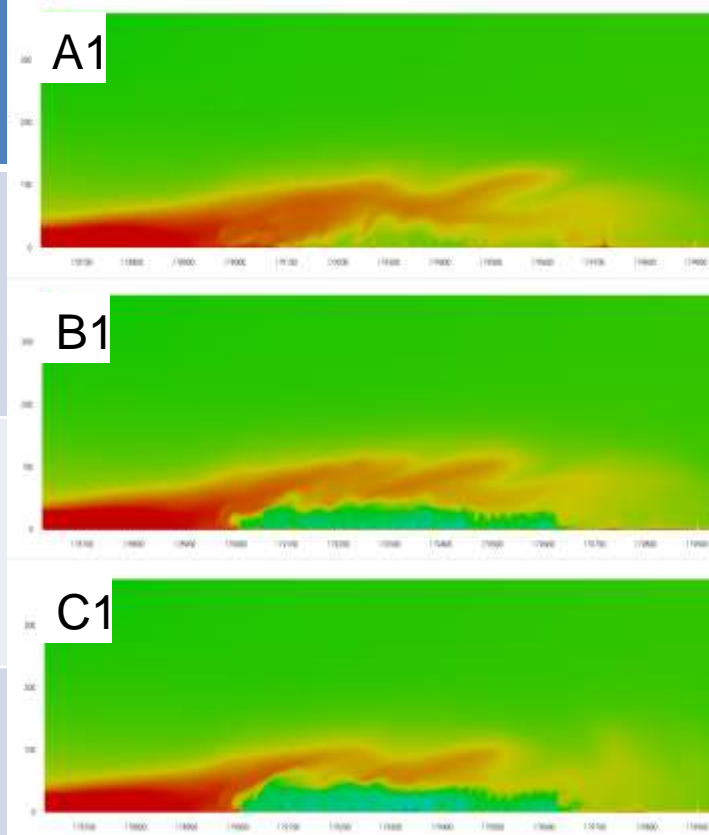
Effect of tree species and distance on urban environment

Temperature in the cross section along Queens' Gate

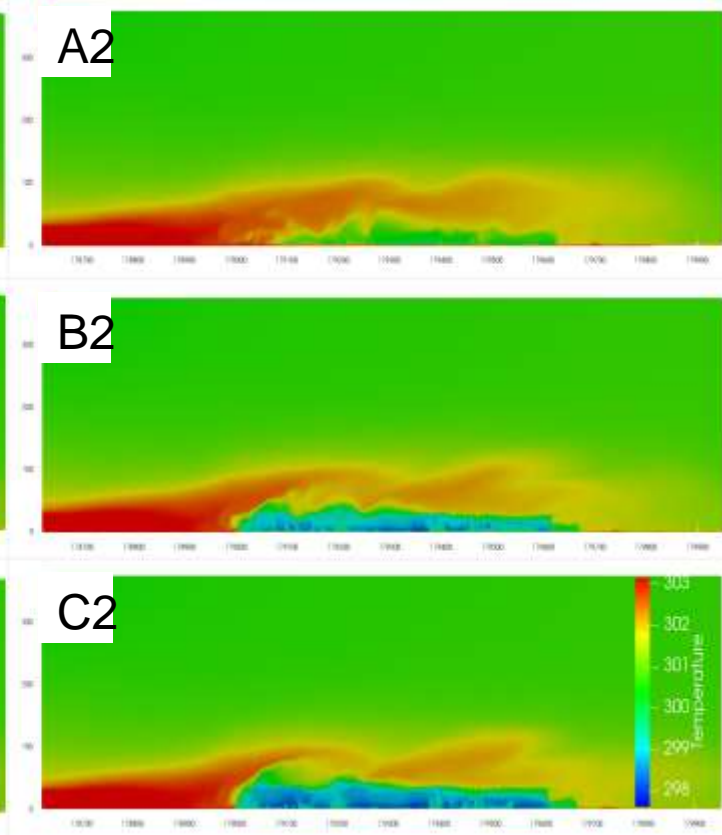
Parameters for Trees

Type	Height (m)	Crown (m)	LAD (m ² /m ³)
A1	10	9	0.5
A2			
B1	15	12	1
B2			
C1	20	12	1
C2			

With space between trees



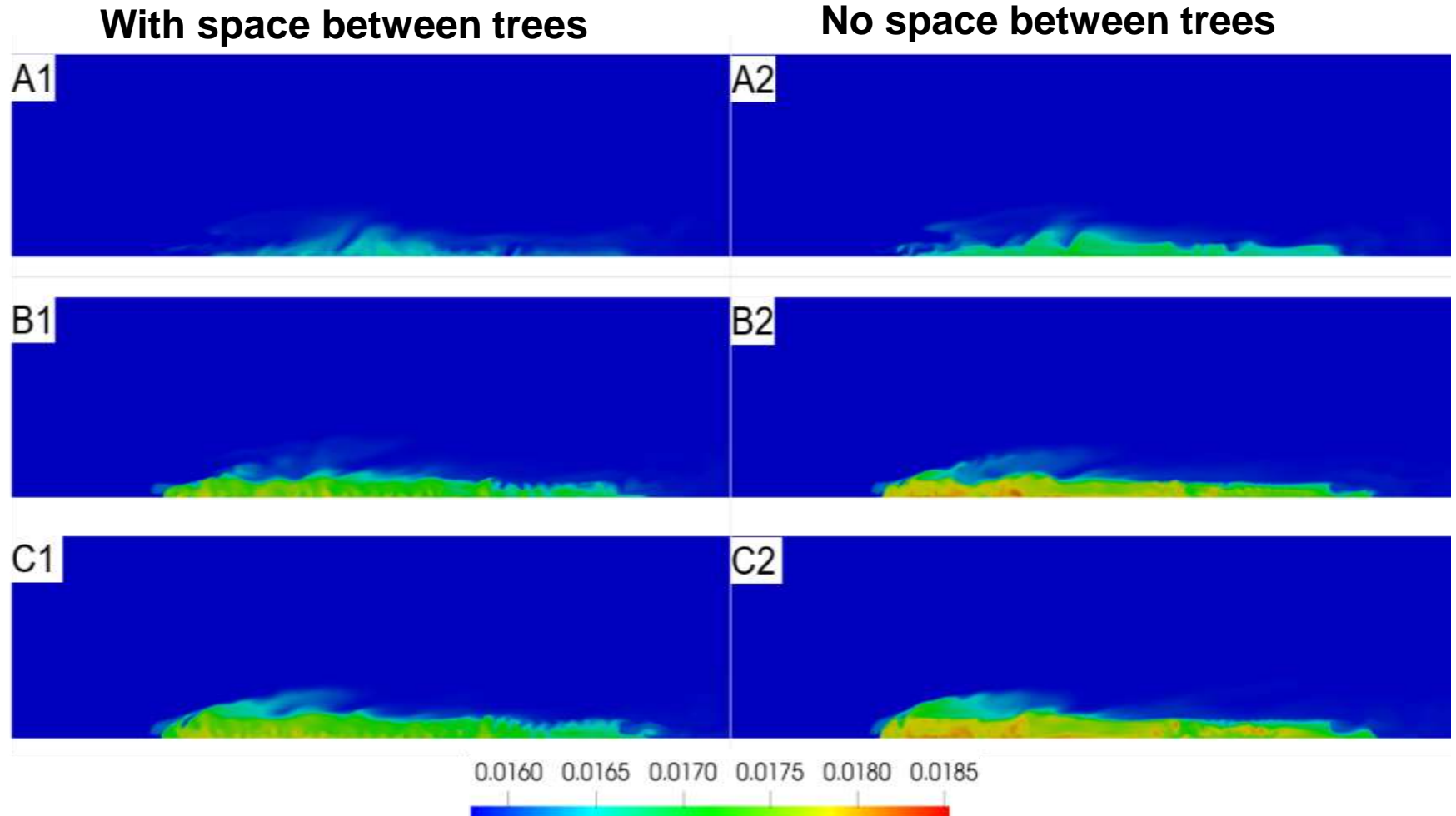
No space between trees



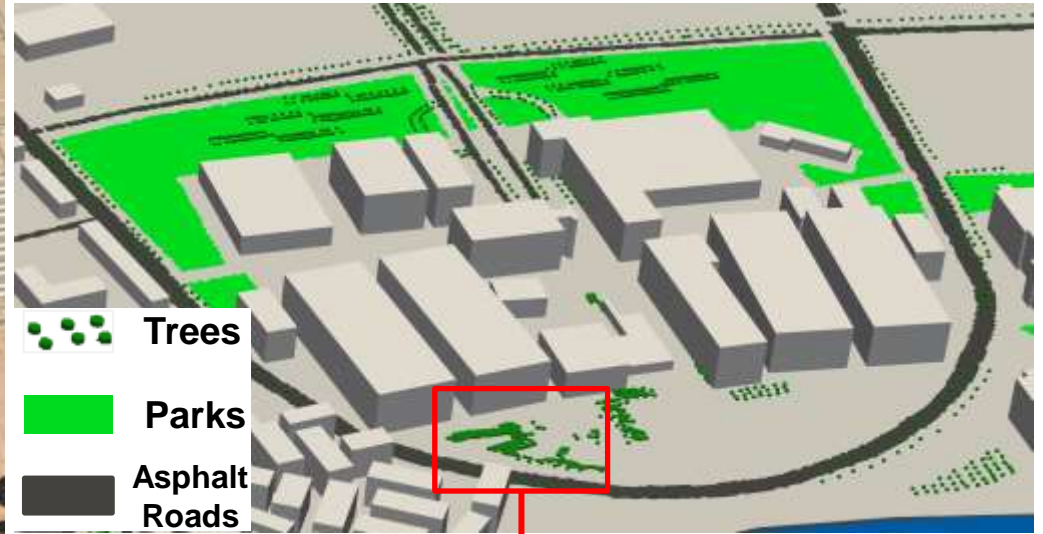
Thermal inversion layer
no space

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Specific humidity in the cross section along Queens' Gate



Coupled simulation with the tree and land surface processes



Domain, Mesh and Timestep



Domain

4.22 km X 4.26 Km X 250 m

Mesh

Length: 1m ~ 80m

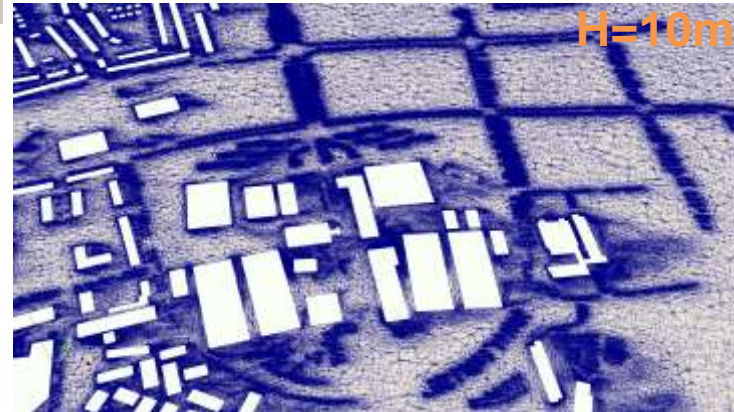
Cells: 30,587,132

Points: 5,742,694

Adaptive Mesh:

Velocity 0.2 m/s

Temperature 0.3°C



Timestep

Adaptive timestep ($\approx 0.6s$)

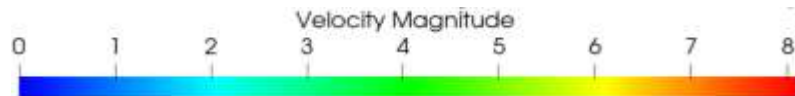
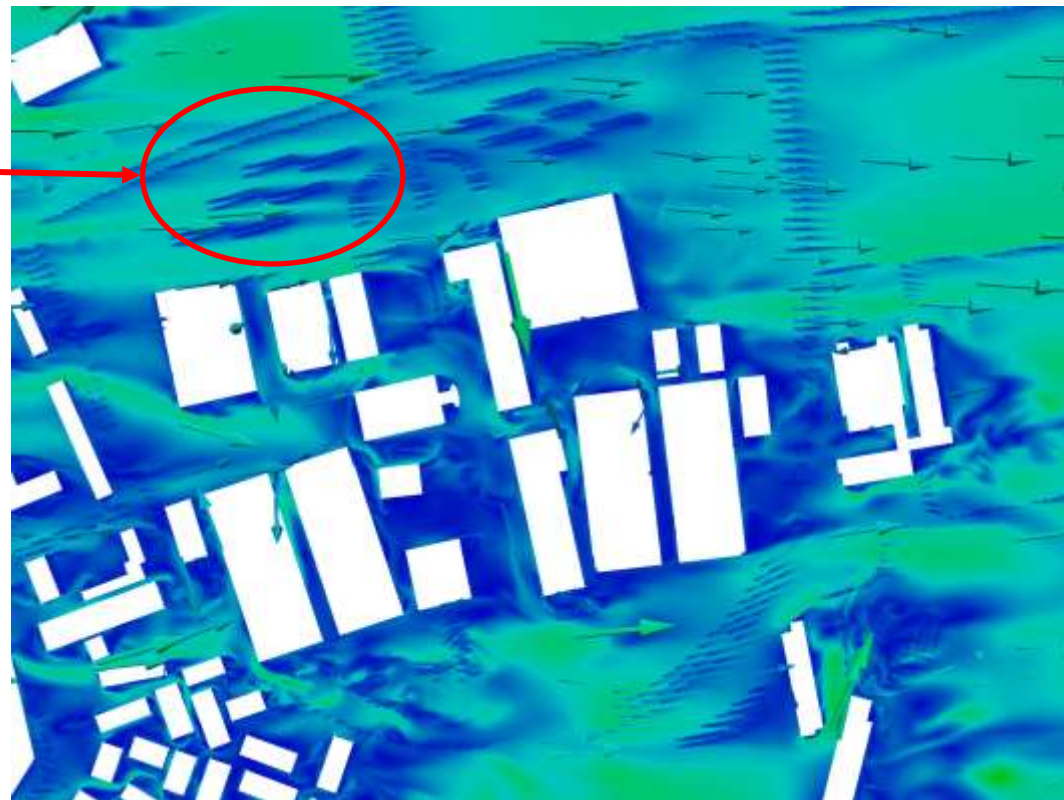
CFL: 10

Run Time:

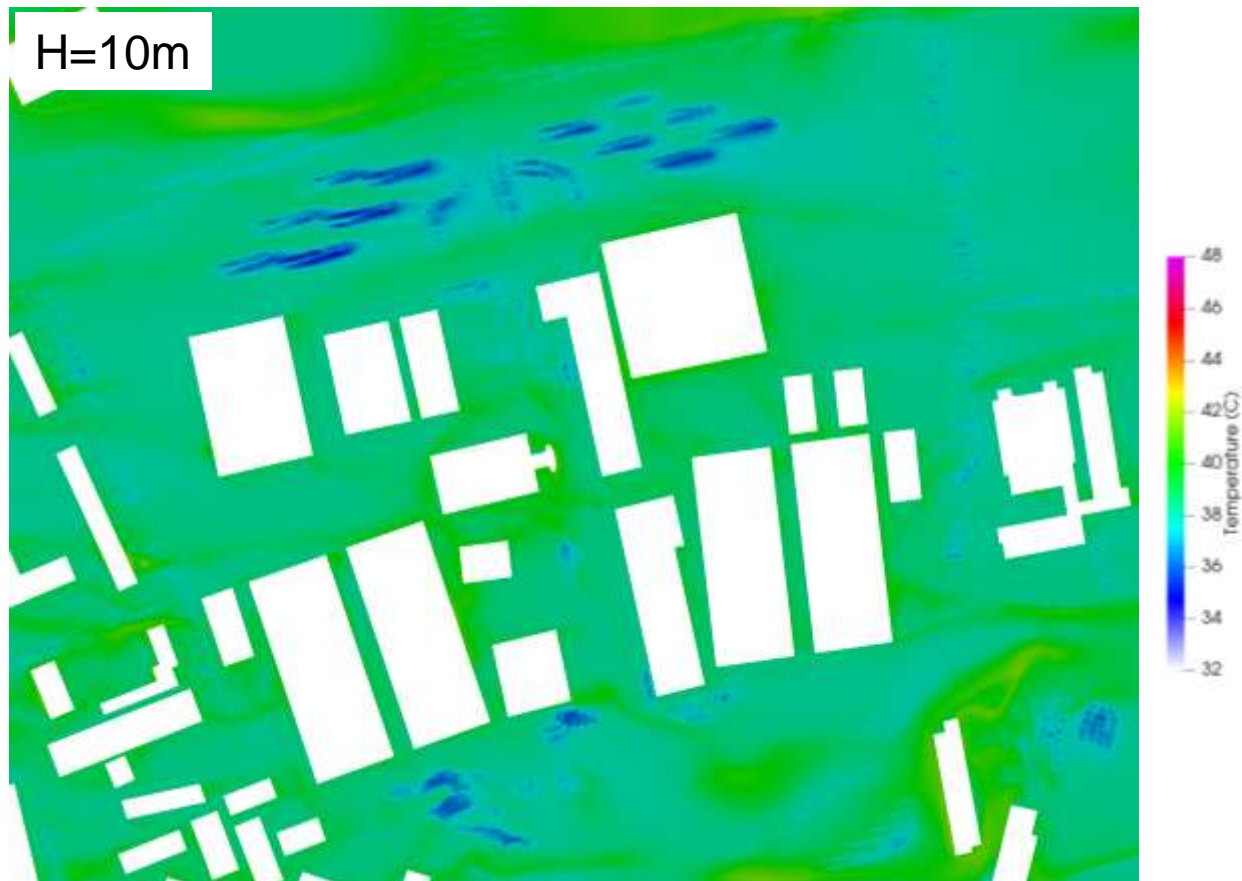
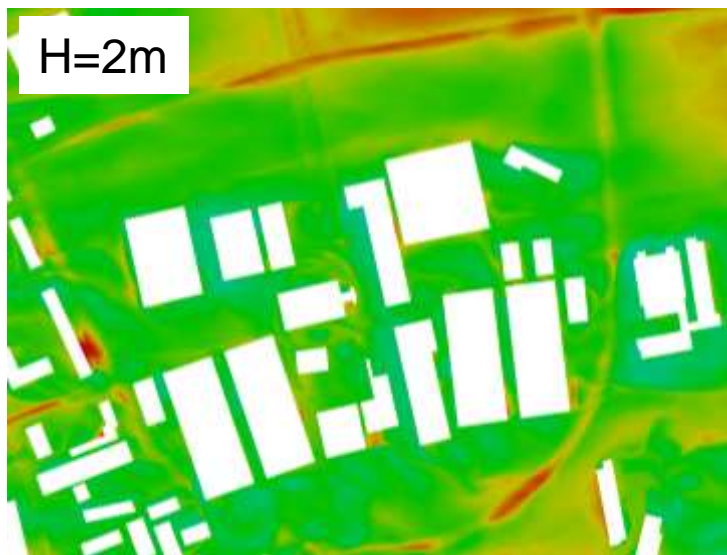
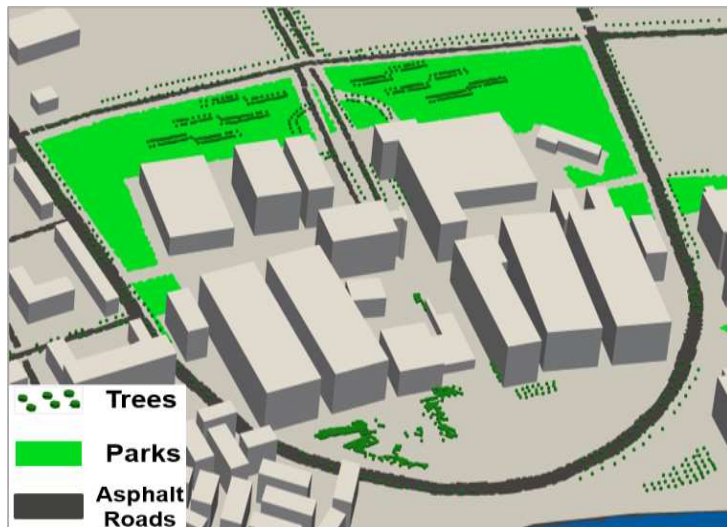
parallel run with 64 cores

1min simulation needs 18h

Velocity (H=10m)

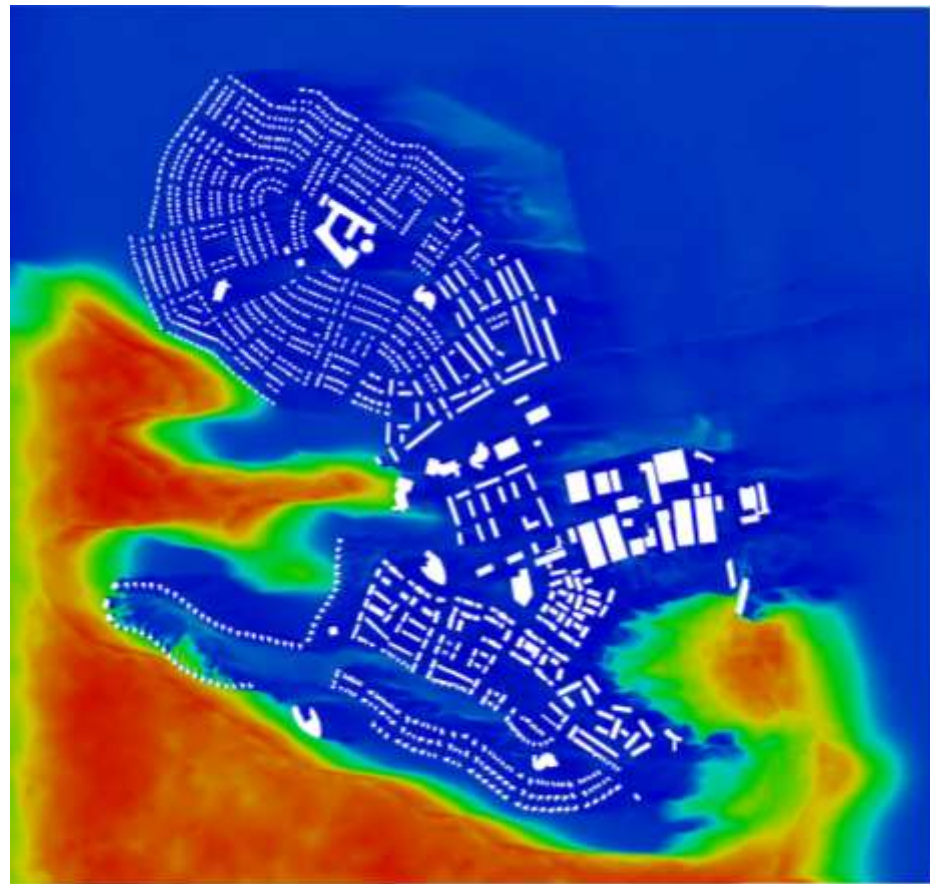


Temperature

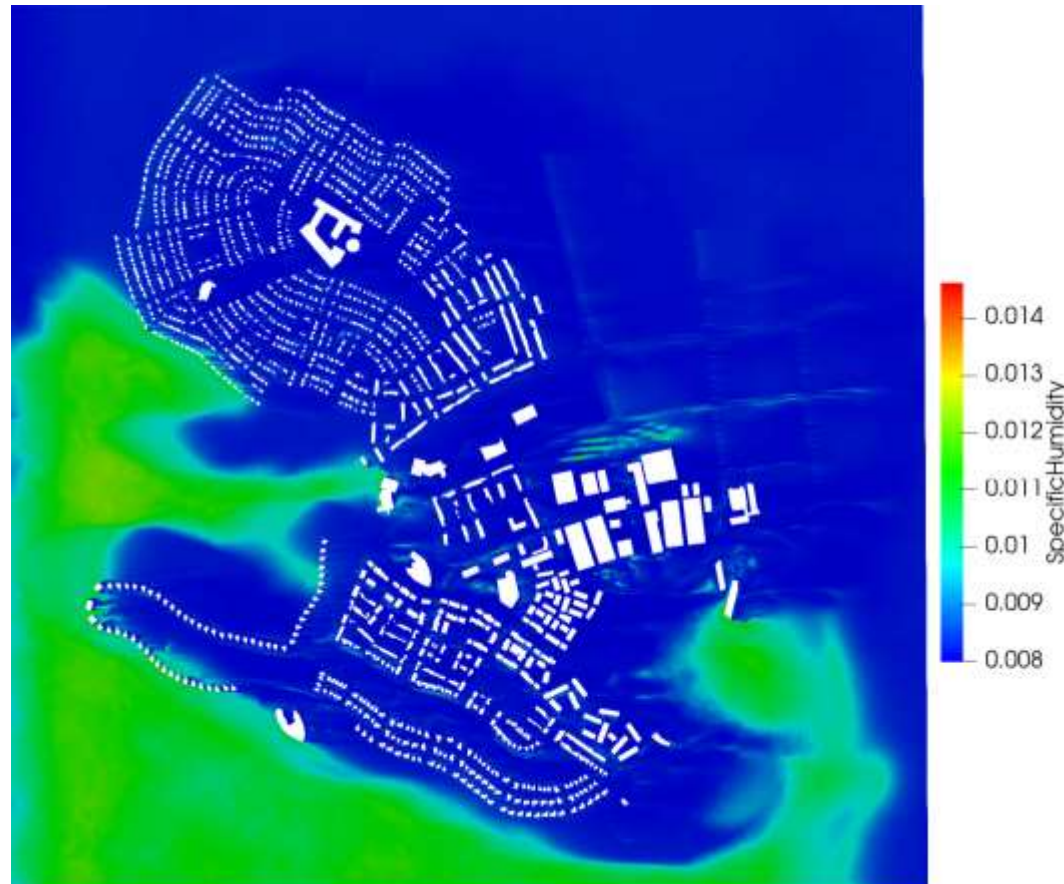


Humidity

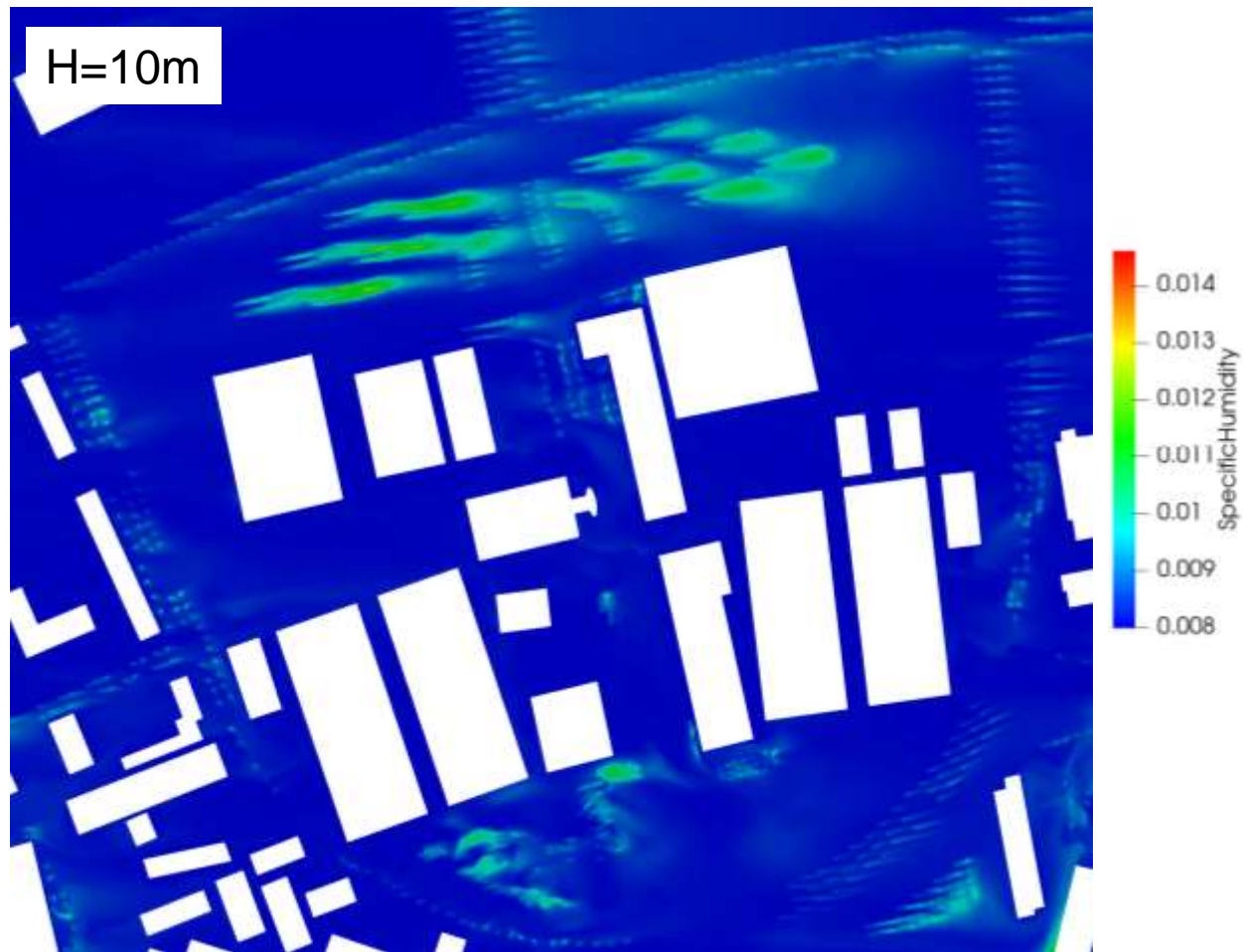
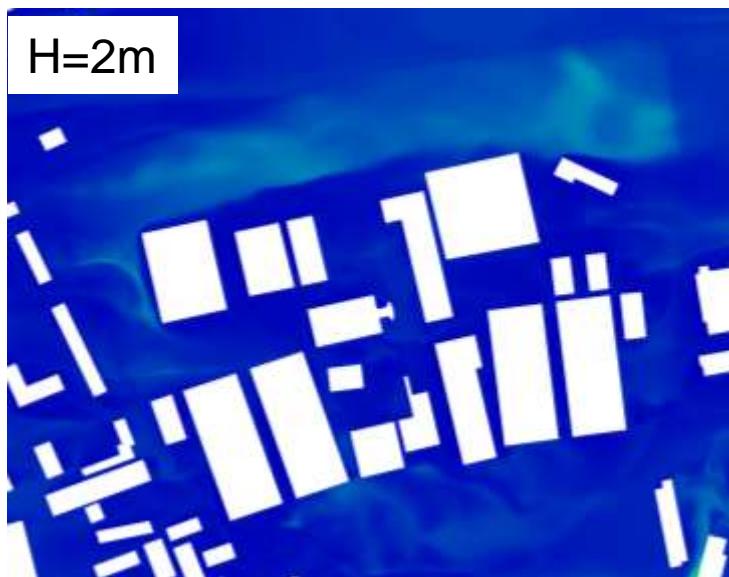
H=2.0m



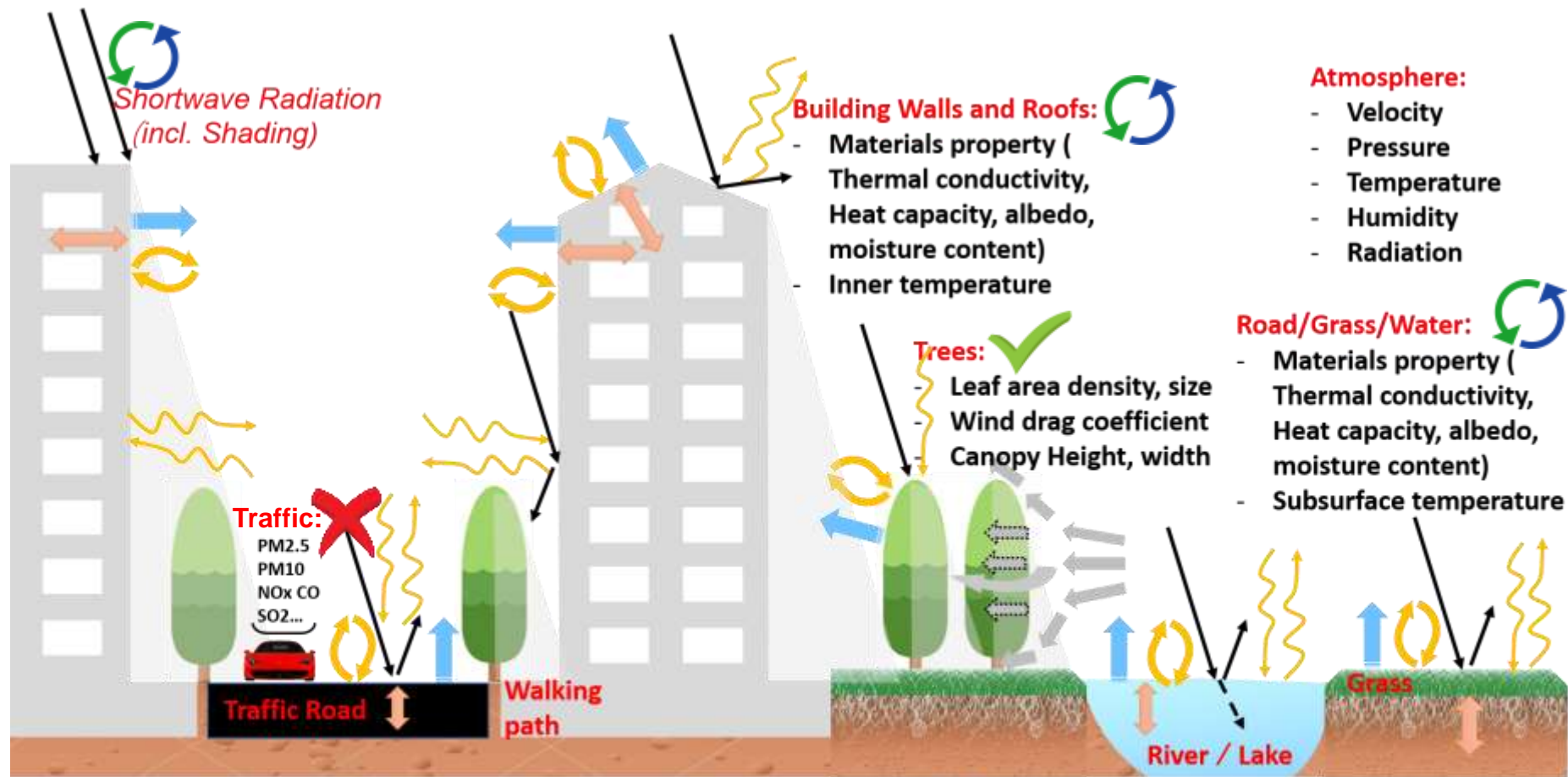
H=10.0m



Humidity



Summary: Processes in the development of Fluidity-Urban model



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Future Work

