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# URBAN ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ON CLIMATE

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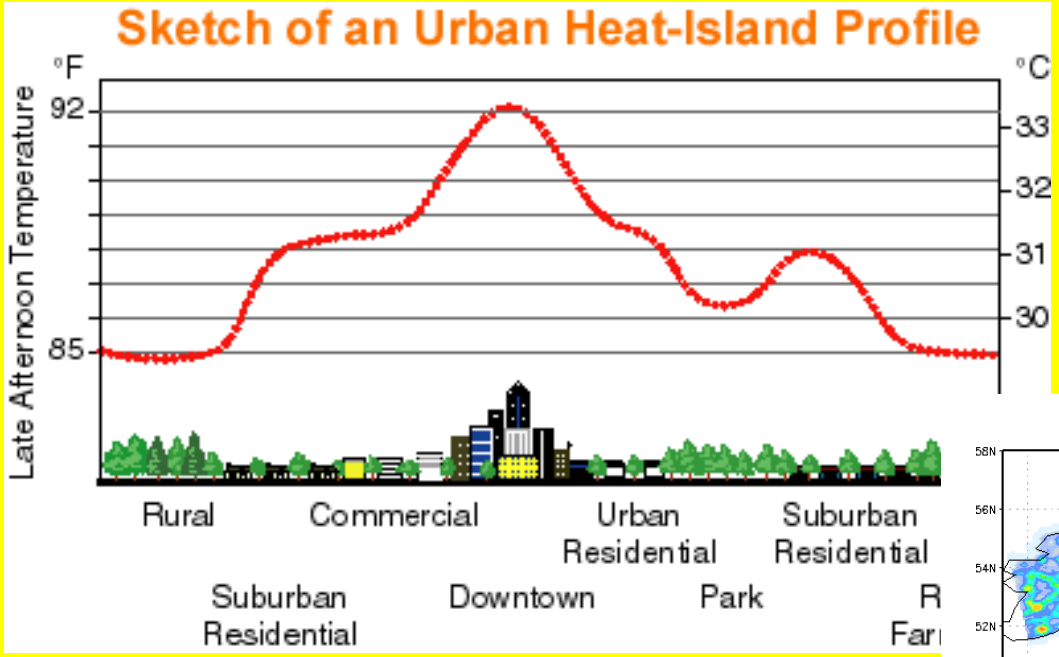
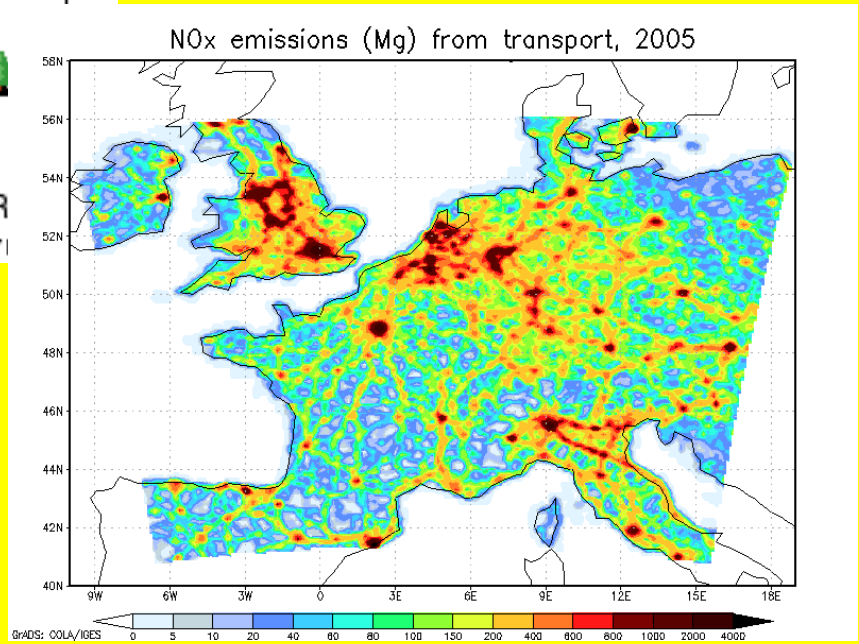
# Motivation




World:

- From 2009 - more than 50% of the world's population living in cities (UN, 2009),
- less than 0.1% of the Earth's surface
- About 64% in 2050




MEGAPOLI TNO NOx emissions [Mg], 2005 from transport (S7)

Europe:

- 2008 - 73% of the population in cities
- mid 21th century - 84%, representing a rise from 531 to 582 millions (UN, 2008)
- in the Czech Republic, a similar change from 73.5% to 83% is projected by the Czech Statistical Office.

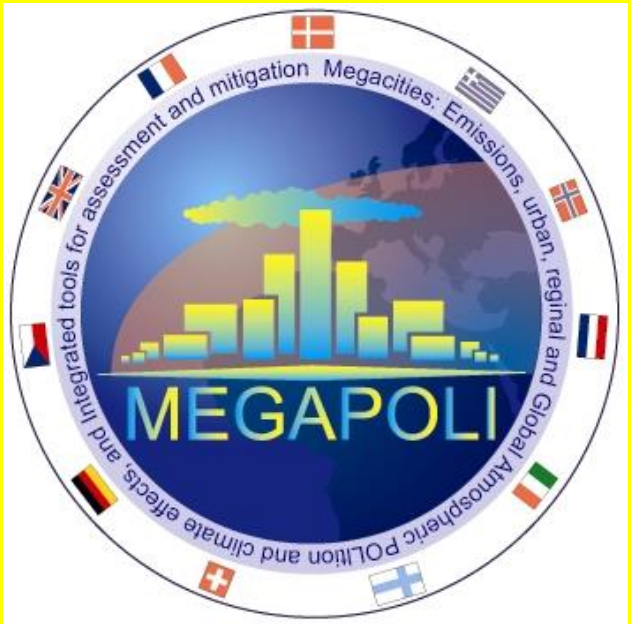
# MEGAPOLI Project

Objectives:

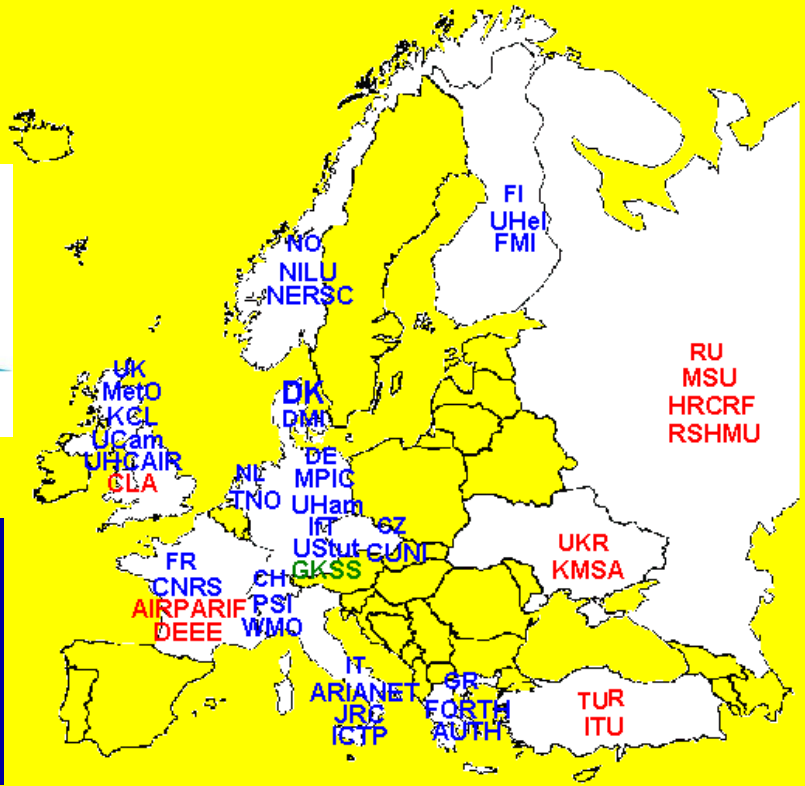
- to assess impacts of megacities and large air-pollution hot-spots on local, regional and global air quality,
- to quantify feedbacks among megacity air quality, local and regional climate, and global climate change,
- to develop improved integrated tools for prediction of air pollution in megacities

Duration: 1 October 2008 – 30 September 2011

Coordinator: DMI, Copenhagen, A. Baklanov







# UHI Project - Development and Application of Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies and Measures for Counteracting the Global Urban Heat Island Phenomenon

Within framework of EC Operation Programme Central Europe (3CE292P3)

18 partners, coordinated by ARPA, Italy (Paolo Lauriola)

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# The UHI project objectives

General objective - to call the transnational attention, as well as to trigger the elaboration of policies and practical actions, for the prevention, adaptation and mitigation of the natural and man-made risks, arising from the urban heat island phenomenon

In particular, the project is intended to:

- improve current land-use planning tools and civil management systems according to mitigation and adaptation strategies
- provide a deeper knowledge on the man-made risks of the UHIs and its interactions with global climate change
- establish a permanent transnational network for monitoring the phenomenon and its development
- set up suitable strategies for the mitigation of- and the adaptation to UHI

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# The UHI project pilot areas


8 of the most relevant metropolitan areas and Metropolitan European Growth Areas (MEGAs) of CE area

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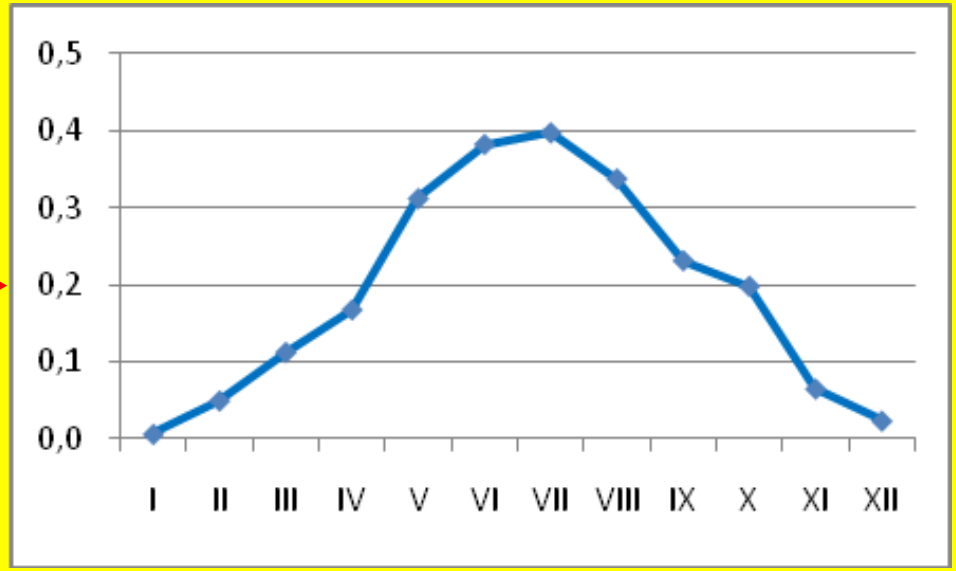
# Prague heat island

| *period* | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | IX | X | XI | XII | YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1961-2009 | 2,2 | 2,3 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,4 | 2,3 | 2,2 | 2,0 | 2,0 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,2 |
| 1961-1990 | 2,2 | 2,3 | 2,2 | 2,1 | 2,1 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,0 | 1,9 | 2,0 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,1 |
| 1991-2009 | 2,2 | 2,3 | 2,3 | 2,3 | 2,4 | 2,6 | 2,6 | 2,4 | 2,1 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,2 | 2,3 |
| Difference new - standard | 0,01 | 0,05 | 0,11 | 0,17 | 0,31 | 0,38 | 0,40 | 0,34 | 0,23 | 0,20 | 0,07 | 0,02 | 0,19 |




Klementinum
vs. Ruzyne

Pretel (2010)

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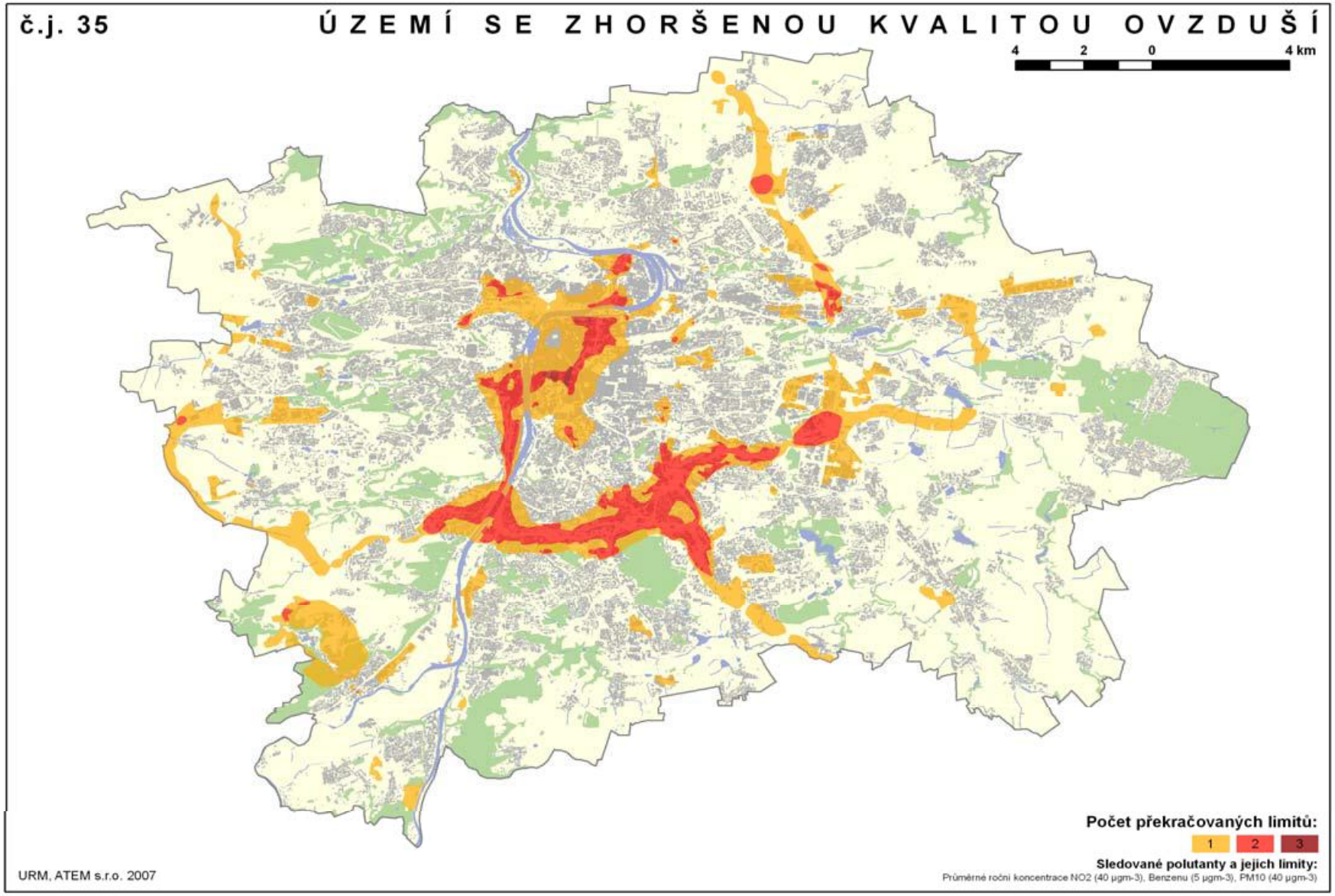
# Prague air quality



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# Models

## RegCM

- Regional Climate Model: Giorgi et al. (1993a,b), Giorgi et al. (1999), and Pal et al. (2005), Giorgi et al. (2012)
- Being developed in ICTP, http://gforge.ictp.it/gf/project/regcm/
- MM5 dynamical core
- 23 vertical σ-levels reaching up to 70hPa, with time step of 30 s, 10 km resolution.
- Surface scheme BATS by Dickinson et al. (1993)
- SUB-BATS (Giorgi et al 2003),
- **urbanisation of the parameterization**

## CAMx

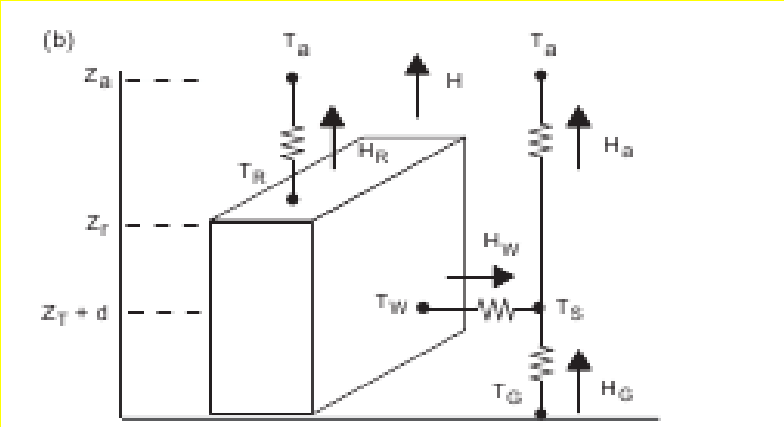
- Eulerian chemical transport model (ENVIRON Corp.)
- http://www.camx.com
- Meteorology from RegCM
- Chemistry schemes:  CB-IV+Aerosols
- IC  – clean conditions (background)
- BC – provided by 50km x 50km runs
- Emissions – EMEP (Europe, 50km) via TNO emission (10km) or local databases, biogenic emissions of isoprene and monoterpenes by the model

## CLWRF, WRF-Chem - urbanization

# Urban canopy parameterization in RegCM4

- SLUCM – Single Layer Urban Canopy Model
- Kusaka et al. (2001), as implemented into WRF (Chen et al. 2010)

**Energy fluxes and temperatures in the street canyon:**




from Kusaka and Kimura (2004)

$T_a$ - air temperature at reference height $z_a$
$T_R$ - building roof temperature
$T_W$ - building wall temperature
$T_G$ - the road temperature
$T_S$ - temperature defined at $z_T$+ d.
H - the sensible heat exchange at the reference height.
$H_a$ is the sensible heat flux from the canyon space to the atmosphere
$H_W$ - from wall to the canyon space
$H_G$ - from road to the canyon space
$H_R$ - from roof to the atmosphere

# Single Layer Urban Canopy Model

- Urban geometry - infinitely-long street canyons
- In a street canyon - shadowing, reflections, and trapping of radiation are considered
- Exponential wind profile is prescribed
- Prognostic variables: surface skin temperatures at the roof, wall, and road (calculated from the surface energy budget) and temperature profiles within roof, wall and road layers (calculated from the thermal conduction equation).
- Monin-Obuchov similarity theory for surface heat fluxes from each surface
- Canyon drag coefficient and friction velocity is computed using a similarity stability function for momentum.

# Implementation into RegCM4 (RegCM4/SLUCM)

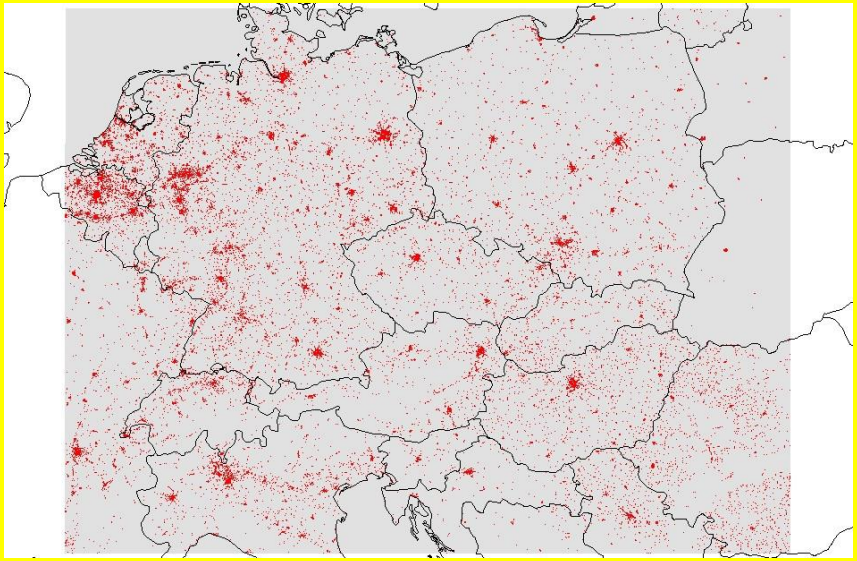
- Coupled online trough the RegCM's surface model BATS with subgrid surface treatment
- Two “urban” landuse categories defined “urban”/”suburban” - landuse created from Corine and GLC2000 (where Corine is not available) database
- SLUCM is called by BATS when it finds subgrid boxes with “urban”/”suburban” cover. The BATS fluxes and large scale meteorological fields are passed to SLUCM
- SLUCM returns the total sensible heat flux from the roof/wall/road to BATS, as well as the total momentum flux
- The total friction velocity is aggregated from urban and non-urban surfaces and passed to RegCM's boundary layer scheme.
- Urban parameters (street canyon width, average building height, roof area, artificial heat) estimated for Prague – sensitivity tests are being run.

# RegCM4/SLUCM tests and selected results

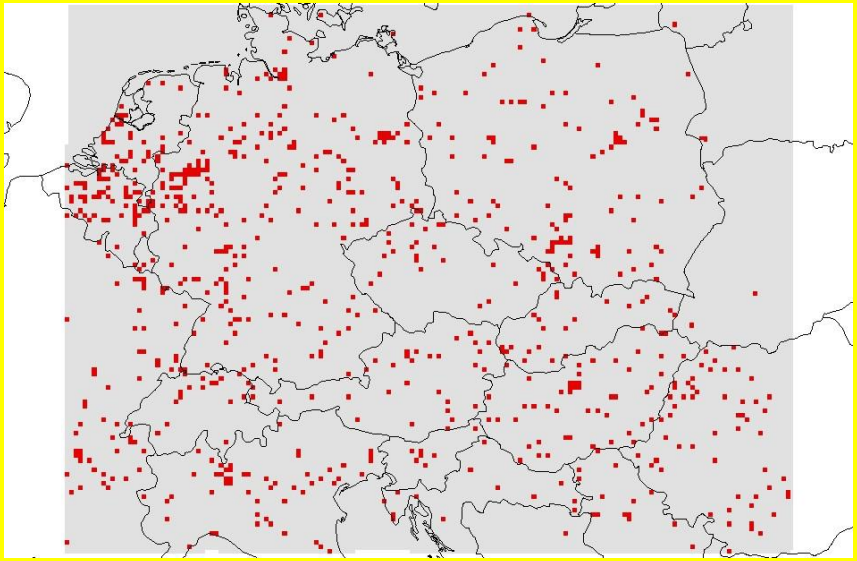
- Eurpean domain – 10 km x 10 km (160 x 120), for BATS, 1 km x 1 km is used for SUB-BATS.
- Runs
  - NOURBAN – the run without urban canopy treatment (no urbane surface categories recognized)
  - SLUCM – run using the new SLUCM model.
- Summer impact on temperature and specific humidity at 2m, on PBL height and wind velocity studied
- 90% statistical significance in shaded areas

# Urban land use categories

**SUB-BATS, 1 km resolution**

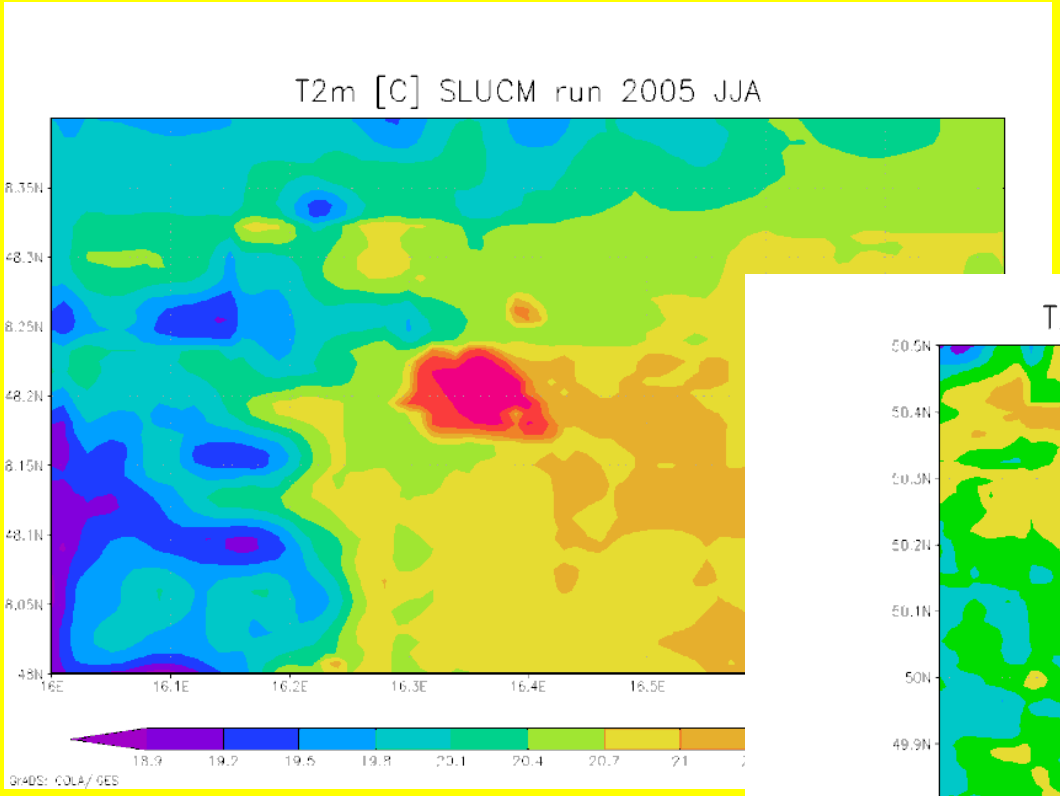


**BATS, 10 km resolution**

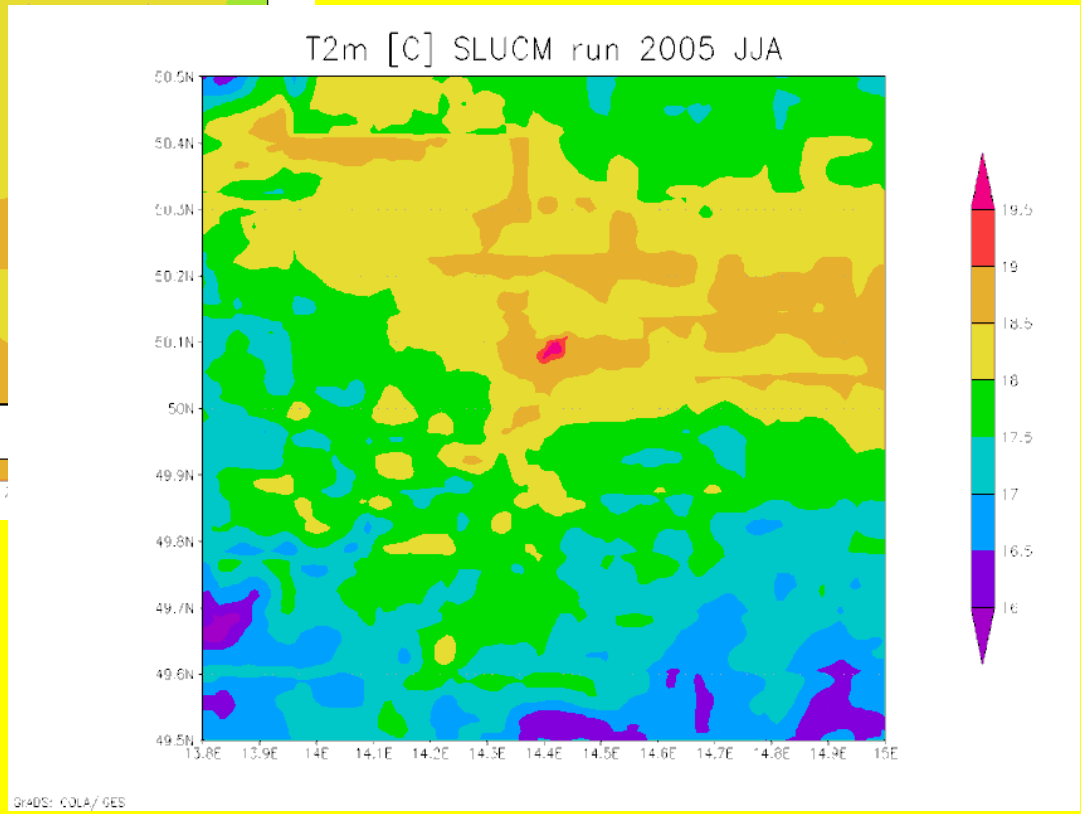


# Urban heat island

## Vienna




## Prague



# Climate change Central Europe, RegCM4/CNRM - TEMP

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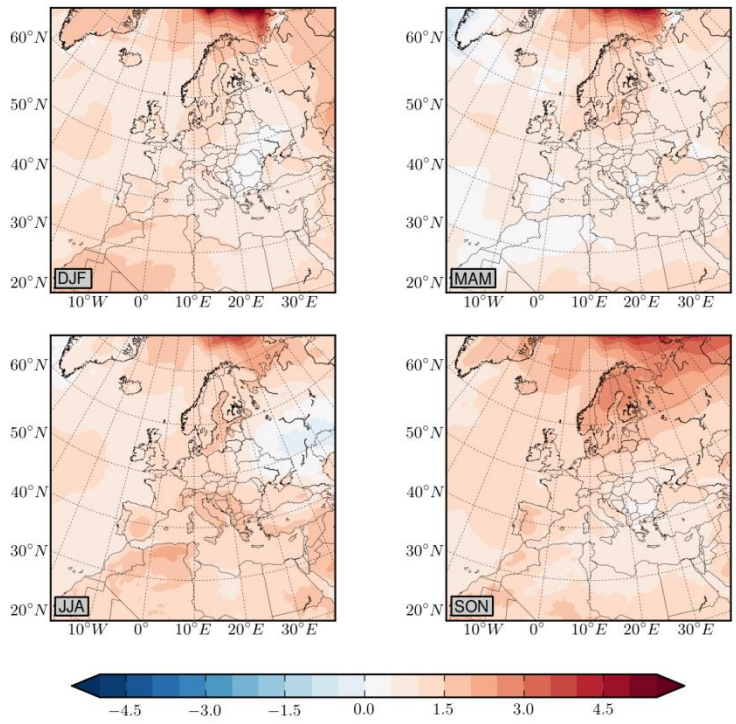


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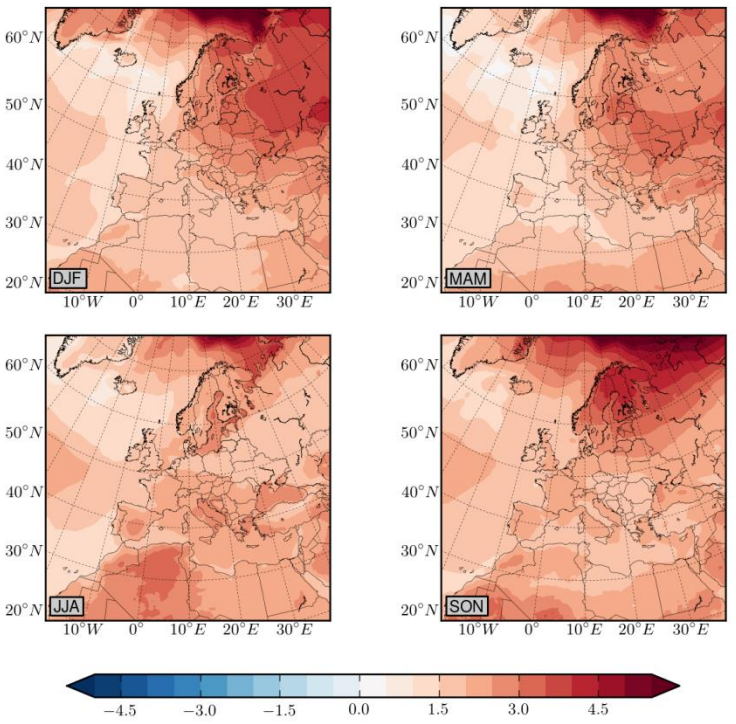


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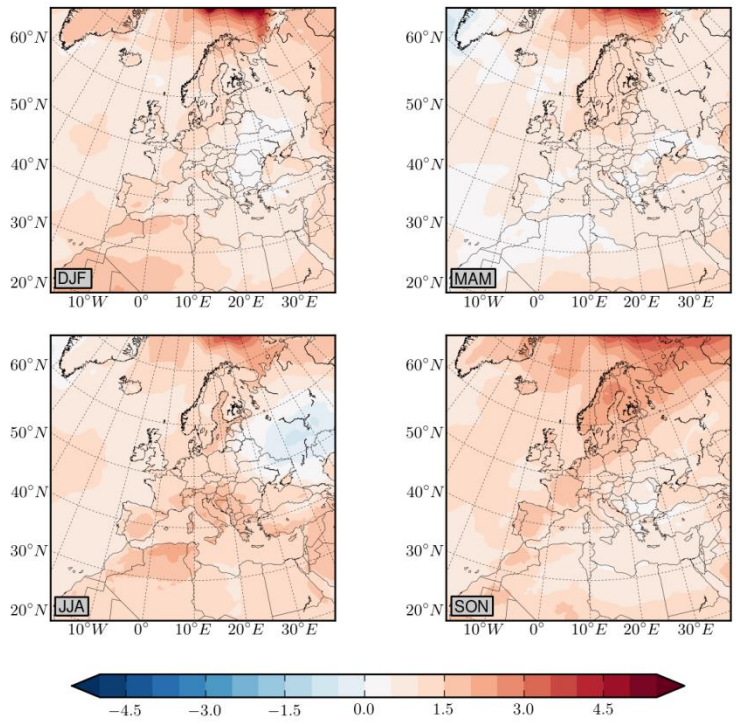


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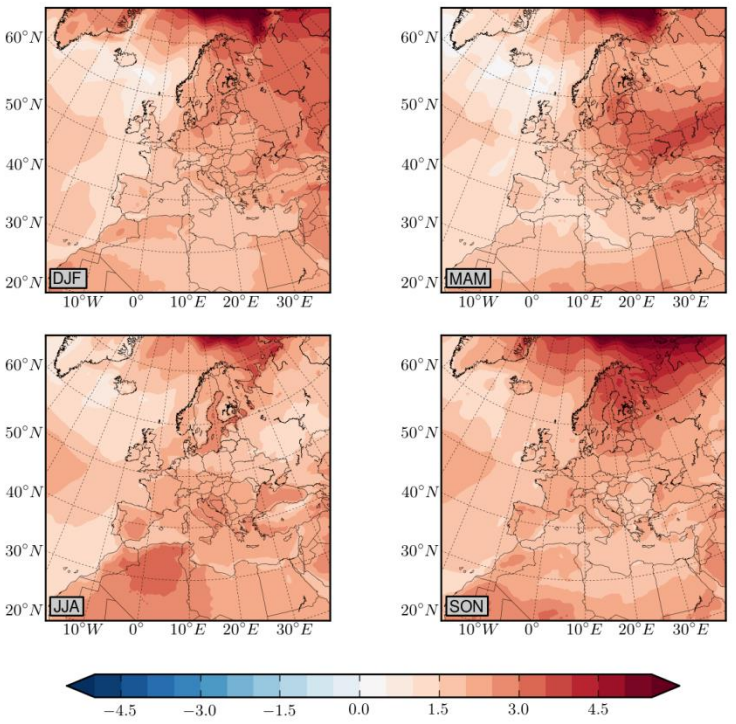


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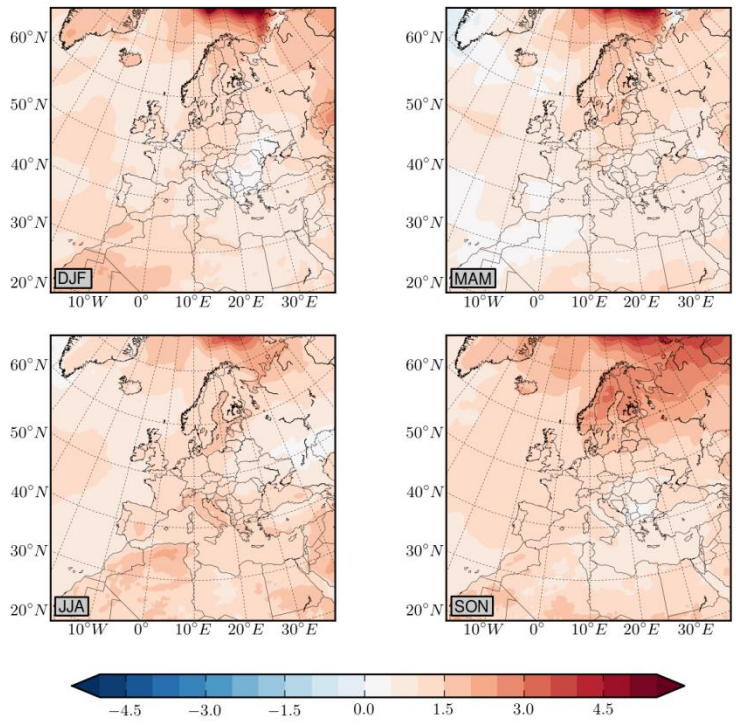


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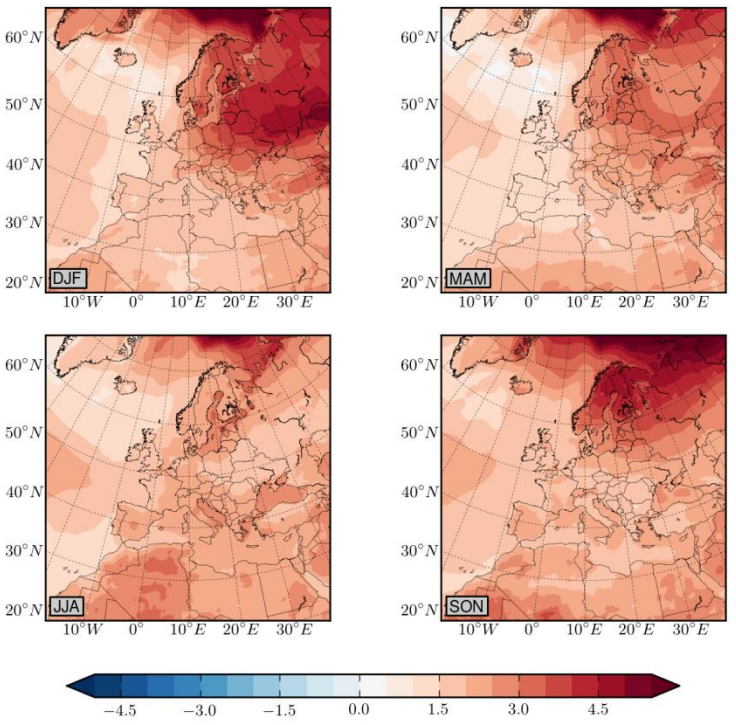


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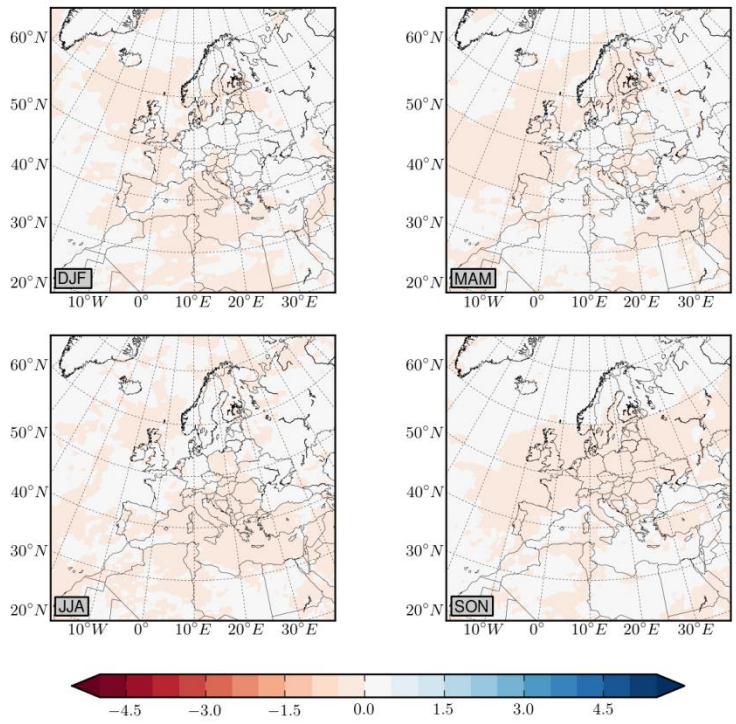


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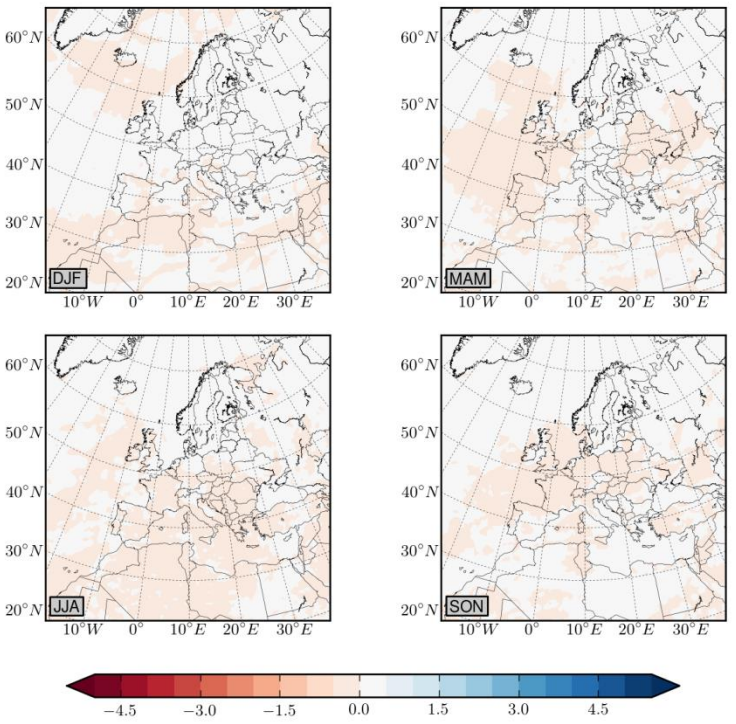


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# Conclusions

- Urban surfaces have significant impact on the meteorological conditions and climate in Central Europe
- Urban heat island effect clearly identified, mainly during summer and nightime
- Significant effect of small urban units or areas, in highly populated urbanized areas like in Europe, it could affect the explanation of temperature increase under global warming, supposing the rapid development of the urbanization in the regions
- Impact on the surface concentration of ozone and Nox

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