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In the Cool of the Day: The role of urban forests in improving microclimate and reducing the heat island effect

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Addressing interactions between landcover and urban heat at local and regional scales

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Statewide Tree Planting Programs to Combat Urban Heat

Baltimore's Heat Islands Are a Problem, but New Tree Planting Efforts Could Help

Volunteers and staff with Baltimore Tree Trust planted 18 trees at Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School in Baltimore.
BALTIMORE TREE TRUST

LA needs 90,000 trees to battle extreme heat. Will residents step up to plant them?

by Jaimie Ding

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Mayor Regina Romero says new trees will help cool the fast-warming city.

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Nationwide Tree Planting Program to Combat Urban Heat

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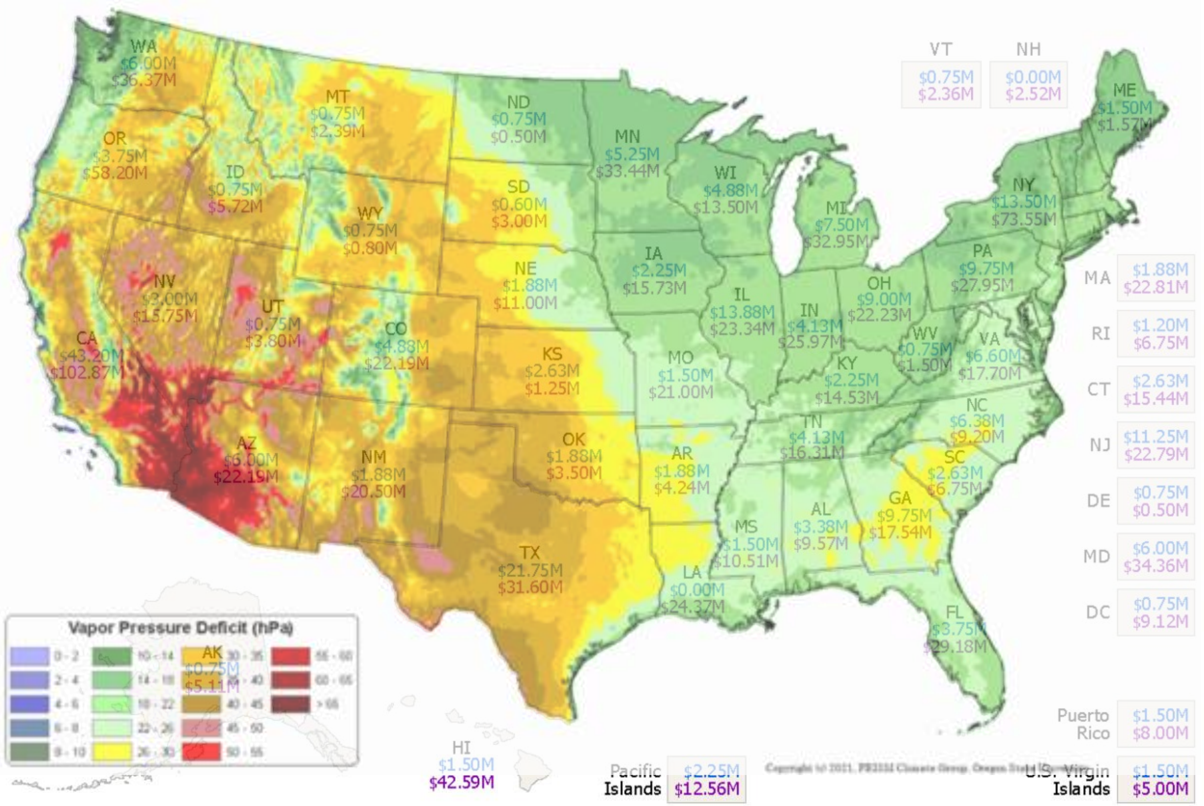
The USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program awarded more than $1 billion to fund projects that support urban communities through equitable access to trees and the benefits they provide. The funding was made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act.

Urban and Community Forestry FY 2023 IRA Grant Allocations in Millions of Dollars



FY 2023 IRA State Allocation - $250 Million Total
FY 2023 IRA Notice of Funding Opportunity Grants - $1.13 Billion Total

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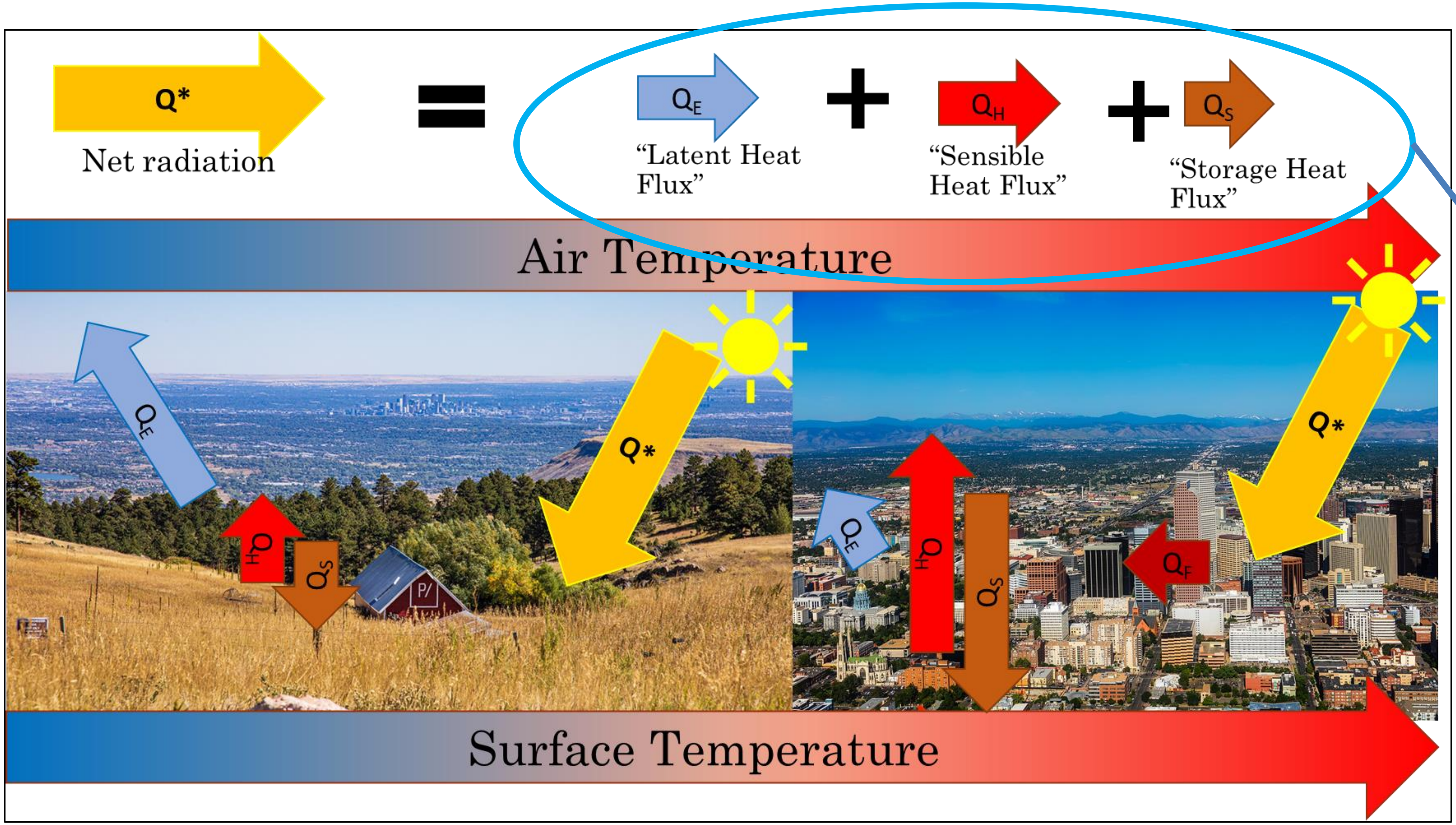
Land Cover and Heat Mitigation Can Be Dependent of Regional Climate



Climate underlies the biophysical mechanisms relating urban vegetation to cooling

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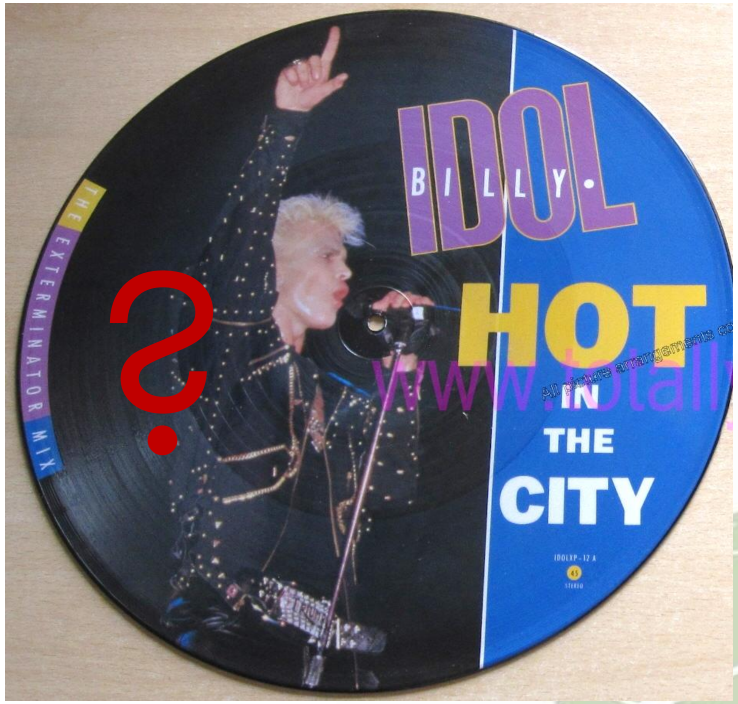
USGS Climate Research and Development Program Urban Heat Study – Research Questions

1. How do highly heterogenous land covers influence daytime and nighttime urban temperatures?
2. Does the influence of urban land cover on urban heat vary in different regional climates?
3. Does the relative influence of urban land cover on air temperature vary during heat waves?
4. How does urban land covers' heat mitigating properties affect urban residents?



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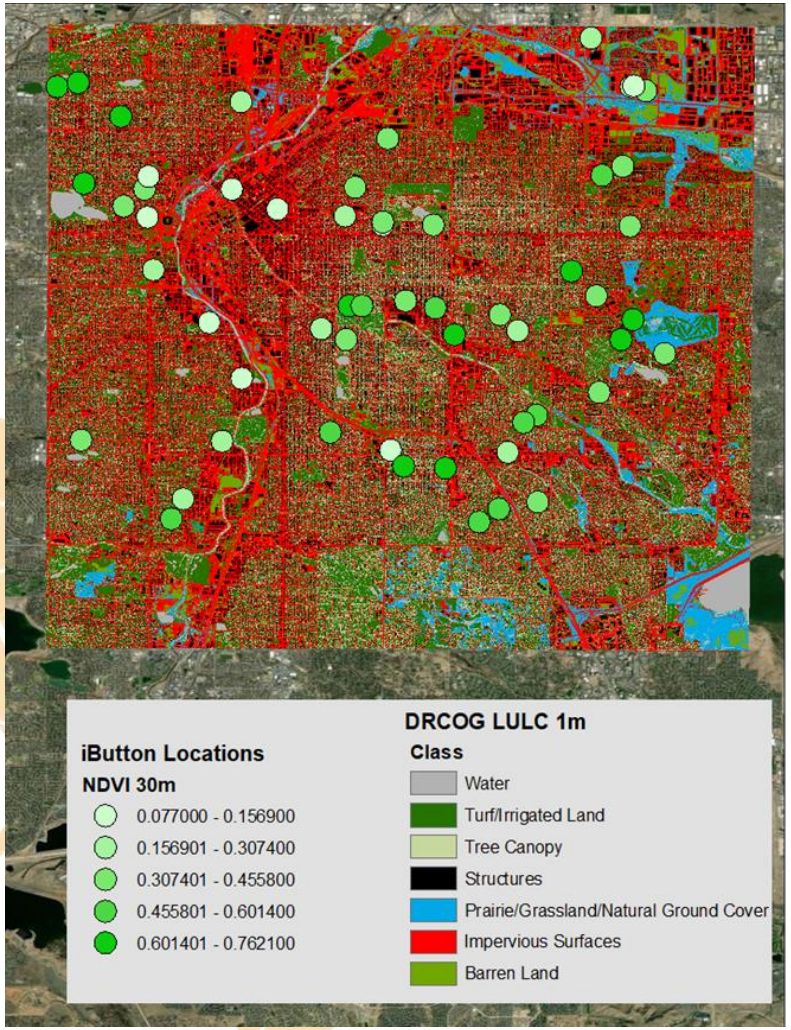

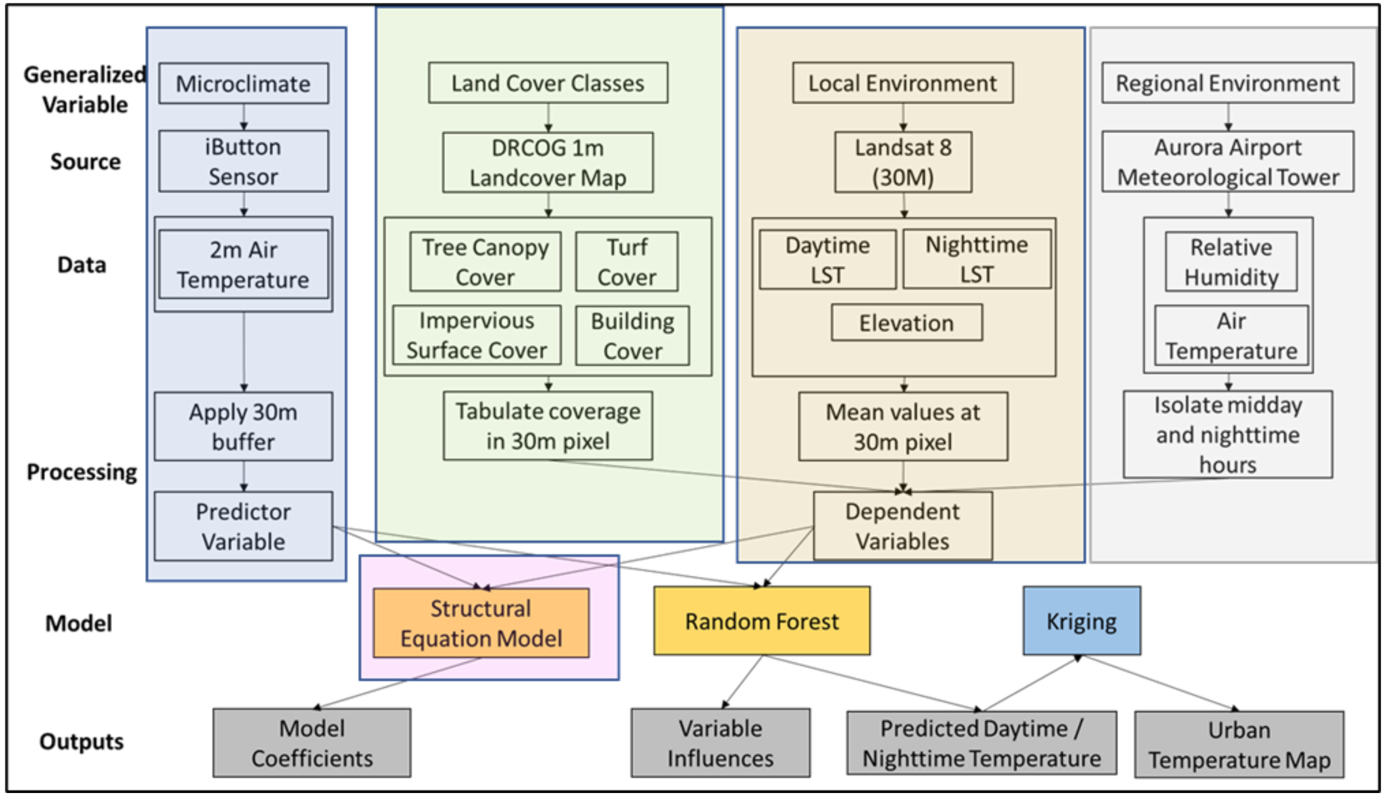

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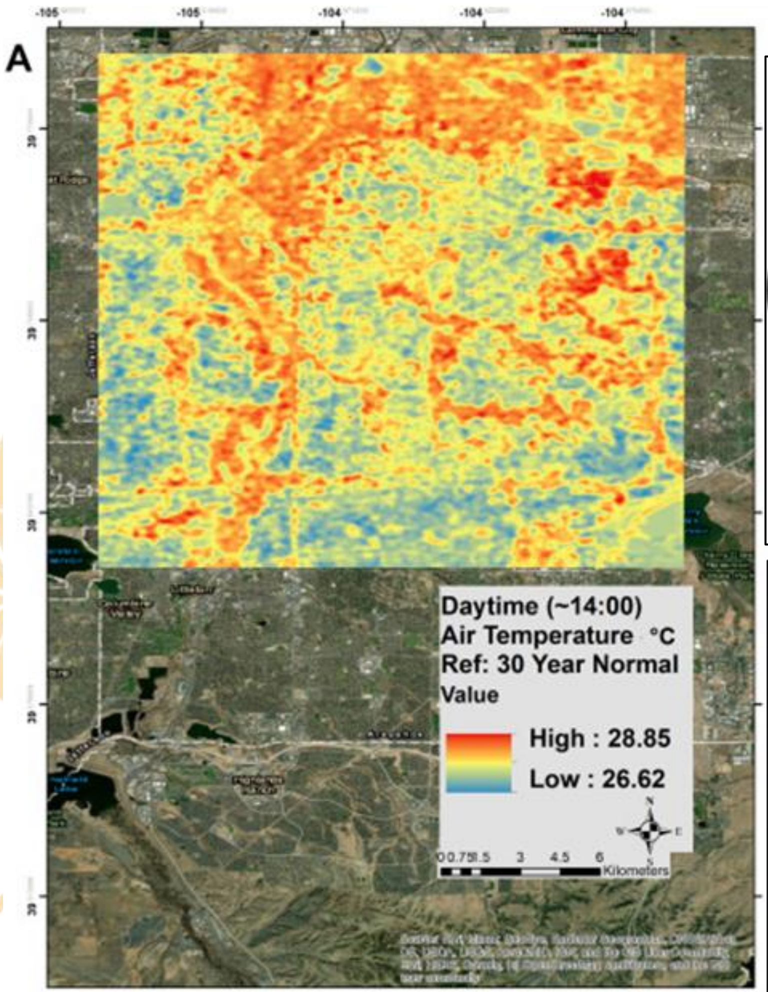

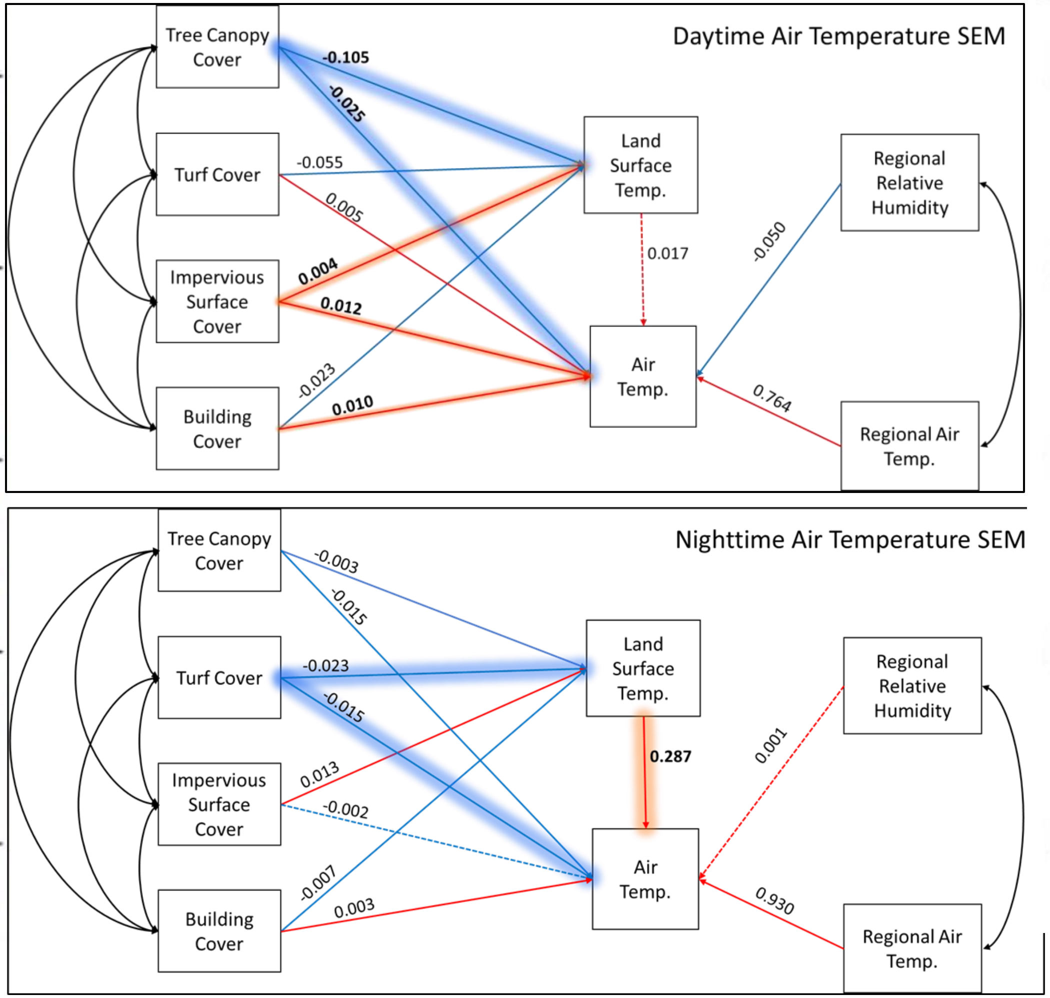

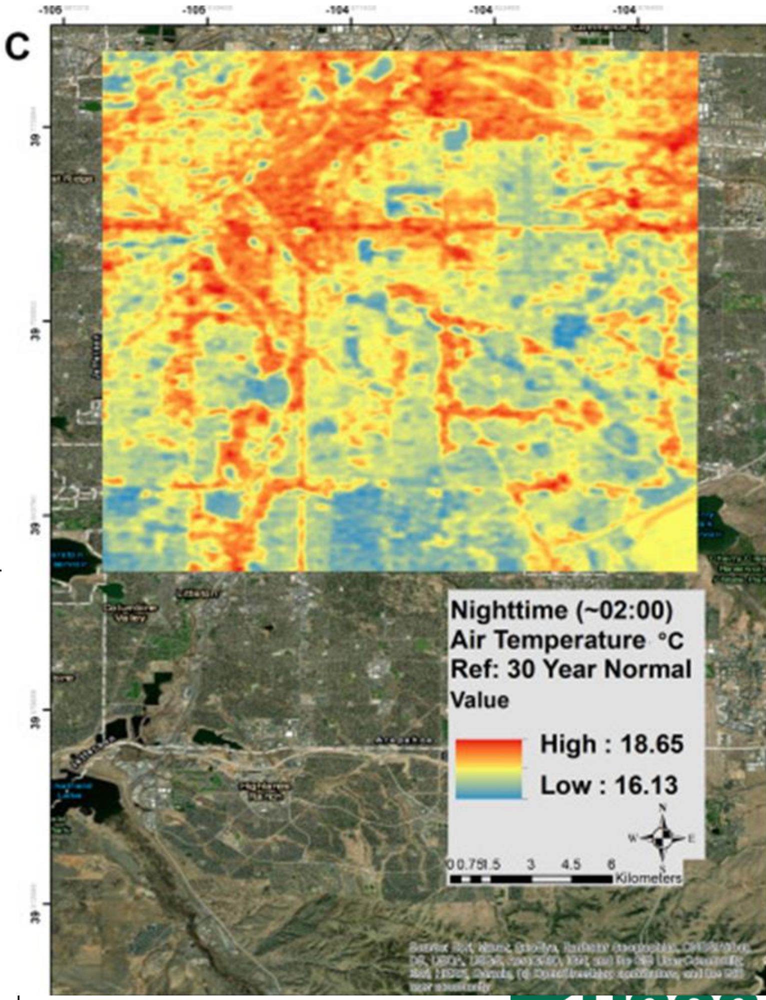

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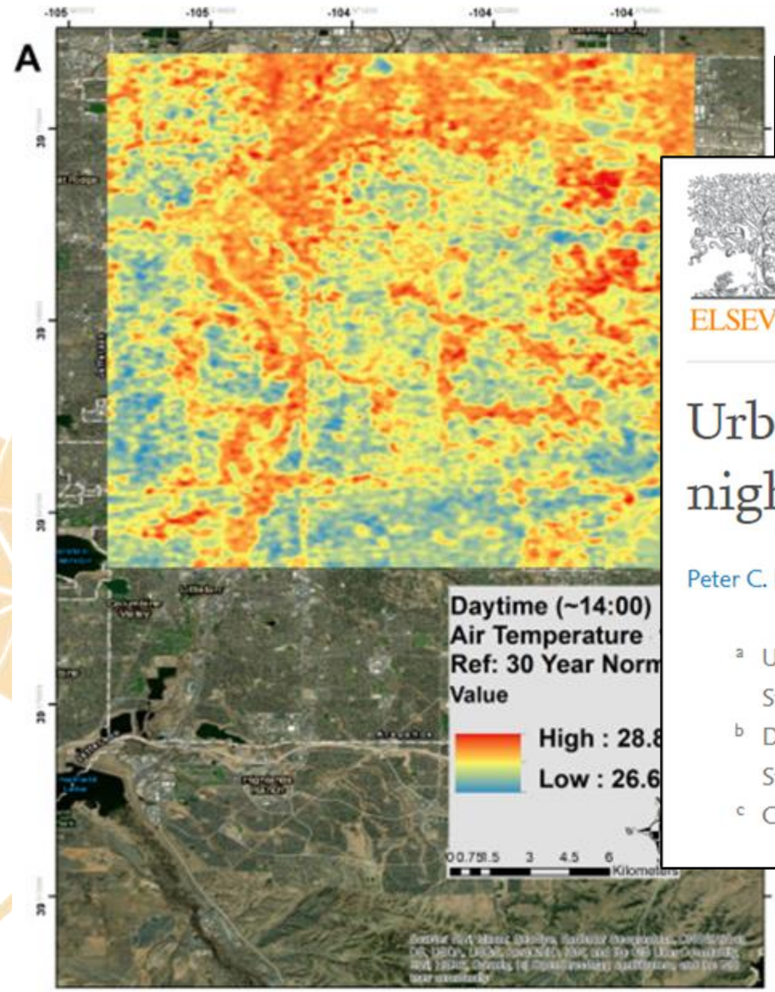

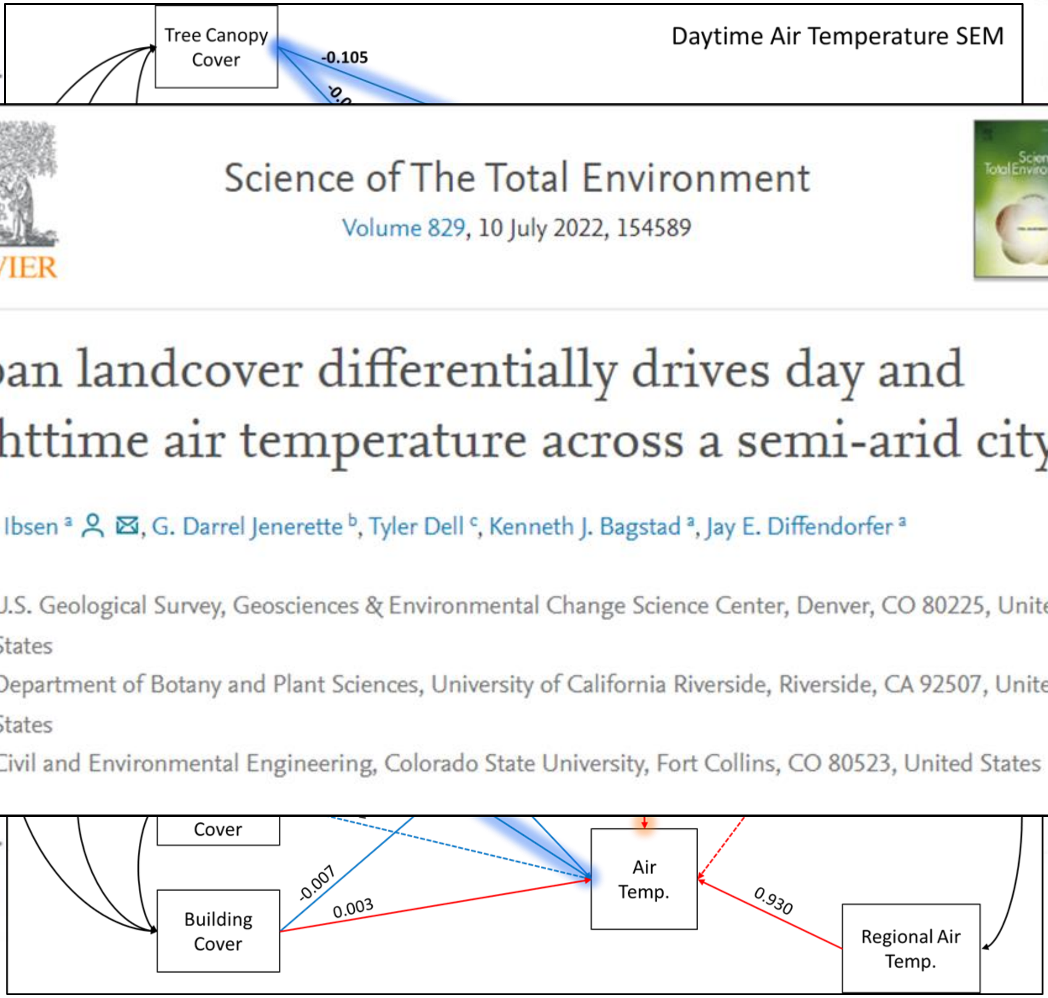

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Urban landcover differentially drives day and nighttime air temperature across a semi-arid city

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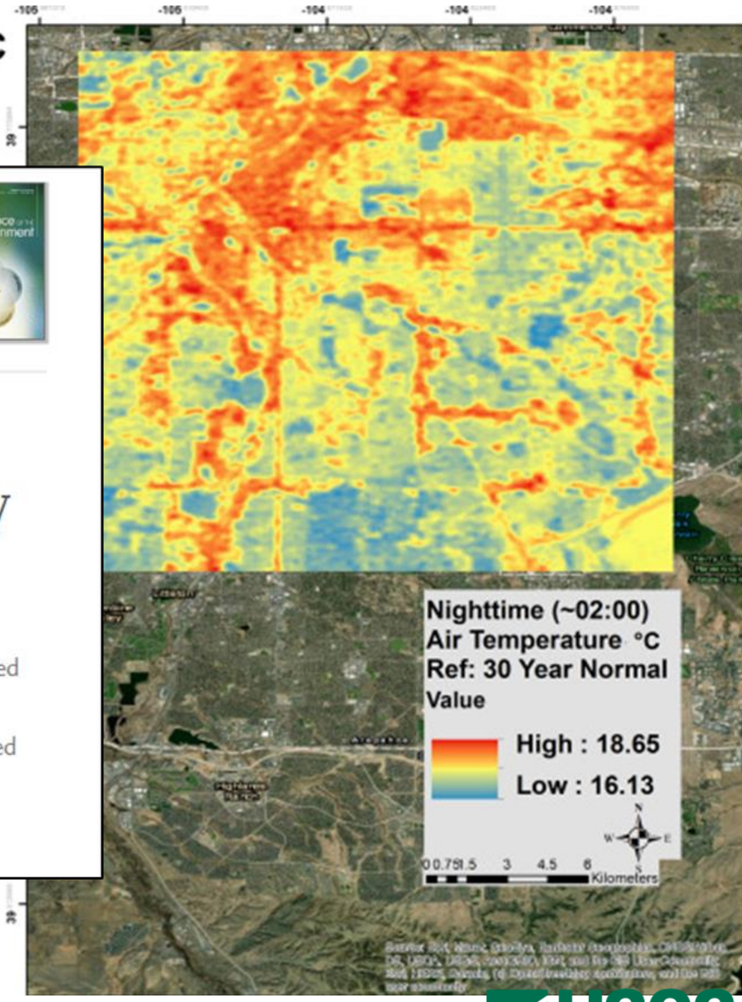

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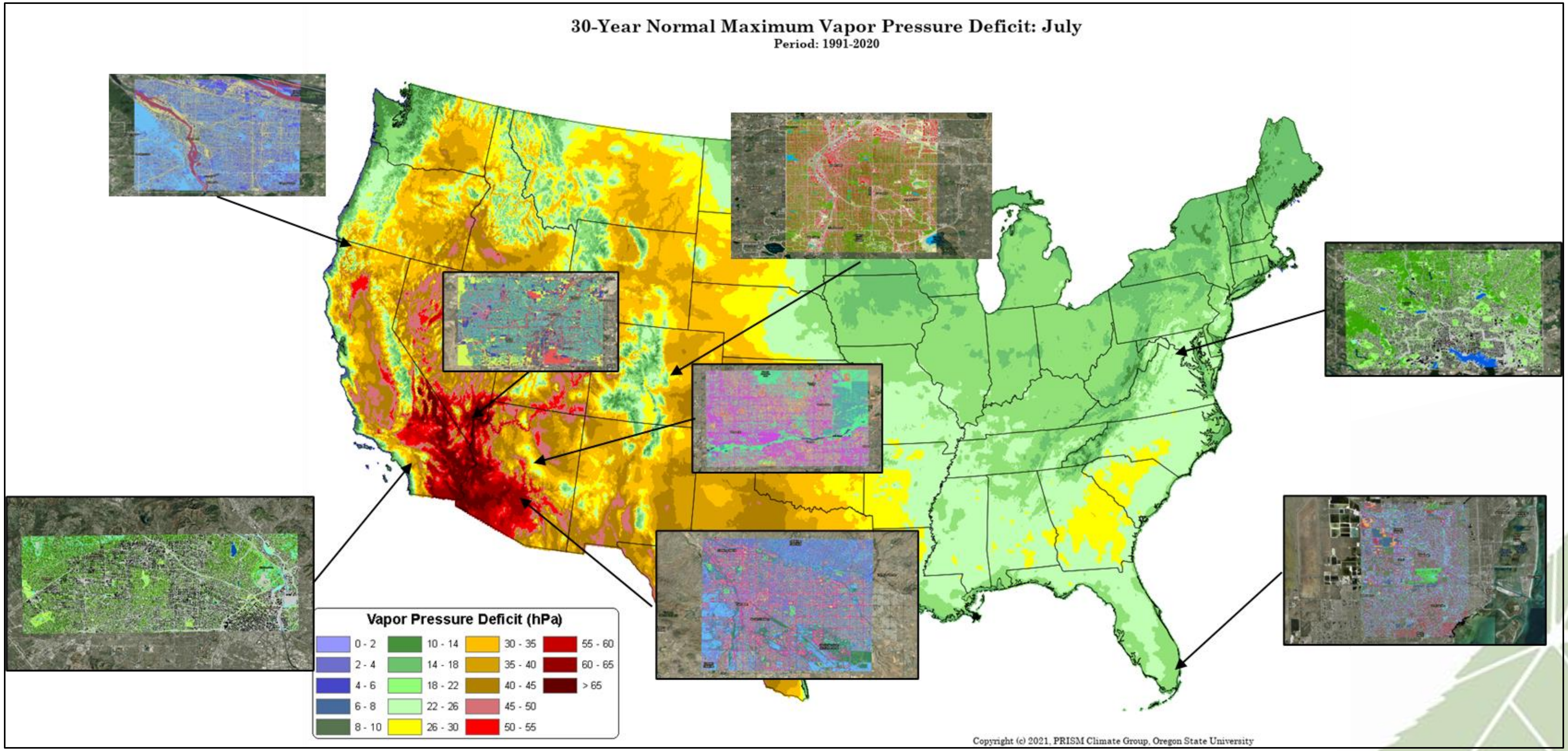

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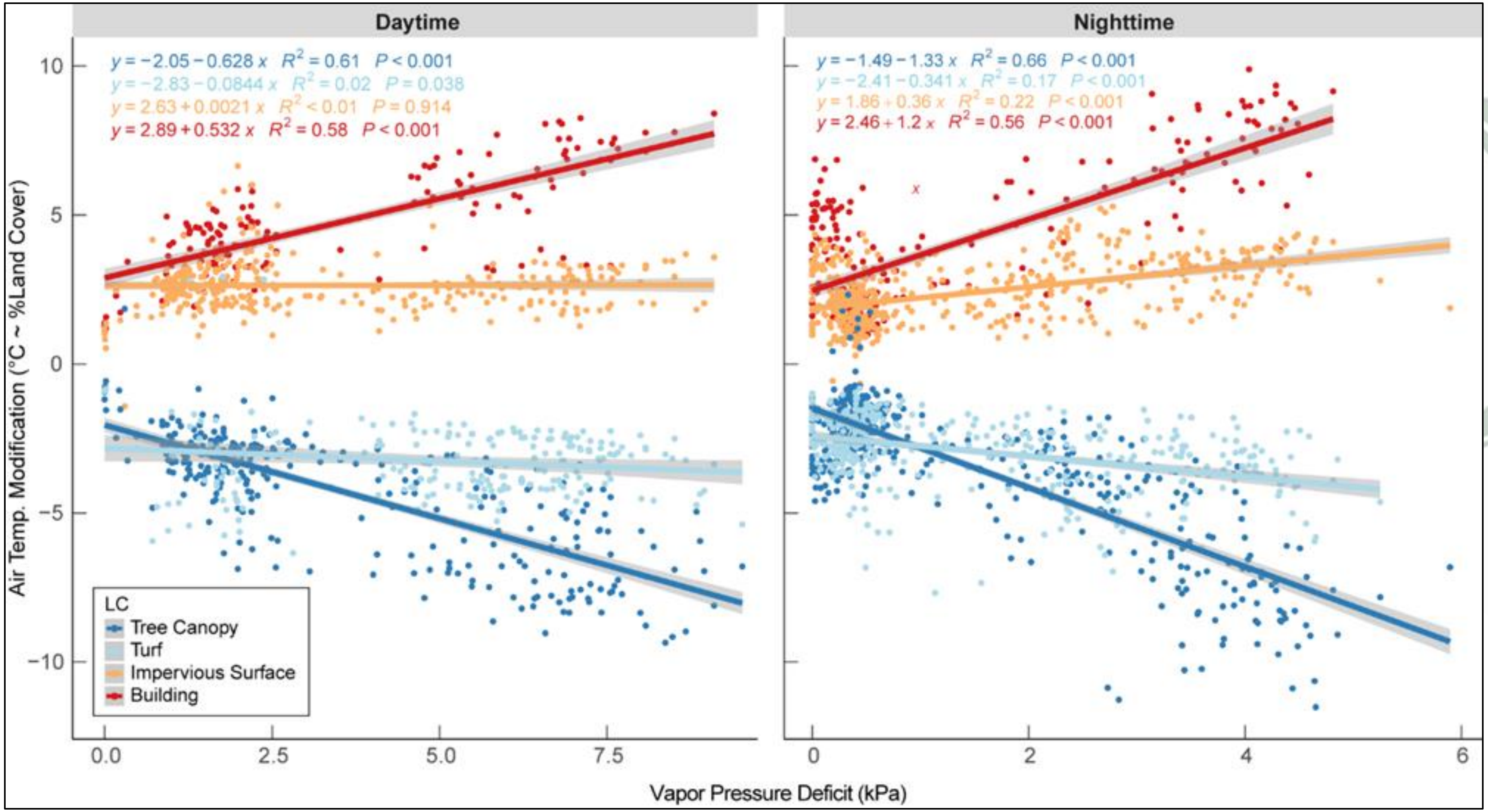

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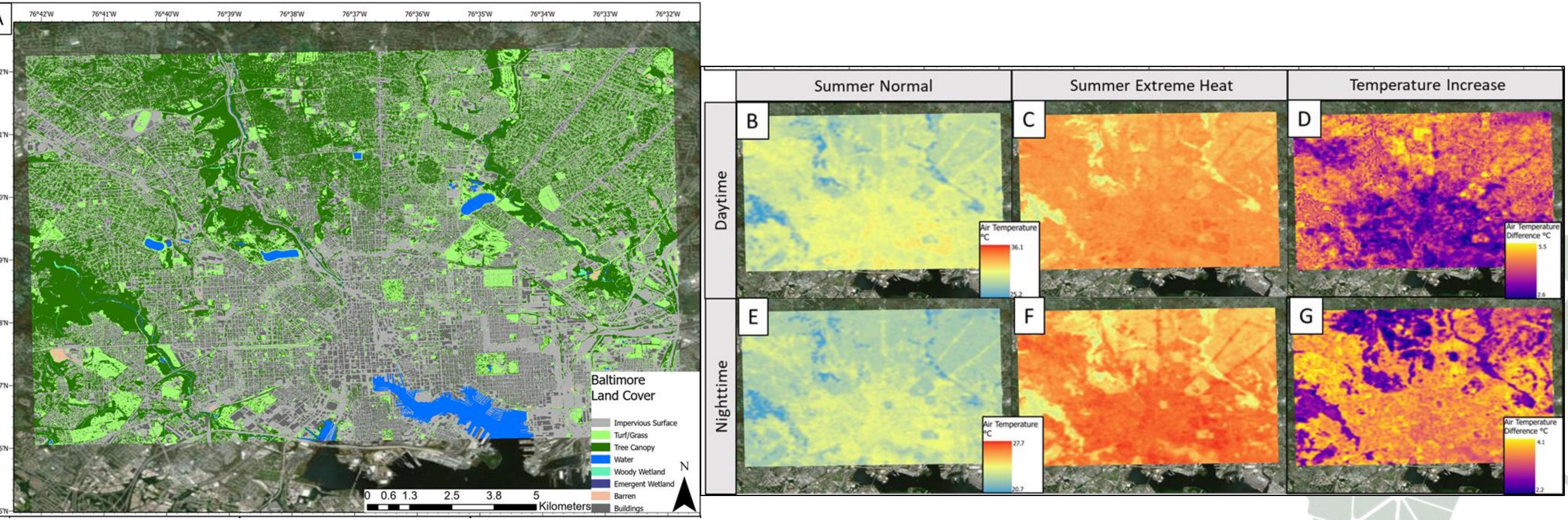

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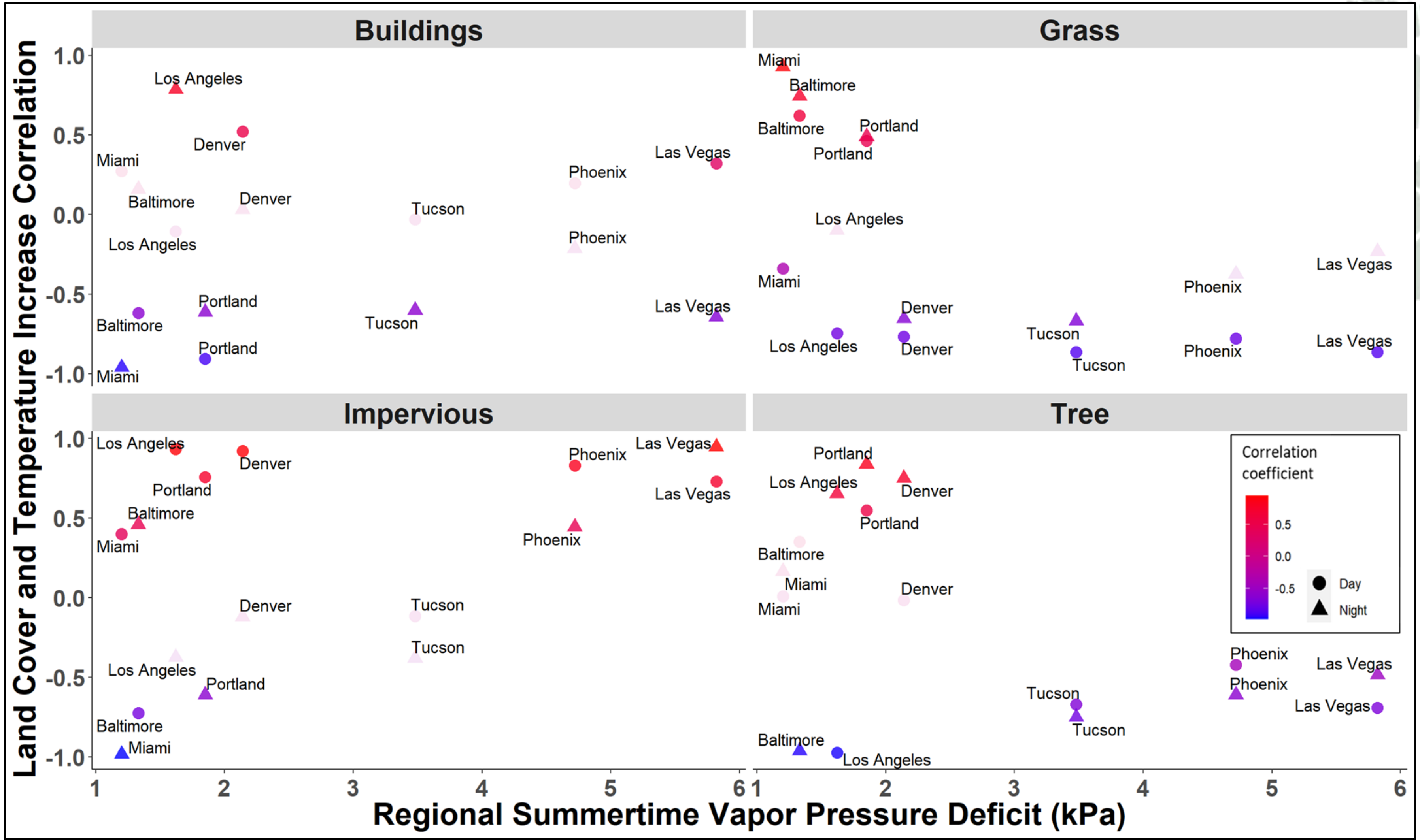
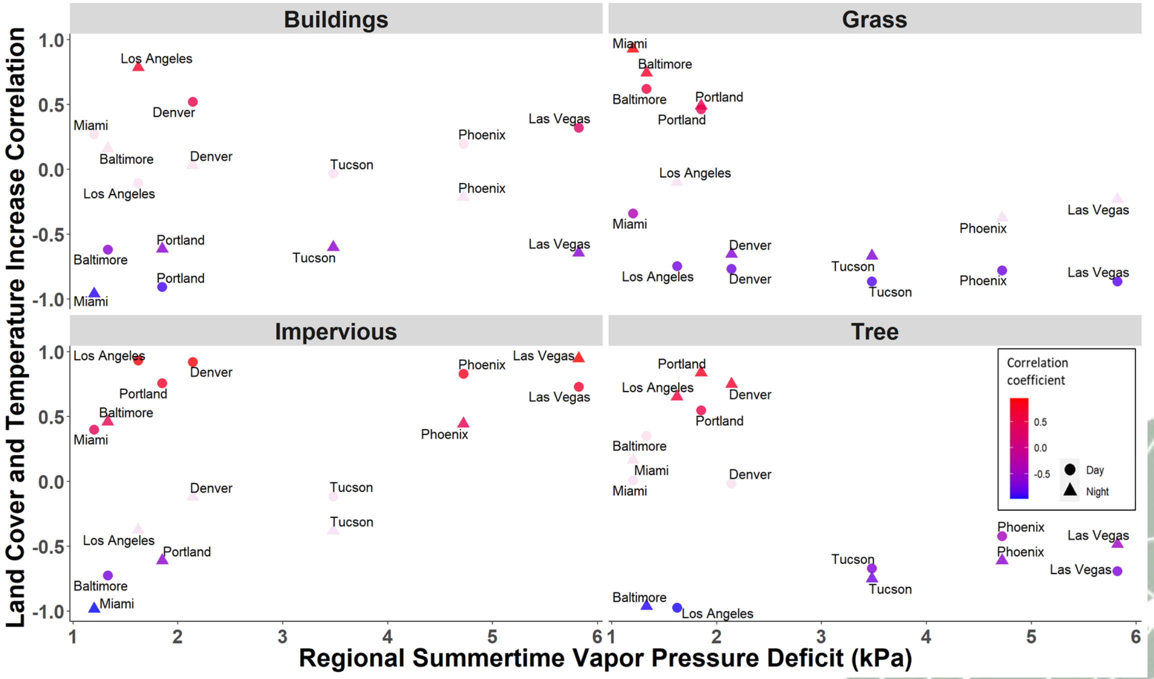


USGS Climate Research and Development Program Urban Heat Study – City & Nationwide Scale

Main Takeaways

- Vegetation-derived cooling ecosystem services have a significant interaction with regional climate
- Hotter/Drier cities experience greater vegetation-derived cooling benefits – Primarily driven by tree canopy
- Buildings' effect on urban warming also scales with regional heat/aridity
- During heatwaves, vegetation in arid cities consistently increases cooling potential, while land use in more humid cities responds variably to heat waves, which can inform city-specific heat mitigation planning



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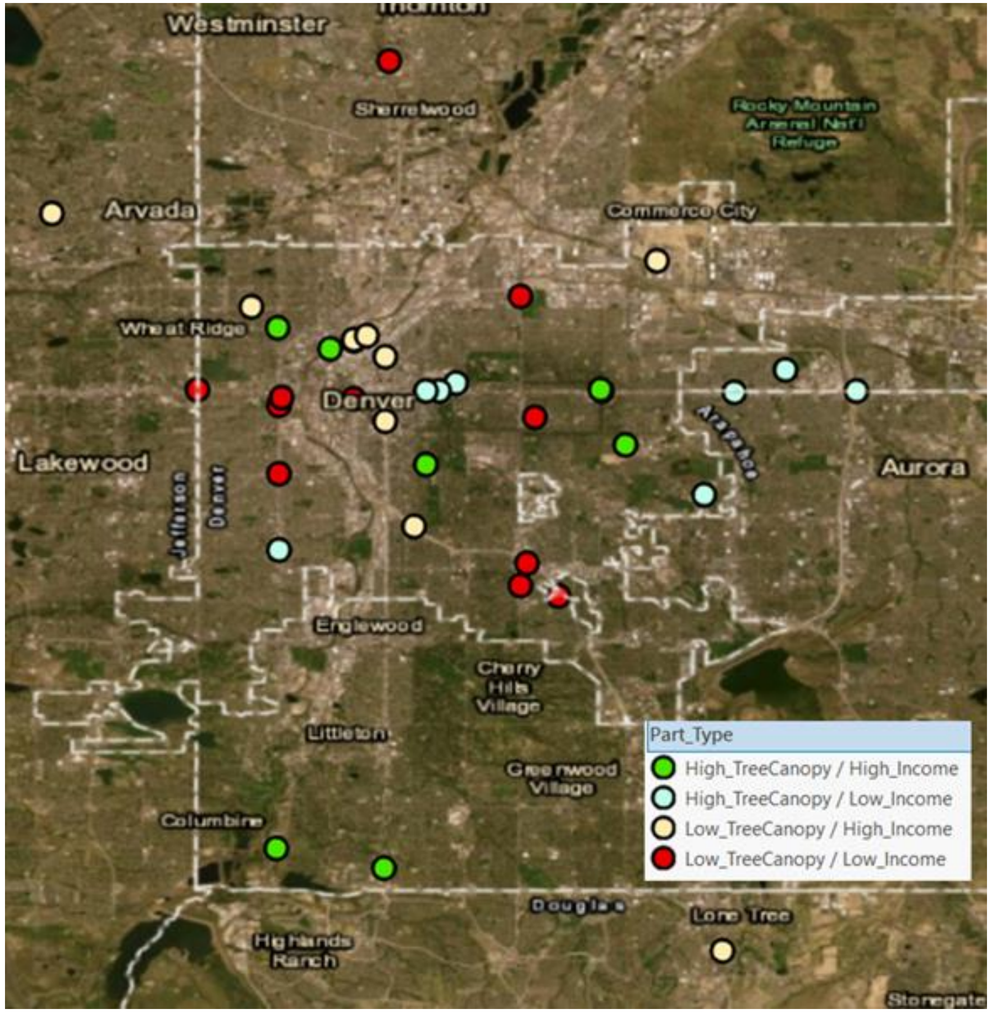

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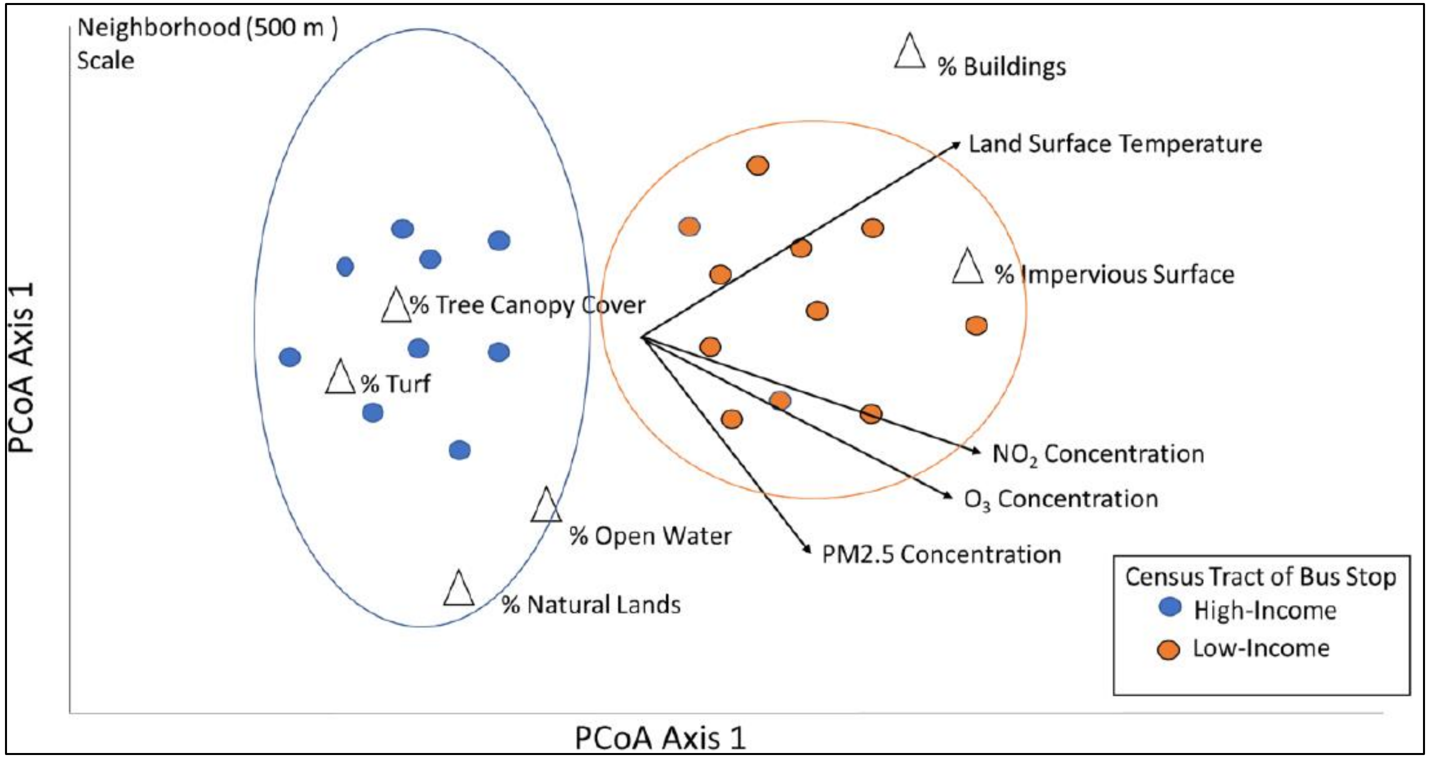

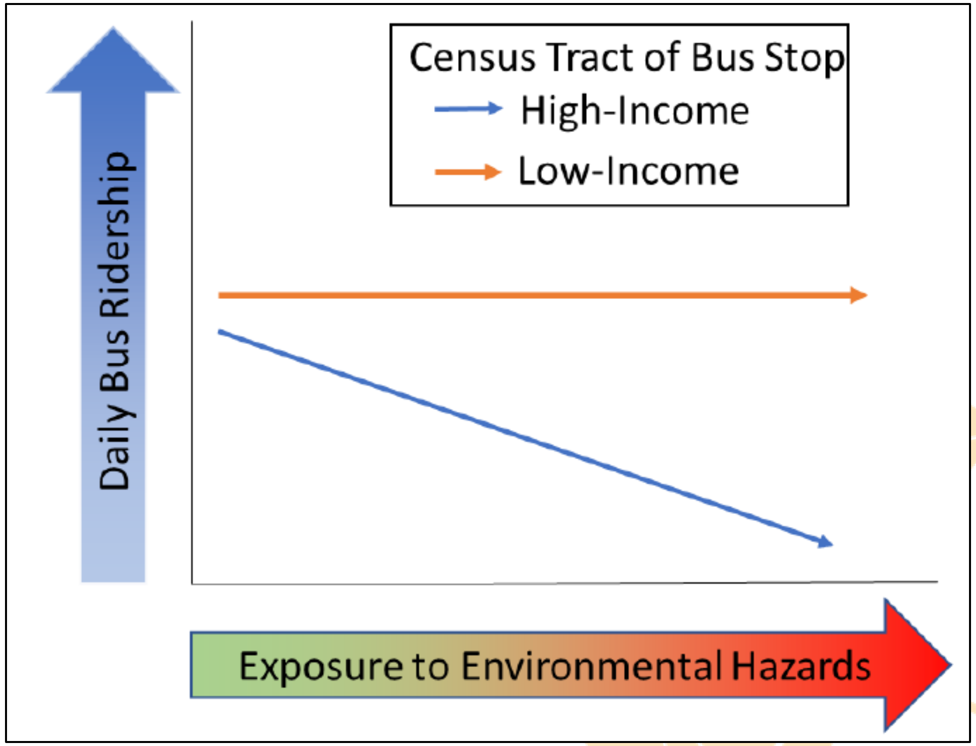

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Greener & Cooler. Earth observation and AI to check the performance of Urban Forest in contrasting heat islands

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Fabio Salbitano, Mondanelli, L., Francini, S., Cocozza, C., Chirici, G., Clementini, C., Marchetti, M., Manaresi, M., Speak, A.F.

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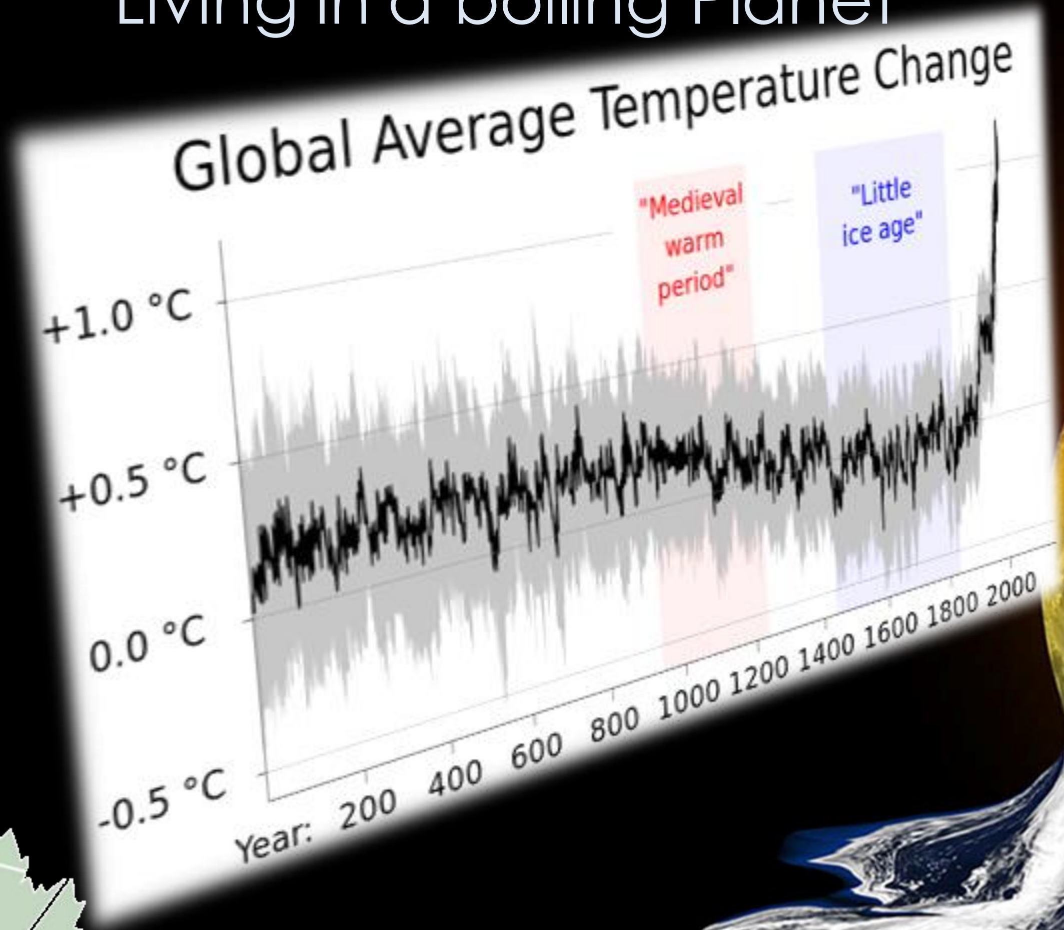
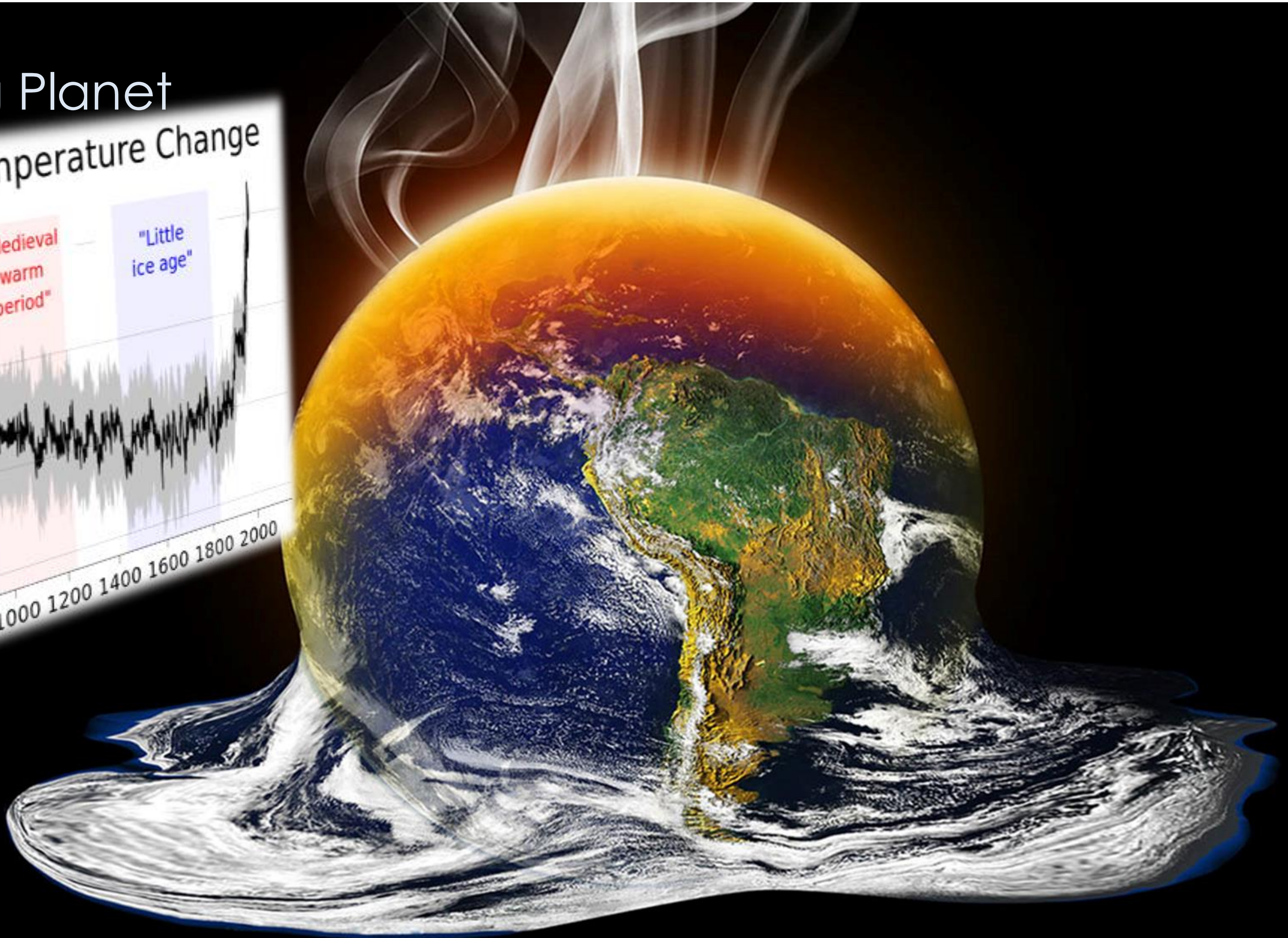
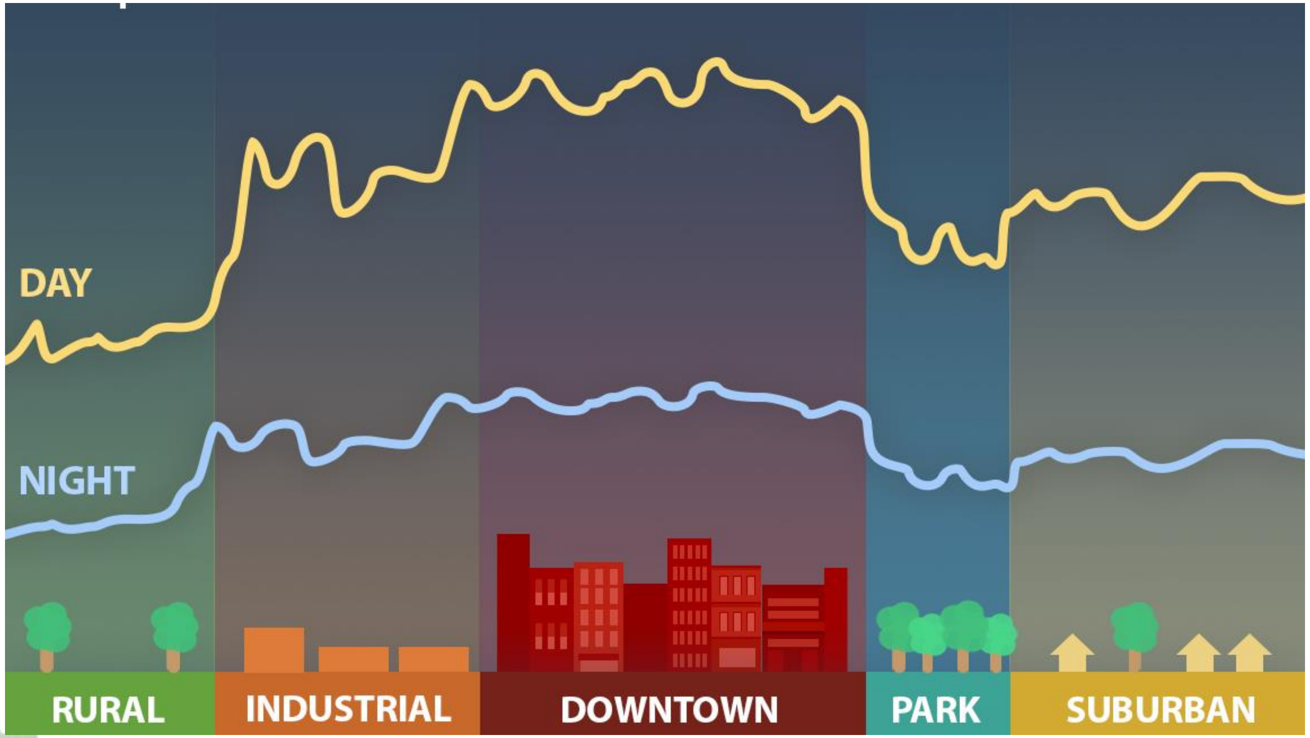
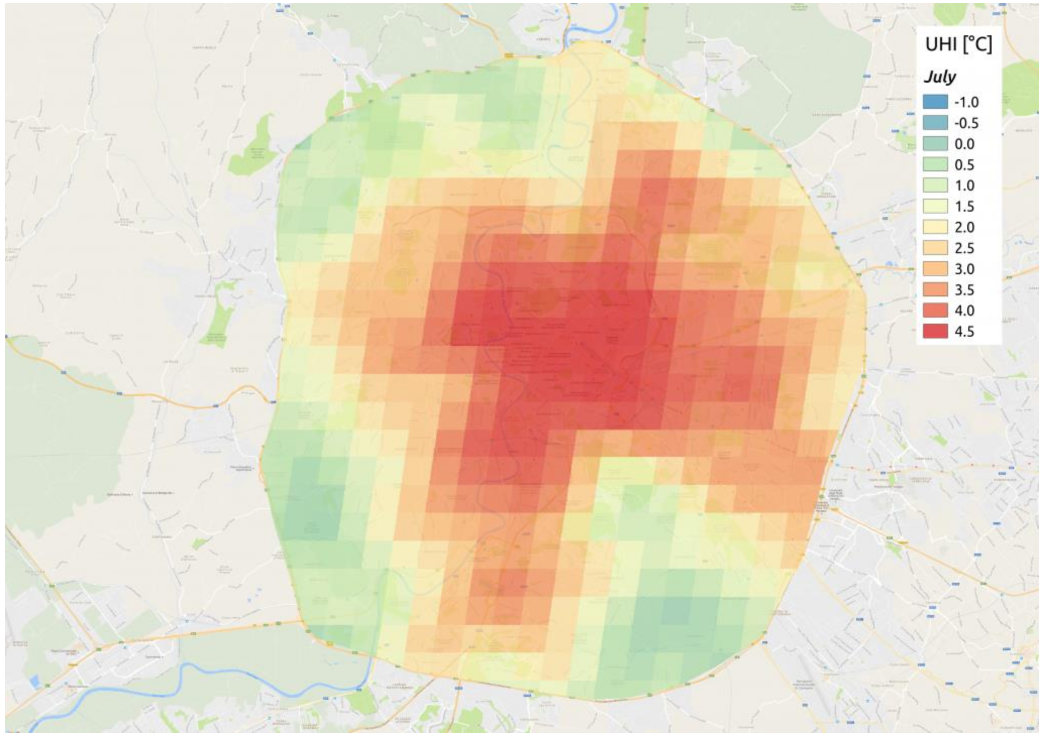
Living in a boiling Planet

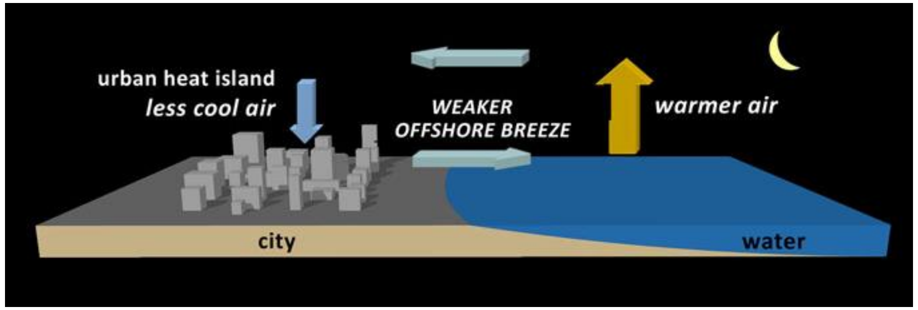


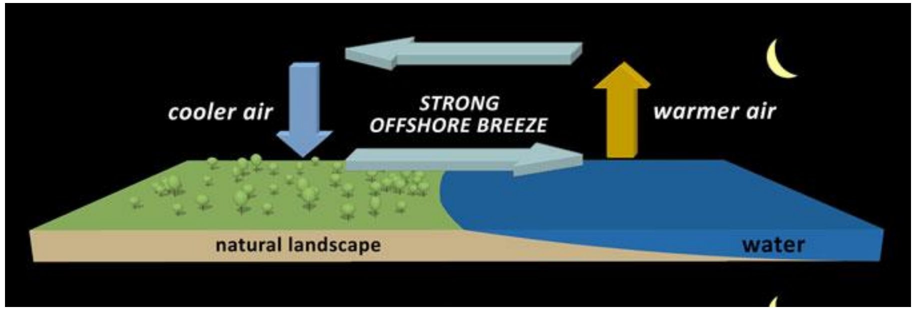


The Urban Heat Island

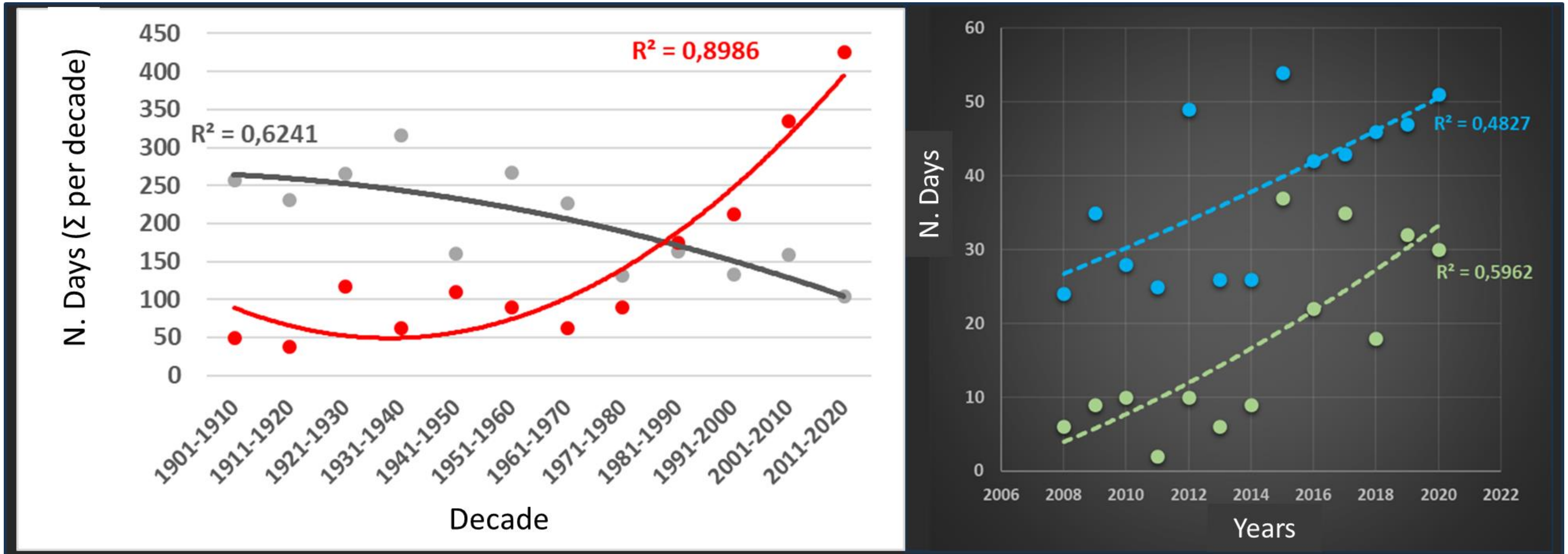








Climate change & Temperature



N. Days per decade **temperature > 34°C**

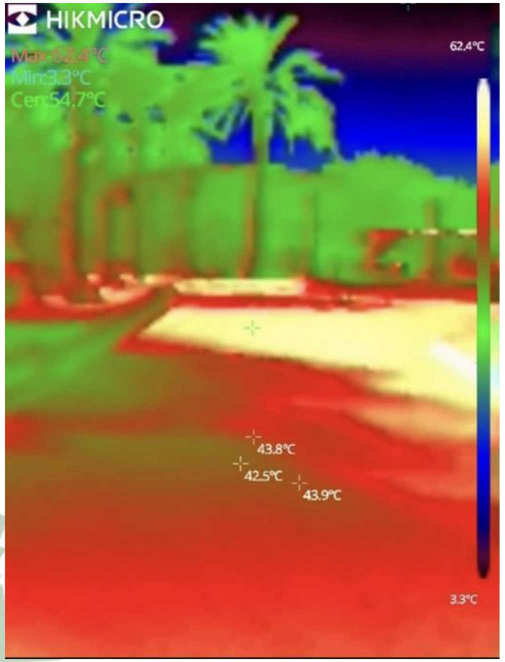
N. Days per decade **temperature < 0°C**

Tropical nights (**t min > 21°C**) in center of Florence

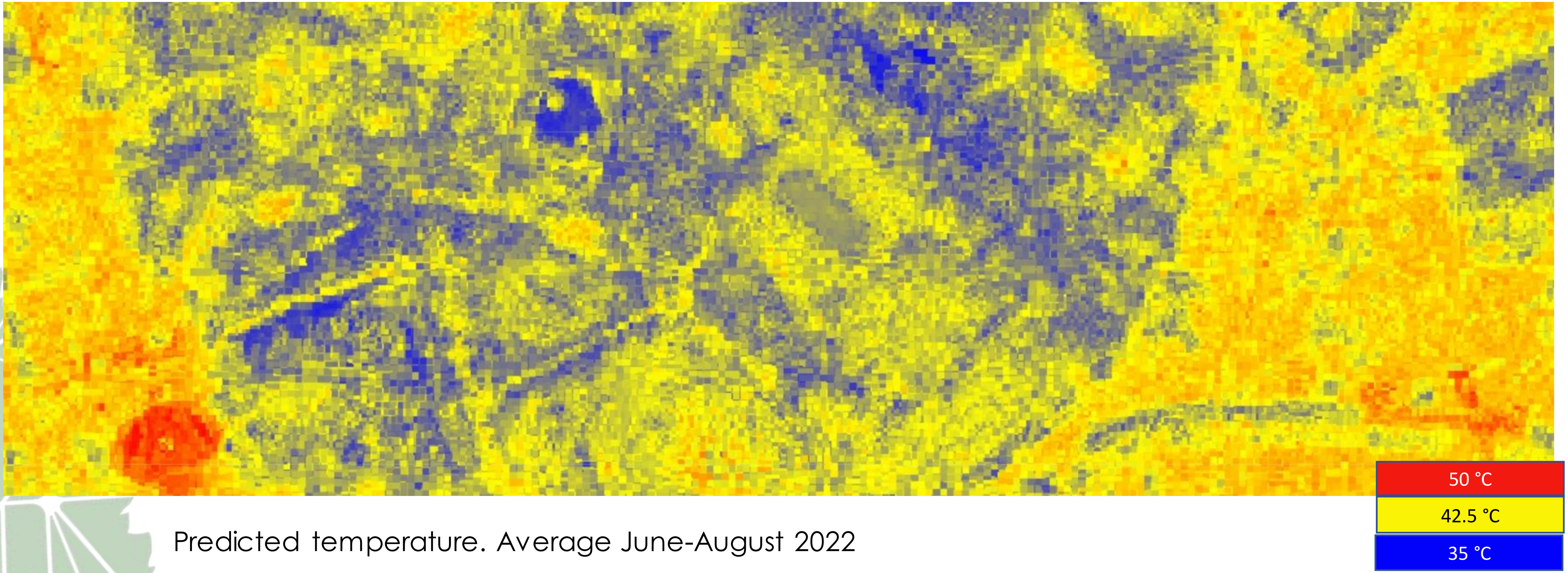
Tropical nights (**t min > 21°C**) **hills surrounding Florence**

Air temperature and urban heat islands

Quantified by in situ measurements: a homogeneously distributed network of sensors and can be time-consuming and expensive.



Remote sensing data is known to be a relevant source of information for large-scale monitoring of Land Surface Temperature (LST)

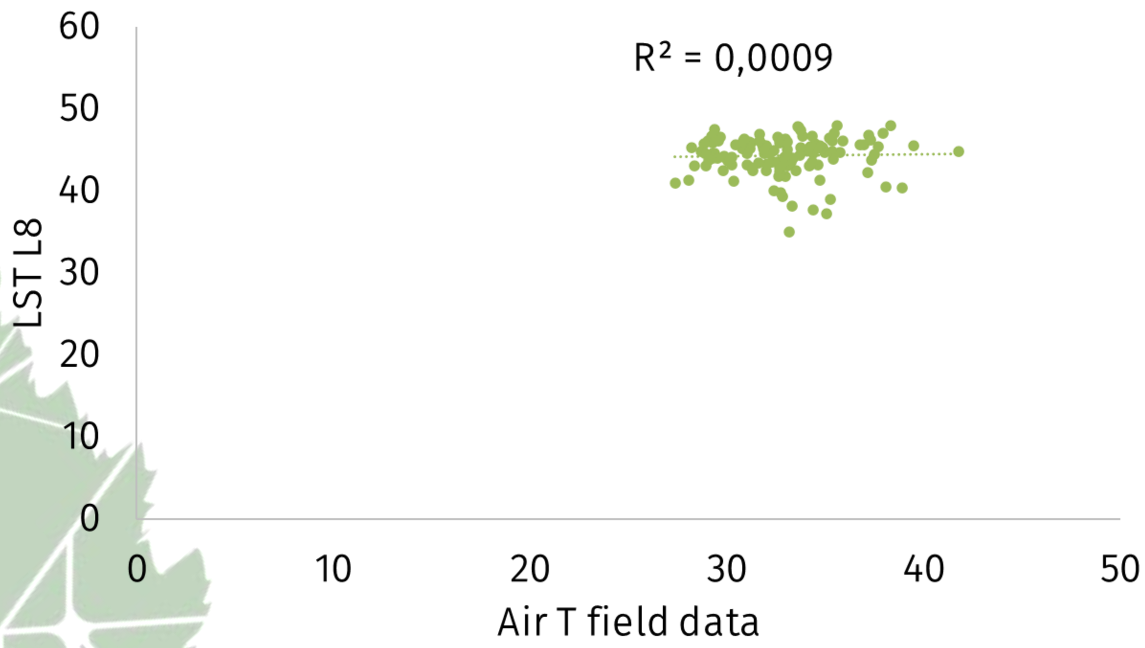


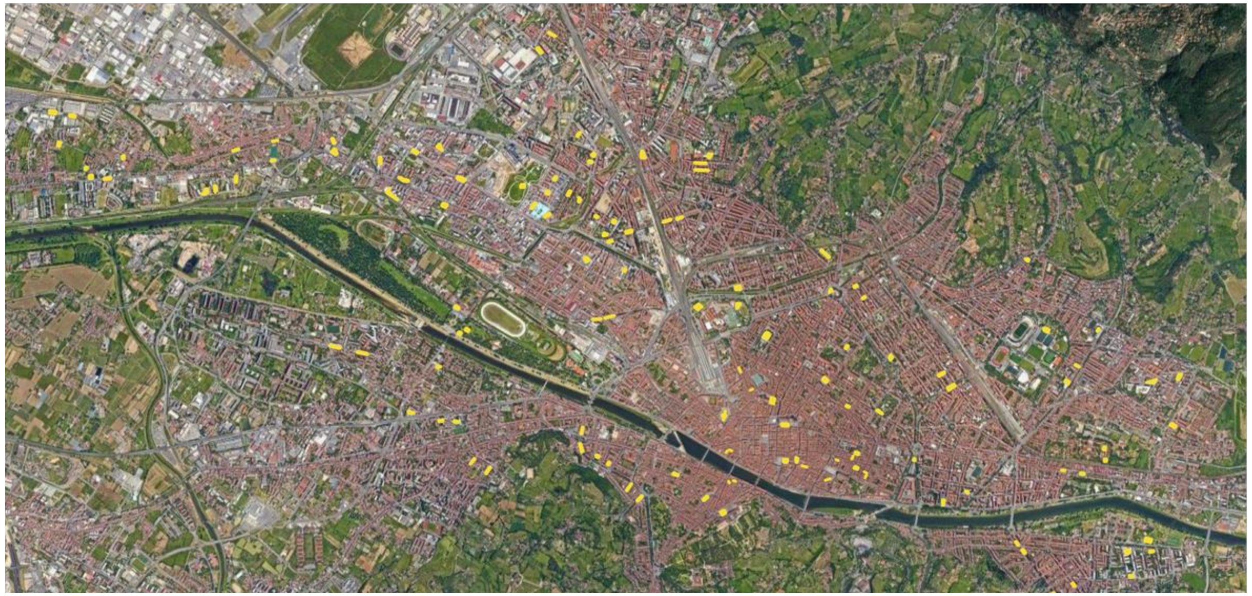
Predicted temperature. Average June-August 2022

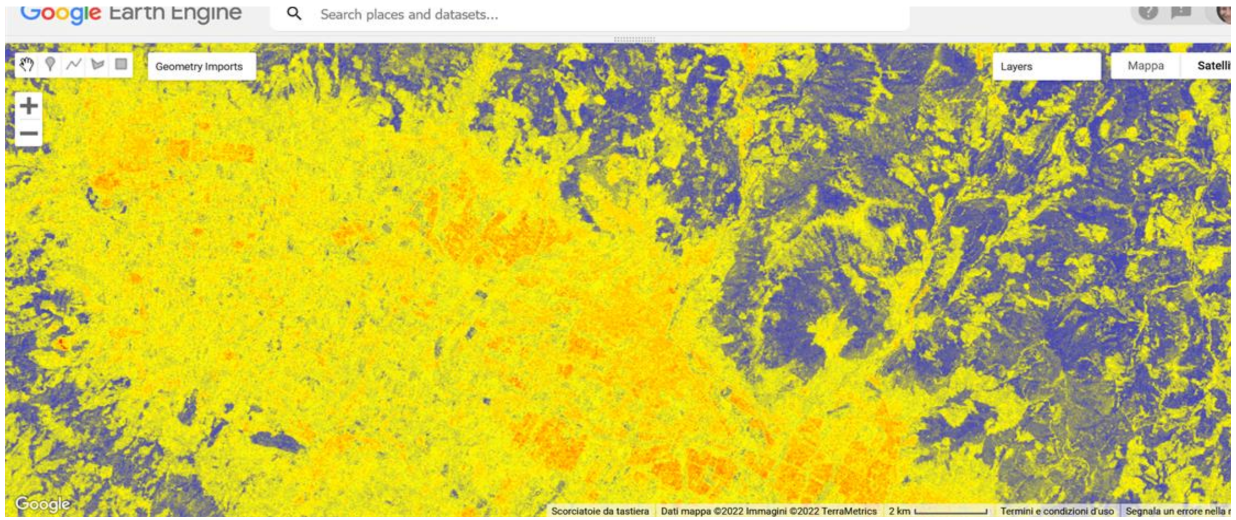
Assessing LST in the urban context is essential for understanding the capability of urban forests and trees in mitigating climate and avoiding urban heat islands, and so improving human thermal comfort

- Landsat provides LST data at 30 meters, but LST urban monitoring requires data at a finer resolution.
- Urban forests are often characterized by very small patches that are challenging to analyze using 30-meter resolution data.
- Little knowledge was developed in up-scaling the LST products by using Sentinel-2 data.
- Combining MODIS and Landsat LST data, studies combining MODIS LST and Sentinel-2 data, and studies combining Sentinel-3 LST and Sentinel-2 data.
- Almost any study focuses on upscaling Landsat LST data by using Sentinel-2 data.

What is the level of accuracy and admissibility of satellite remote sensing applications to understand the multiscalarity of thermal comfort in urban environments?



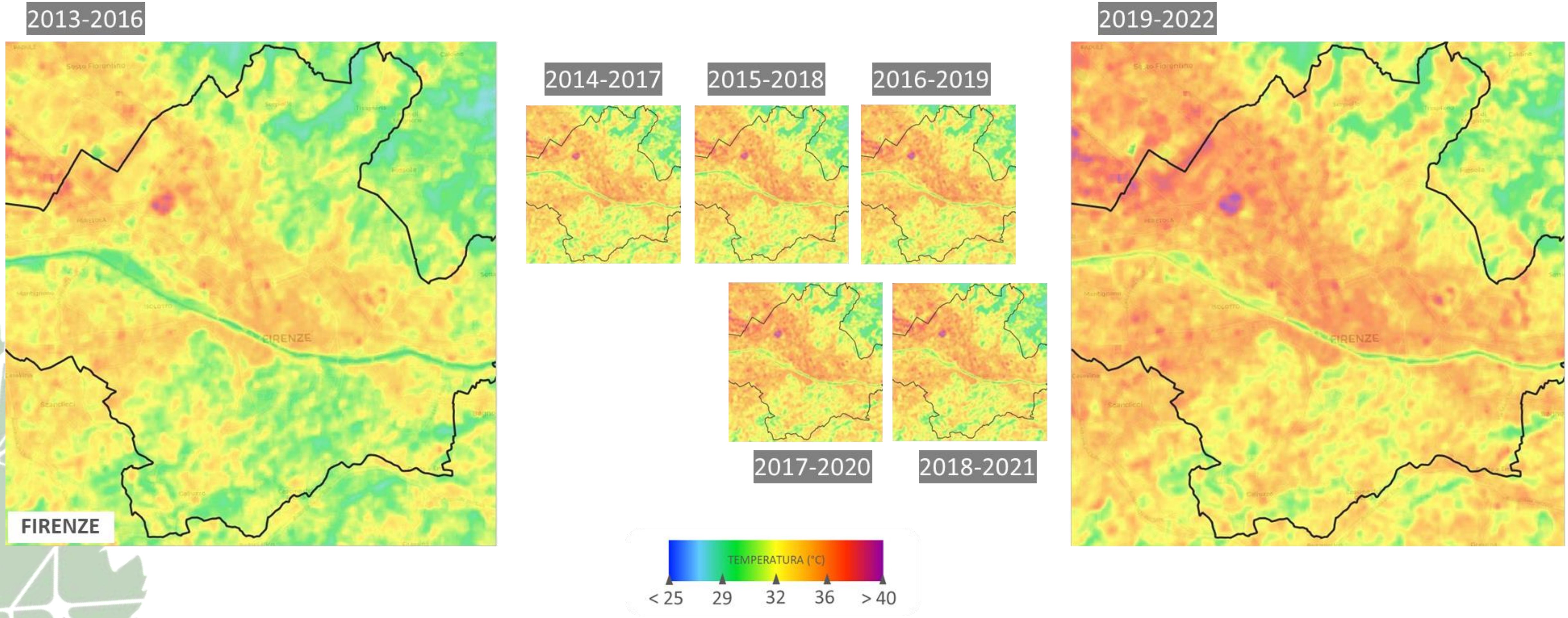




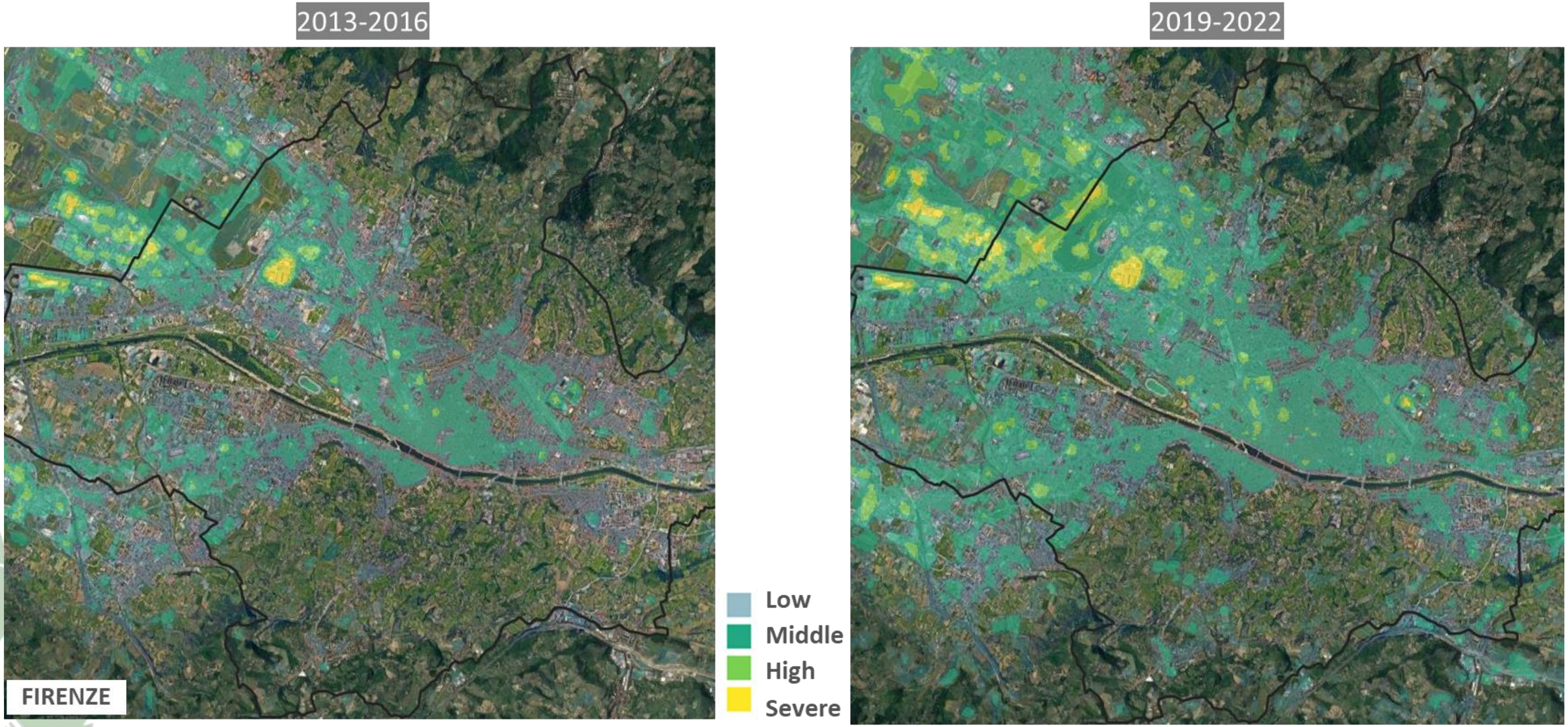
A dataset of air temperatures (Wet and Dry Bulb Temperature, and Globe Thermometer temperature) measured on-field during the summer of 2020

A model to predict LST as acquired by the Landsat sensor (30-resolution) using random forests and the four Sentinel-2 bands at 10-meters resolution, blue, green, red, and nir.

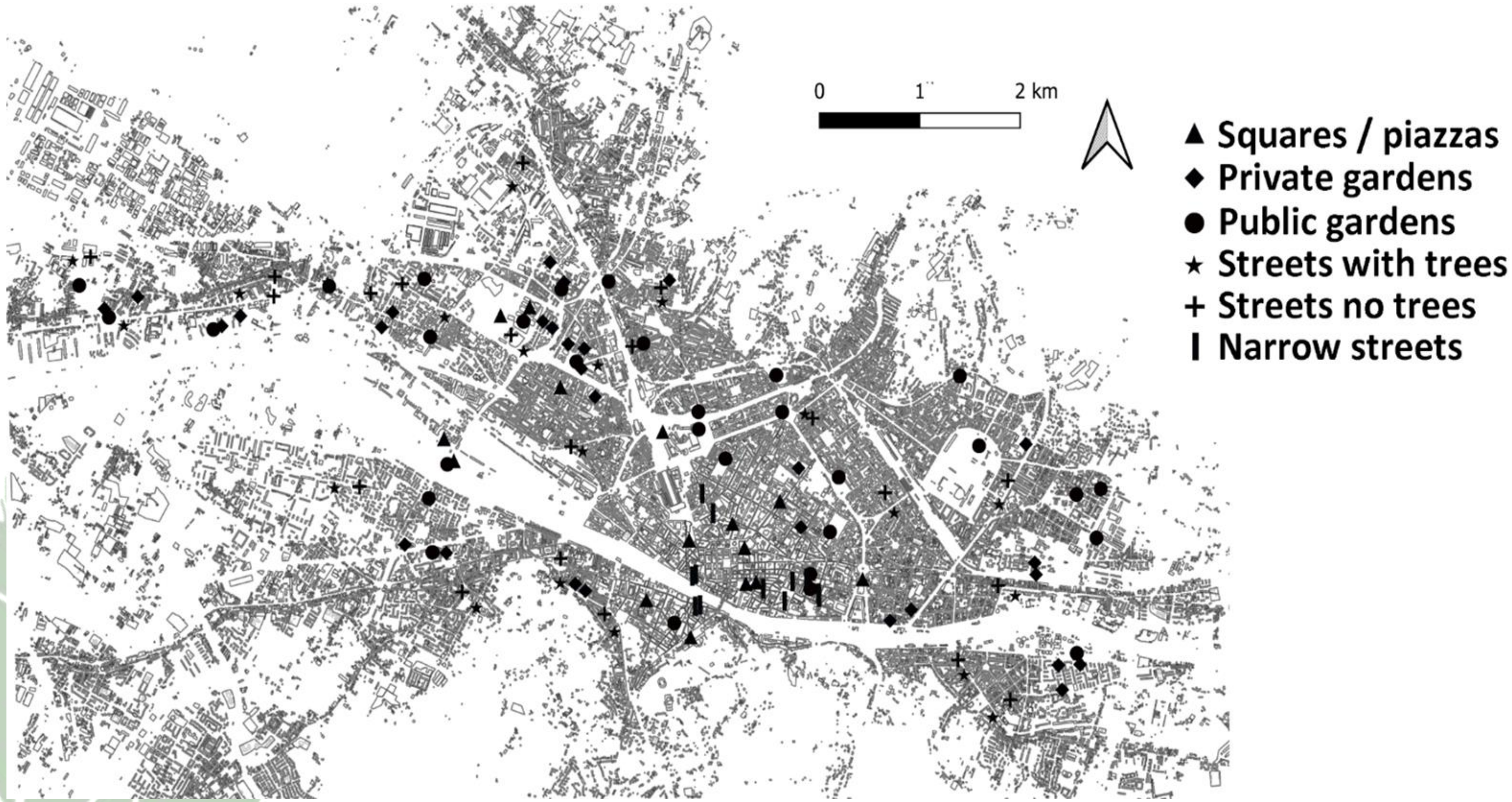
4 yrs. series of Temperature using combined Sentinel 2 data

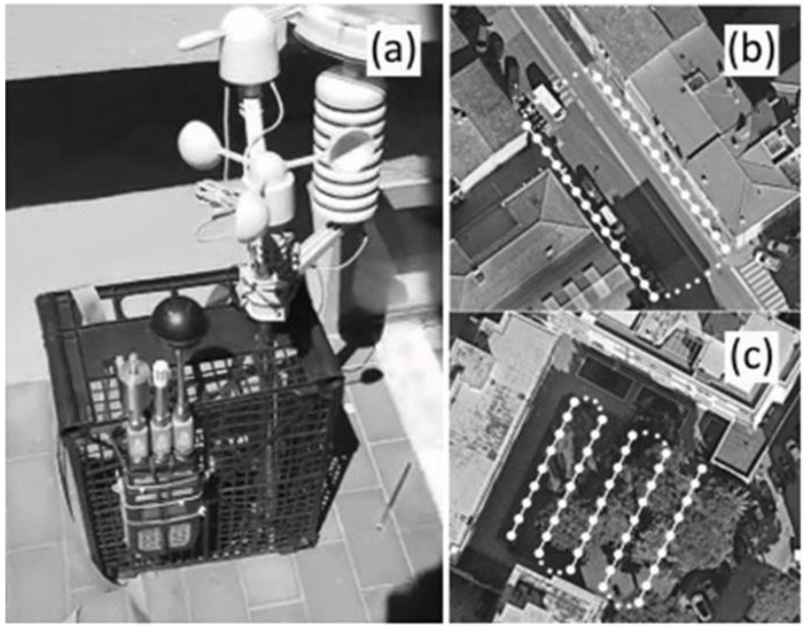


Surface urban heat island

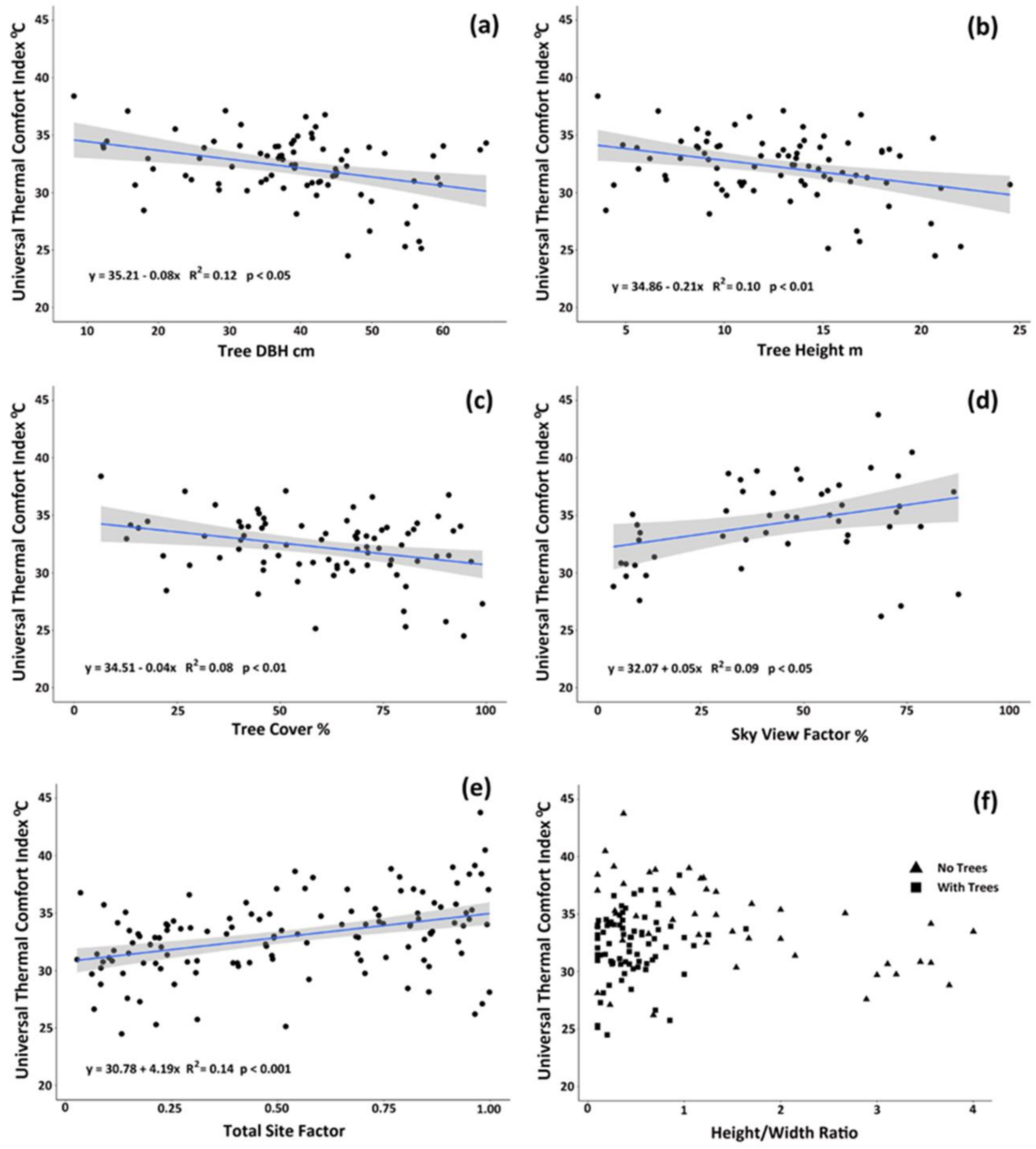


The micrometeorological and thermal comfort mobile study in Florence





a) Mobile meteorological monitoring station for measuring wet bulb, dry bulb and globe temperature alongside humidity and wind speed, and schematic diagrams of the walking paths taken in b) streets and c) gardens, parks and piazzas. Speak, A. F., & Salbitano, F. (2022). Summer thermal comfort of pedestrians in diverse urban settings: A mobile study. *Building and Environment*, *208*, 108600.



Variation of the thermal index UTCI by

a. average tree diameter,
b. average tree height,
c. tree canopy cover,
d. sky view factor,
e. total site factor, and
f. Height/width ratio.

a) to c) represent data from green sites only, d) from non-green sites only and e) to f) using all data.

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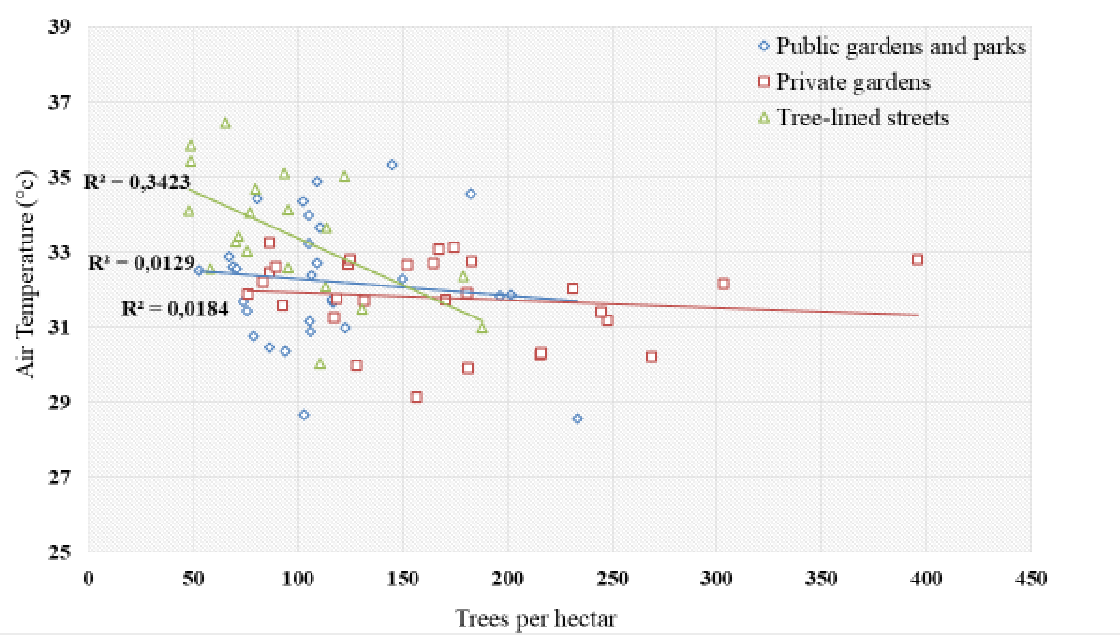

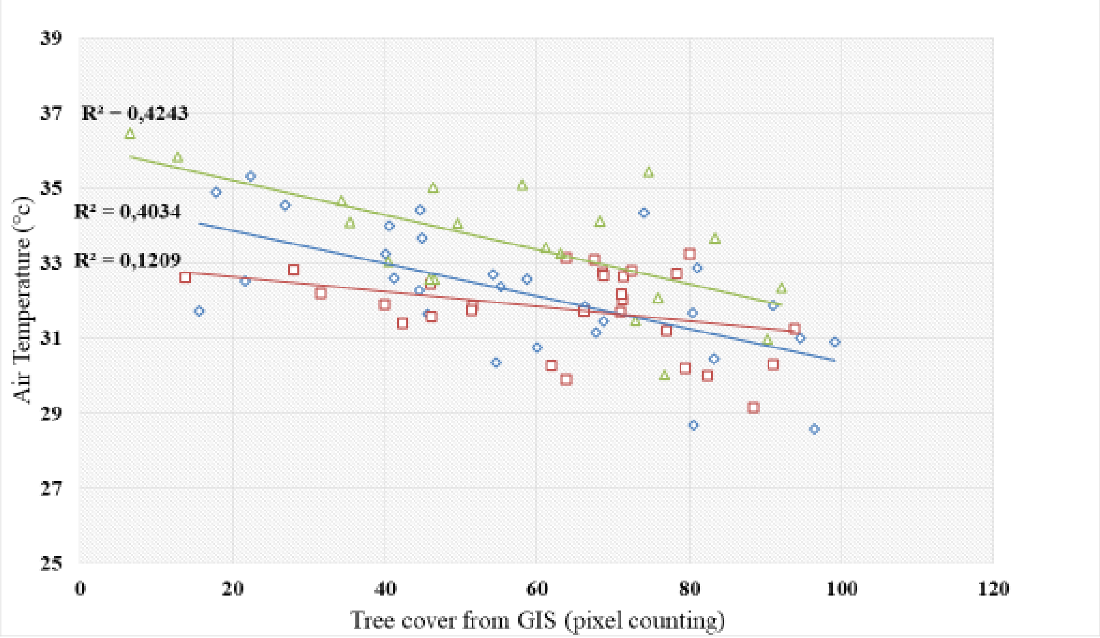

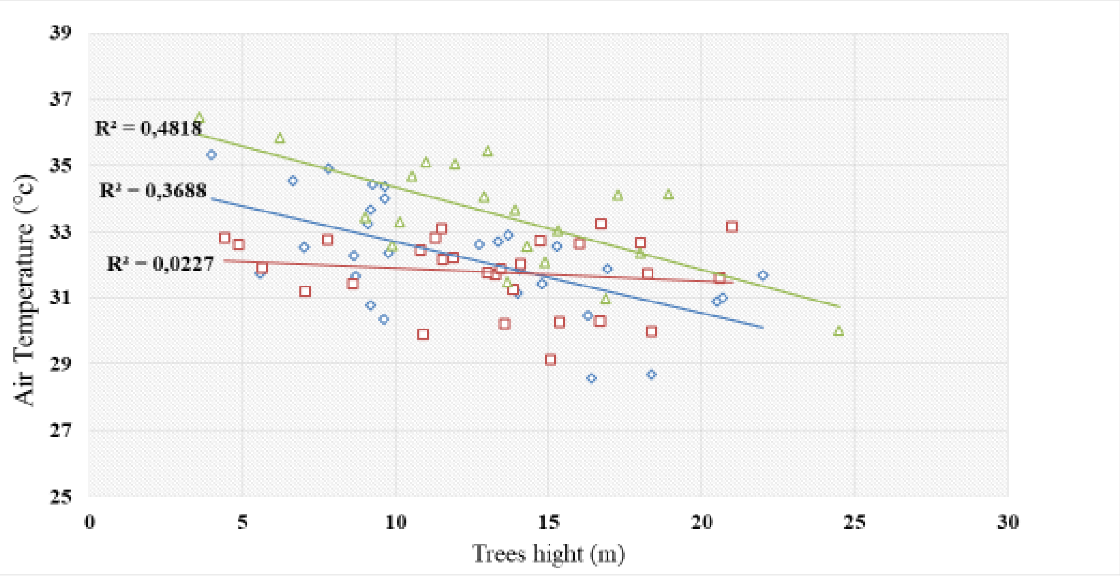

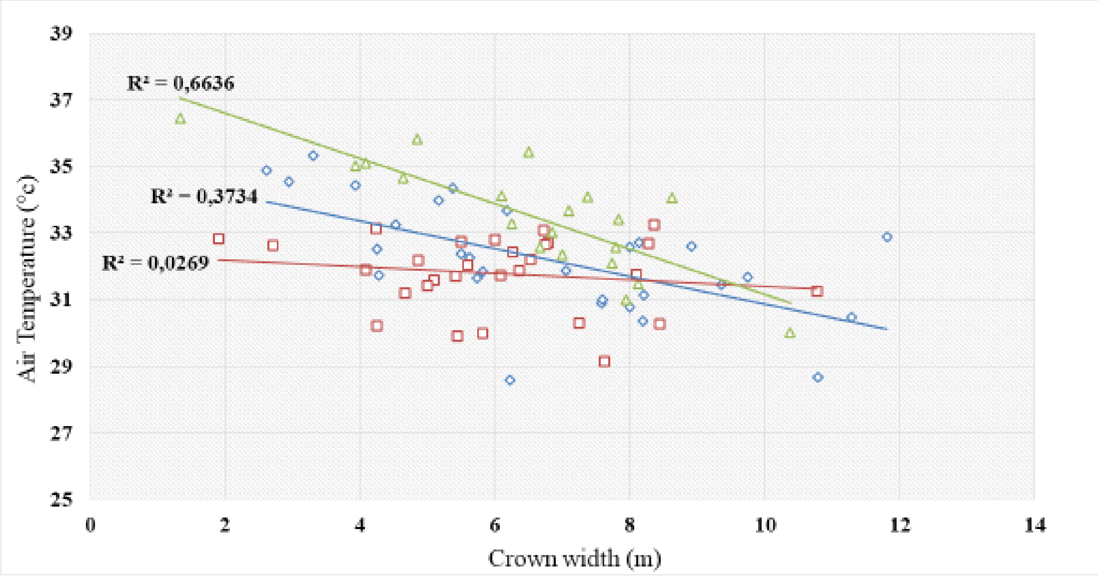

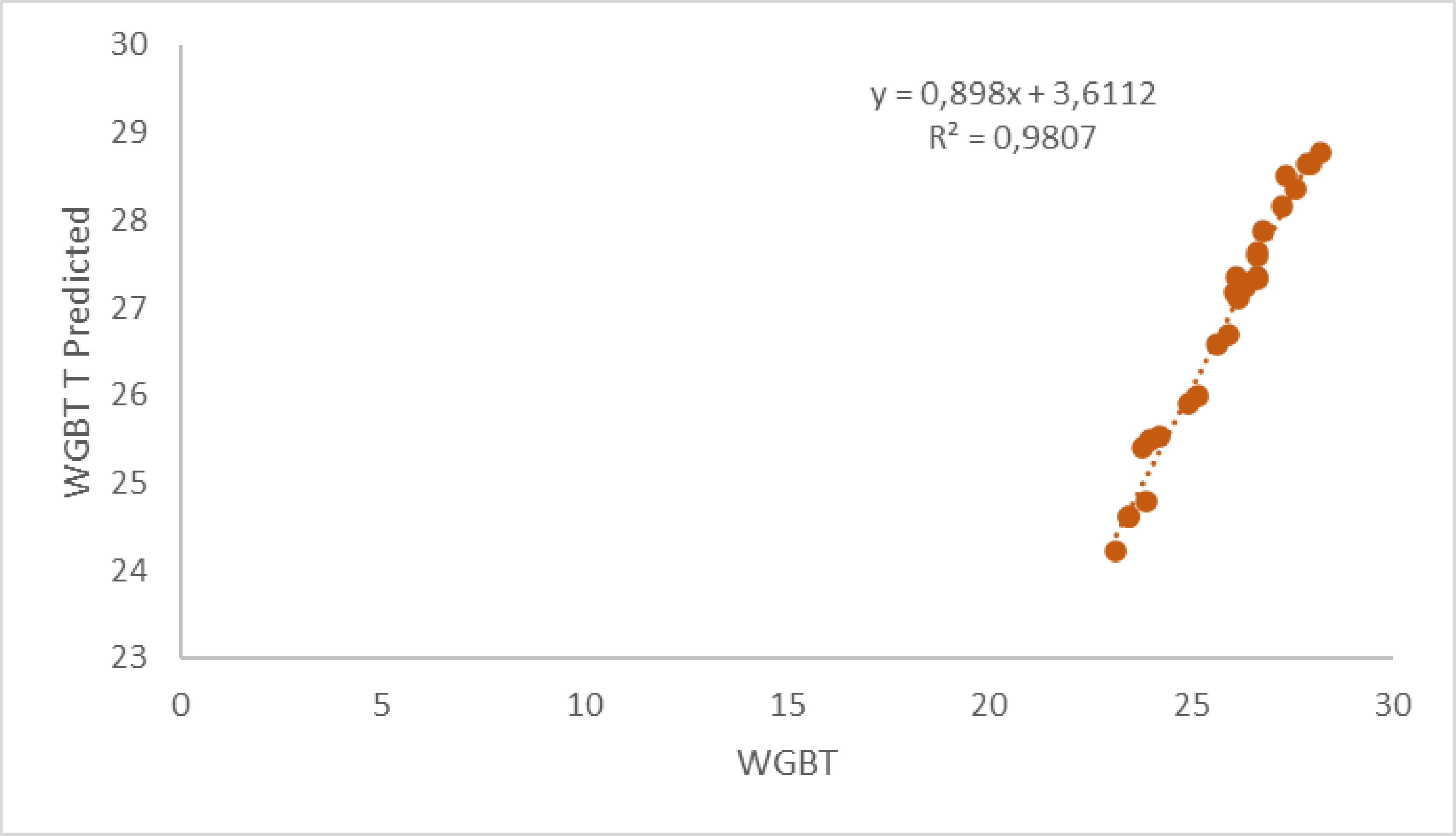
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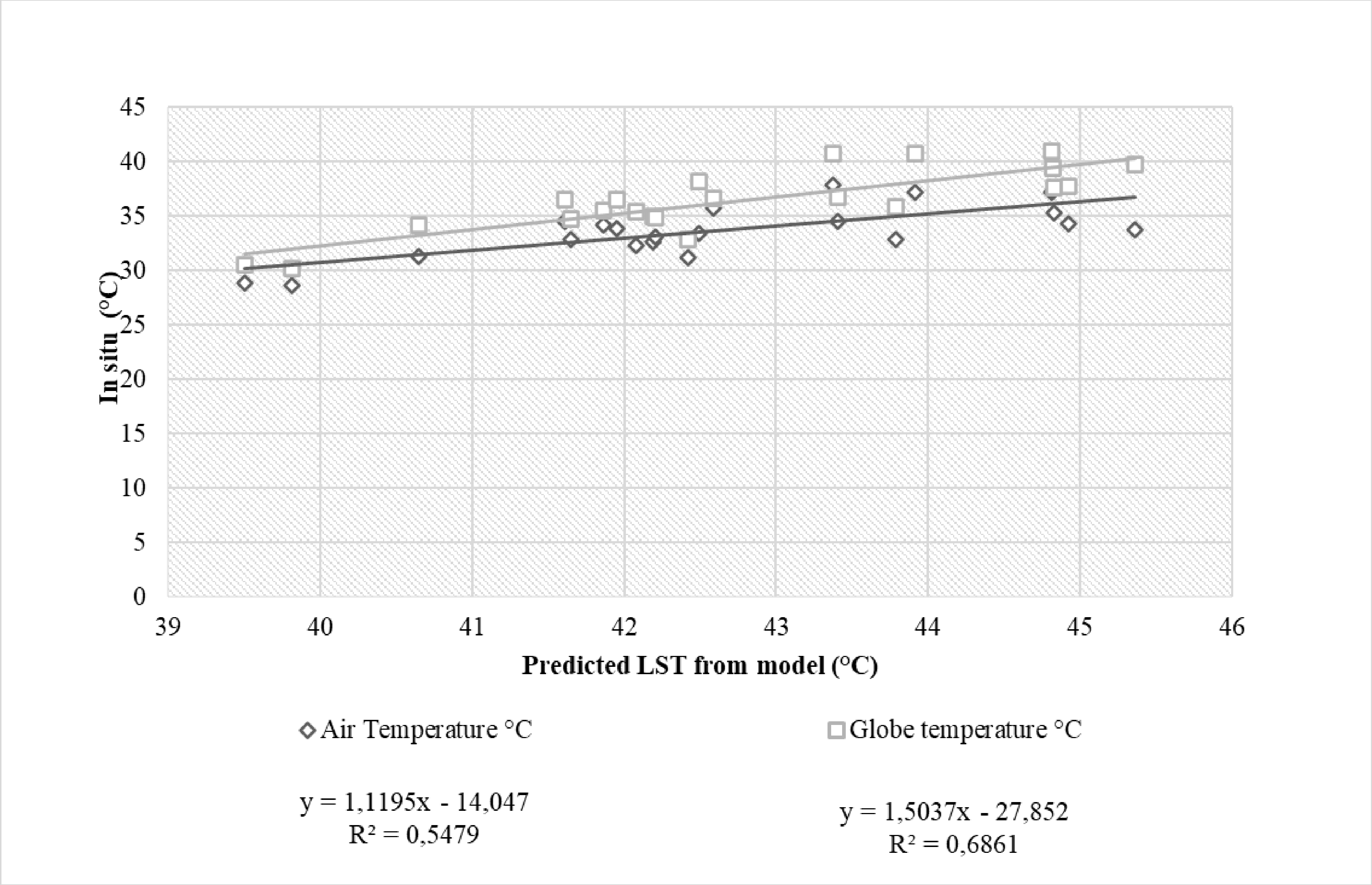
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Some conclusion

- ☺ There is a greater correlation between LST_S2 and Globe T compared to LST_S2 and Air T
- ☺ There is correlation only when considering ground surveys and remote sensing images referring to the same day, otherwise very weak R^2.
- ☹ There is no correlation between remote sensing data and the average of ground data in the nearest two days.
- ☹ The alleys of the center: micro-canyon effect difficult to define from satellite
- ☺ High correlation between LST_S2 and Sky view factor: looks promising to interpret the tree cover effect
- 😐 Correlations between LST_S2 and other vegetation parameters need to be explored

Thank you!

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Beyond Canopy Coverage : The impact of Shrubs and Evaporative Cooling on Human Thermal Comfort in Urban Forests

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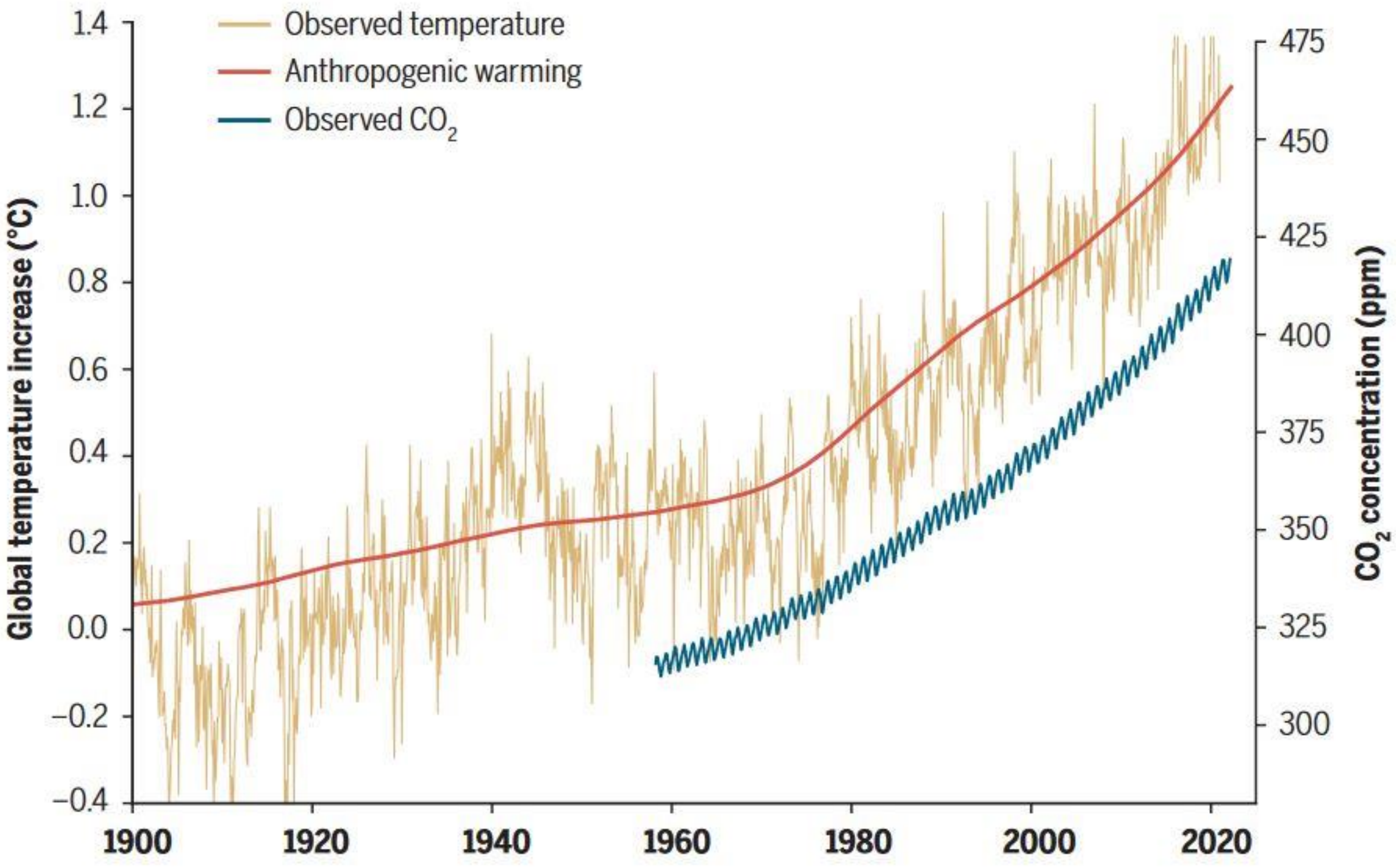

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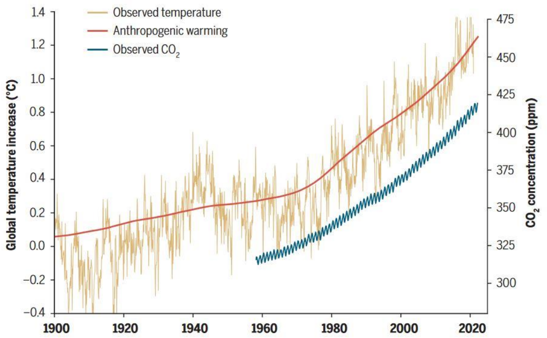

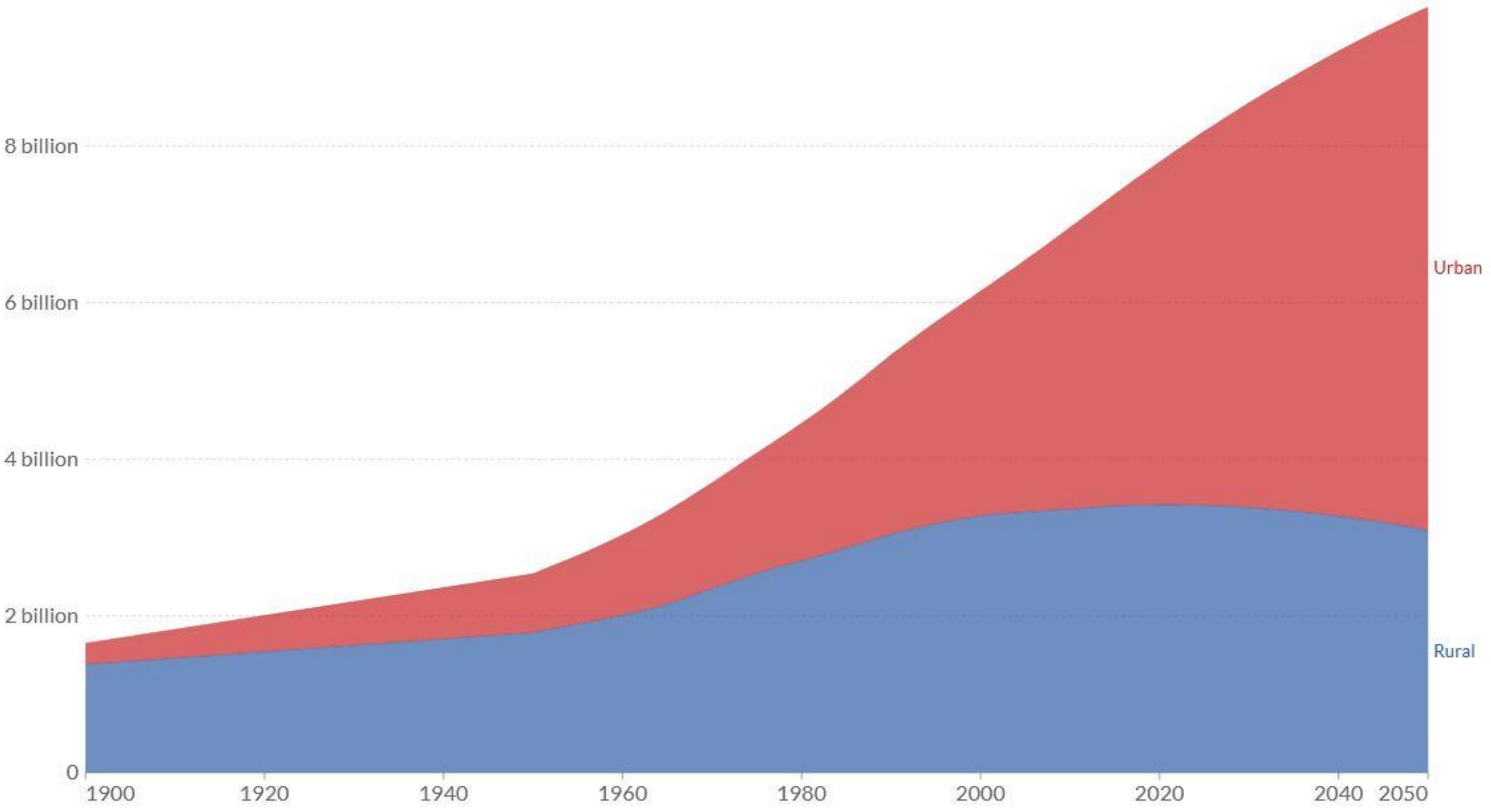

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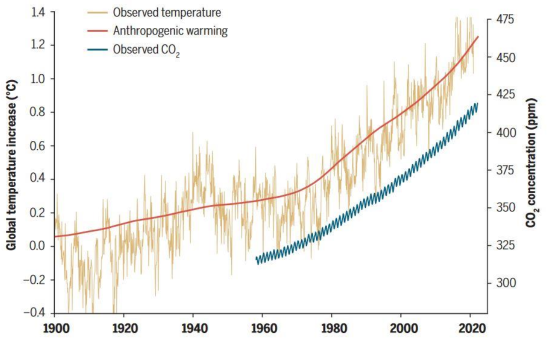

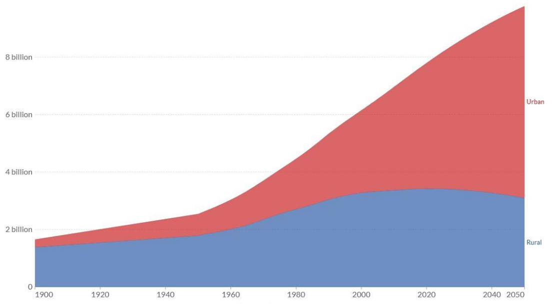

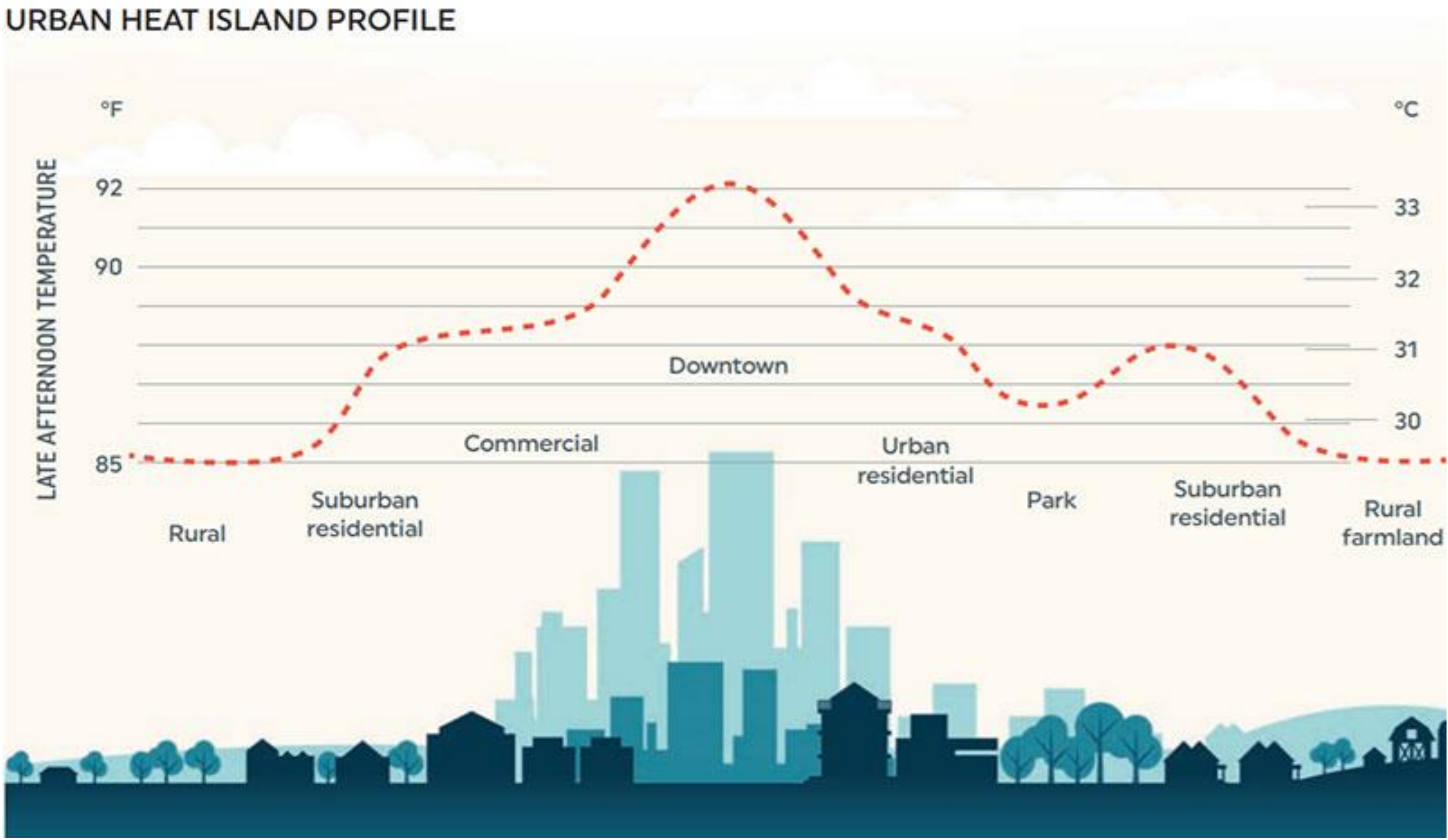

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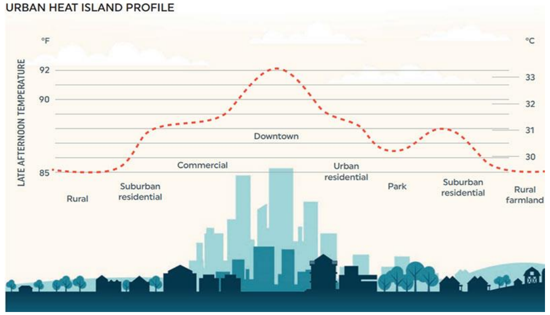
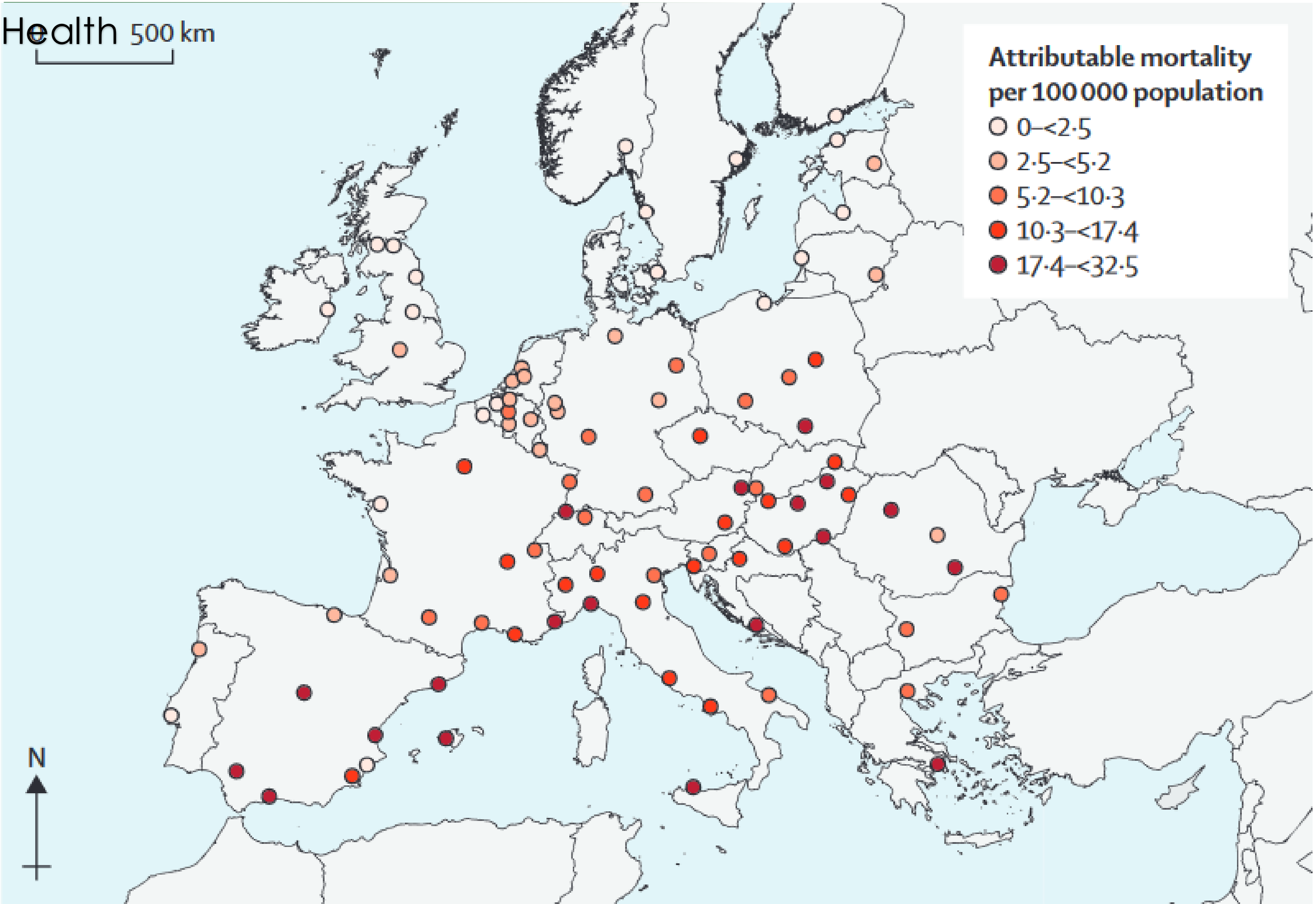
Urban Heat and Health





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London will feel like Barcelona!

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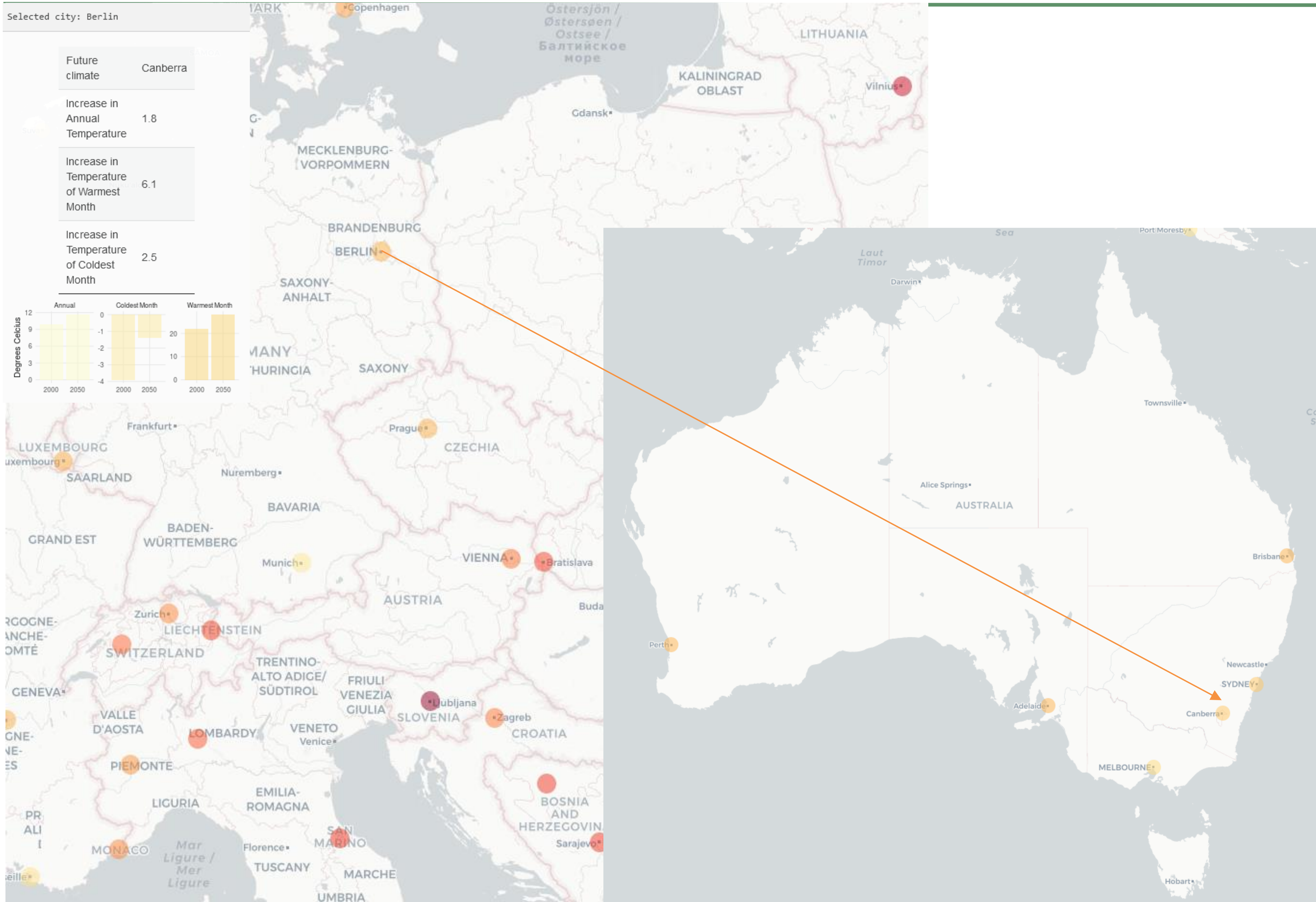
Berlin will feel like Canberra!



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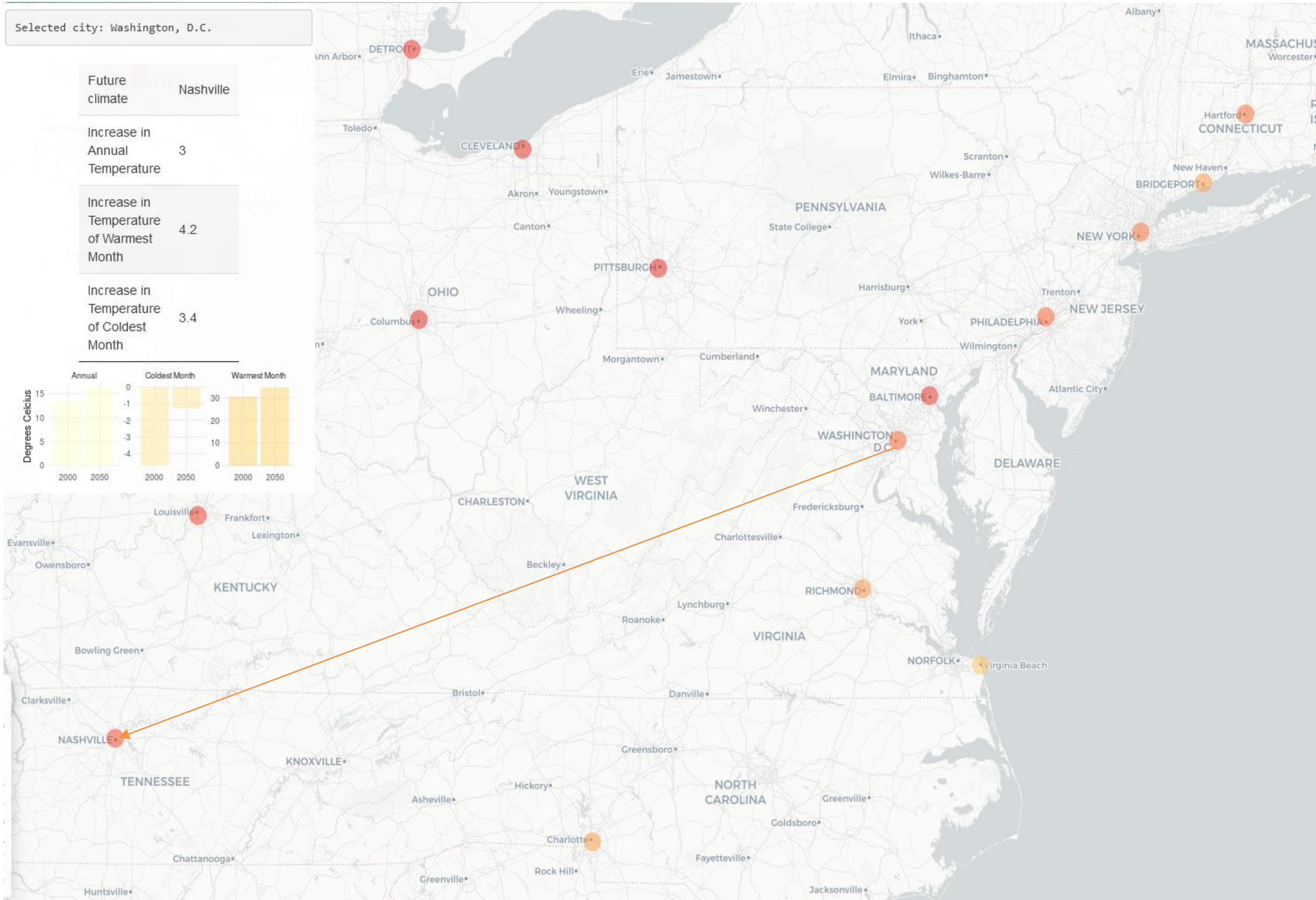

Future climate	Nashville
Increase in Annual Temperature	3
Increase in Temperature of Warmest Month	4.2
Increase in Temperature of Coldest Month	3.4

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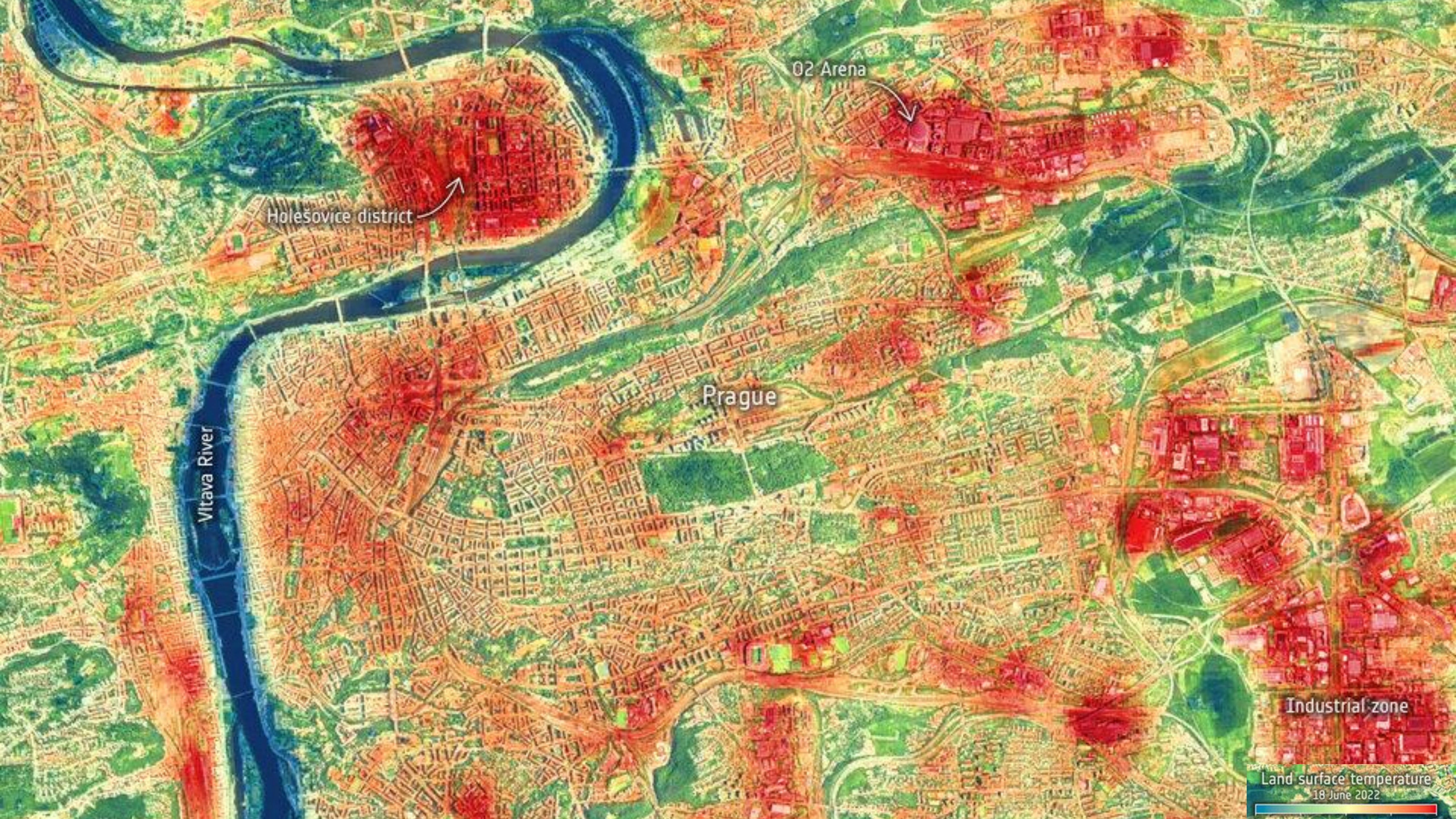
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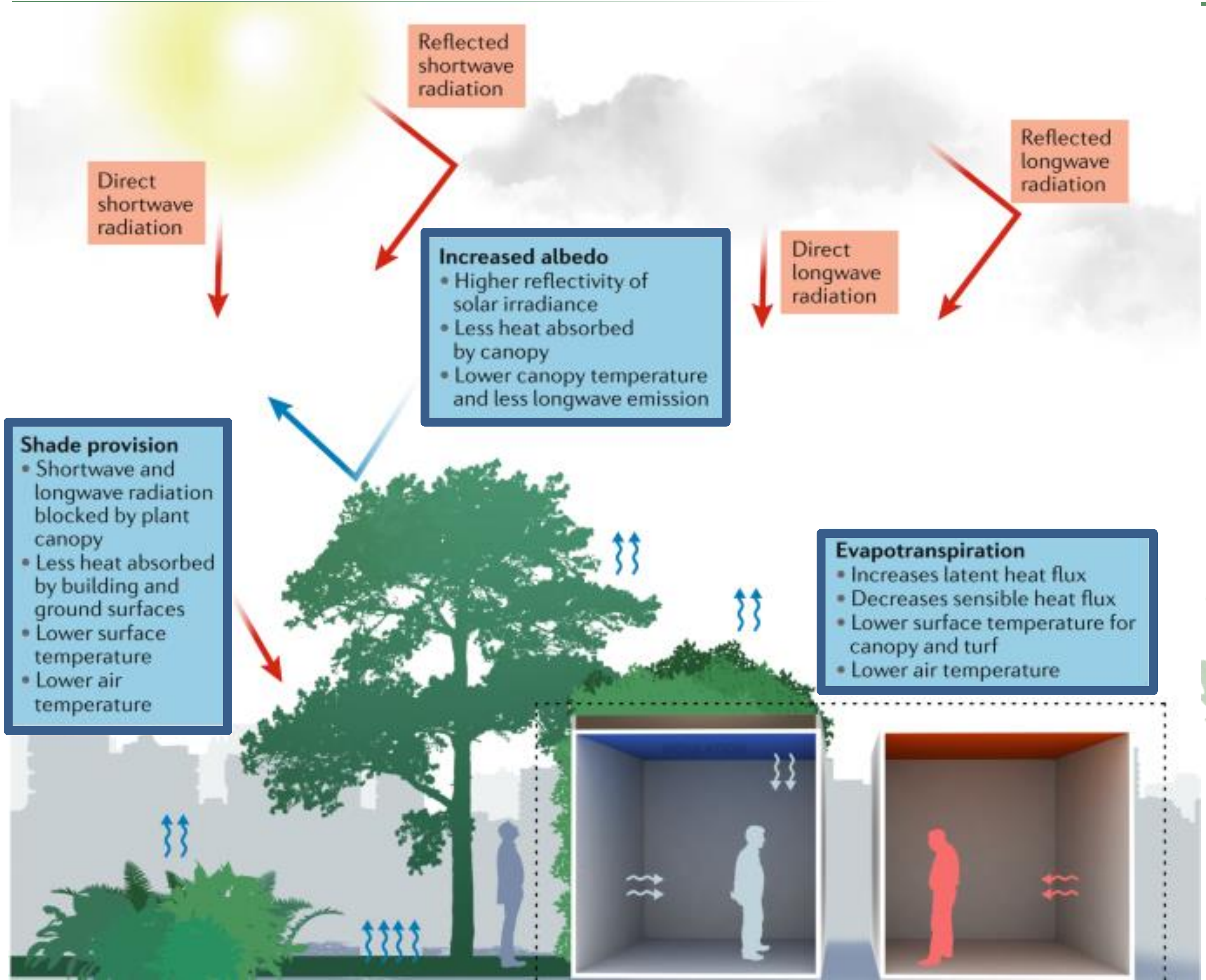
Cooling Mechanisms



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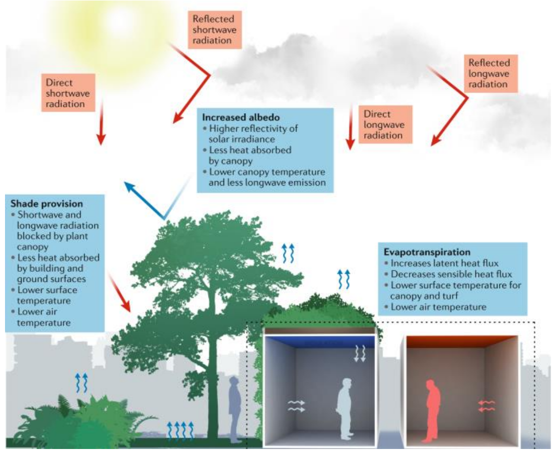
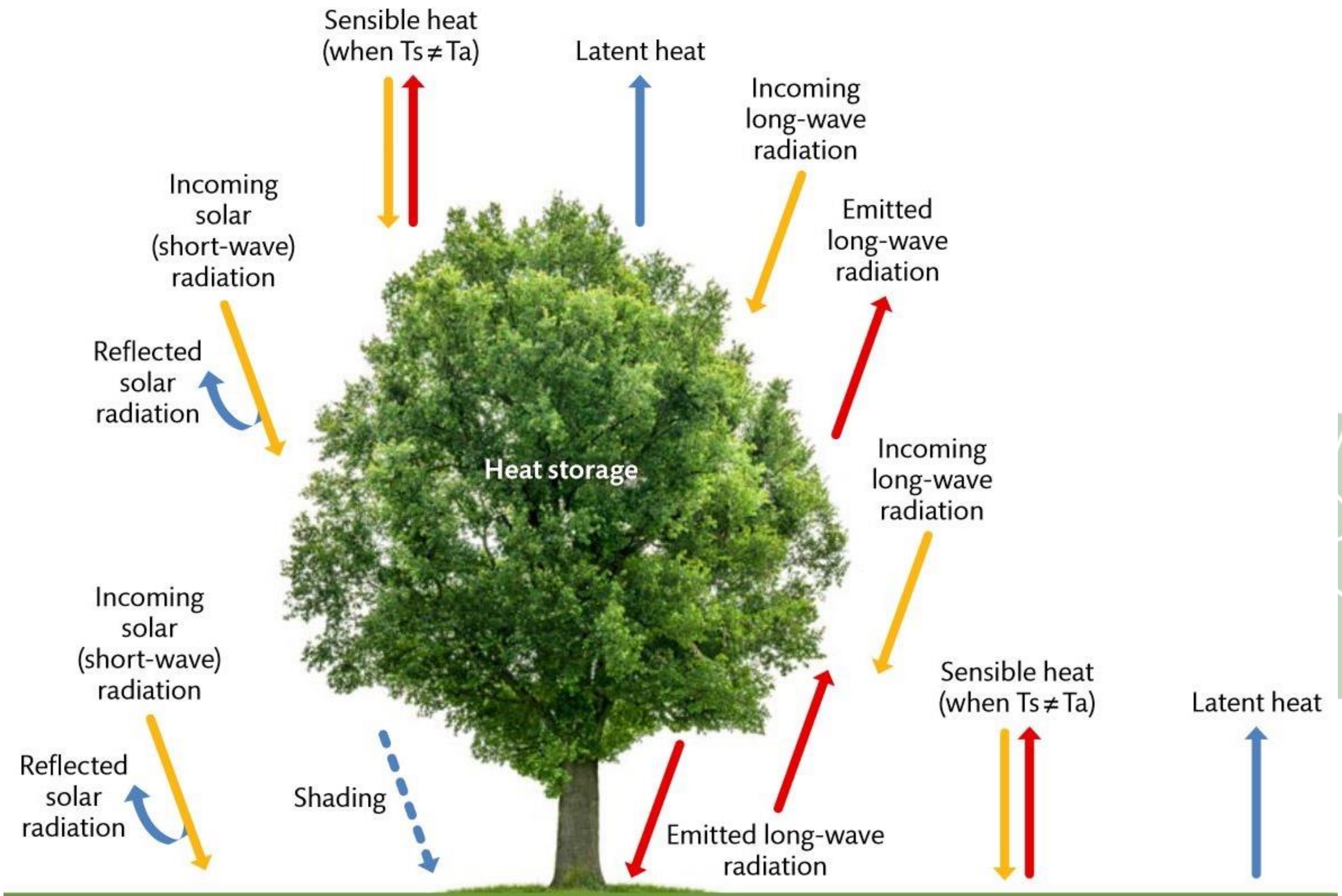
Emphasis on Trees





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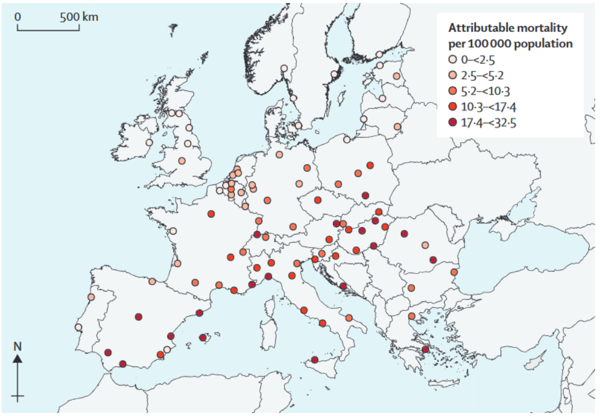
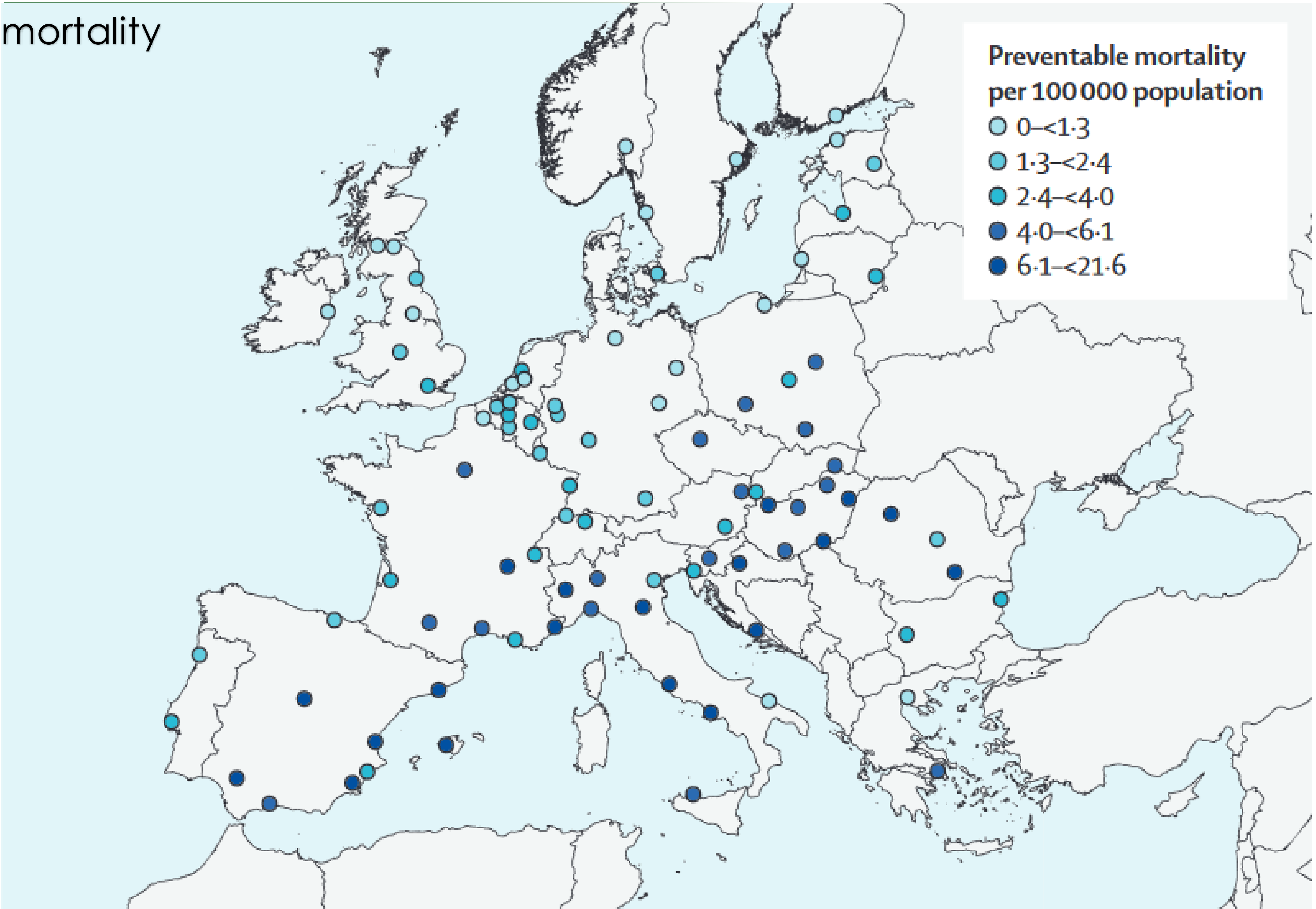
Tree Cover decreases heat-related mortality





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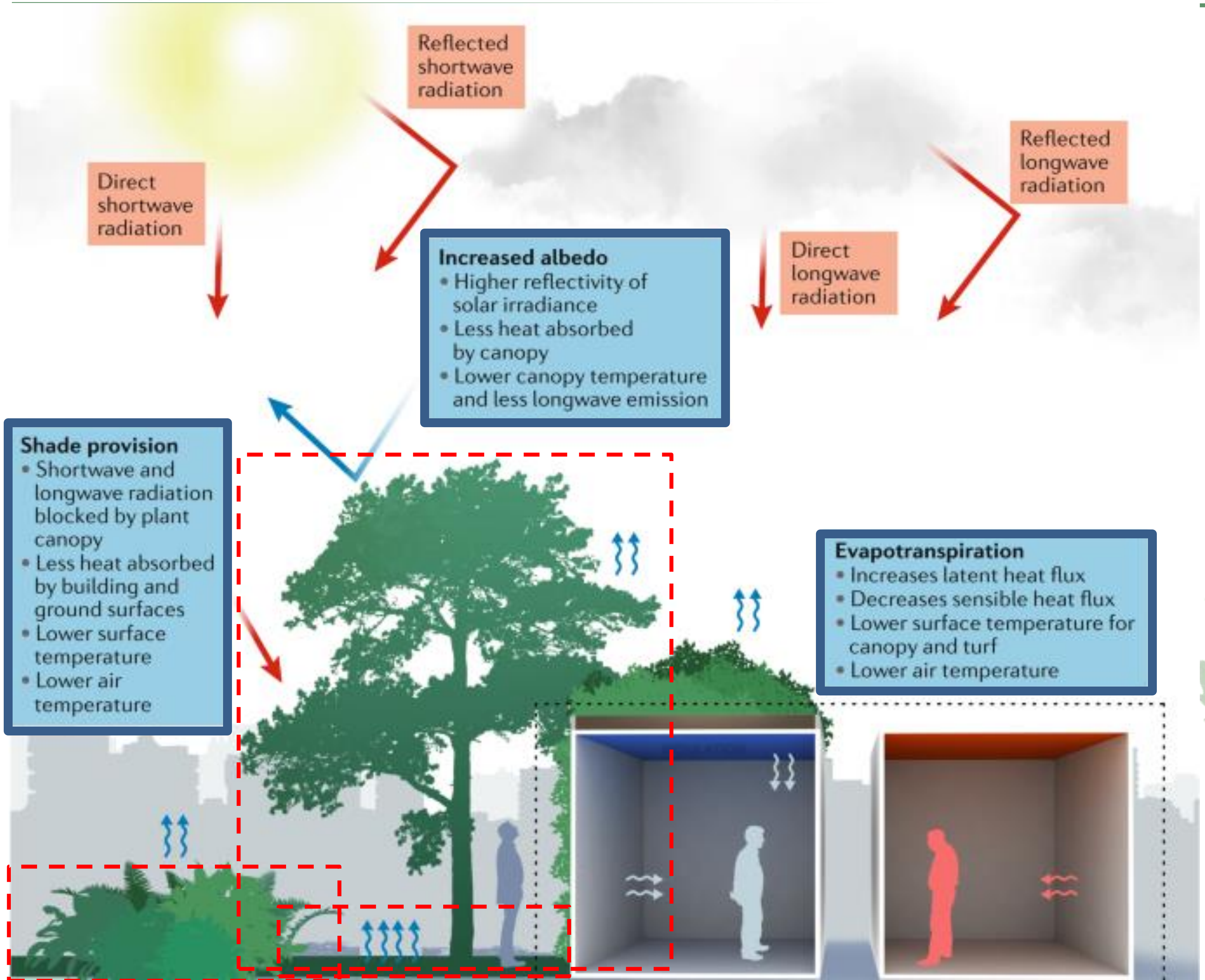
Urban vegetation is more than just

Cooling provided by other layers of vegetation

Cooling benefits between the different layers of the vegetation?



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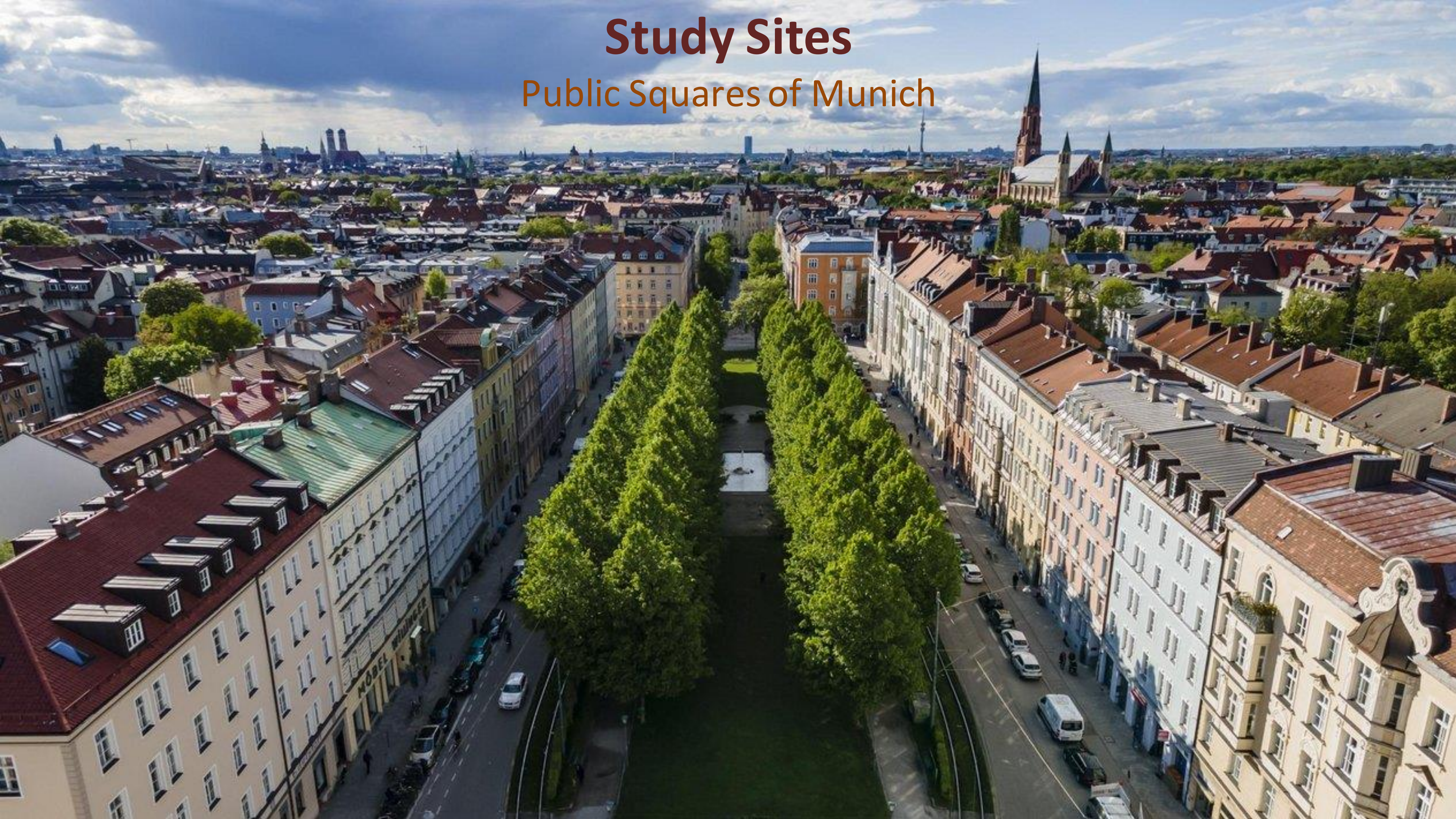
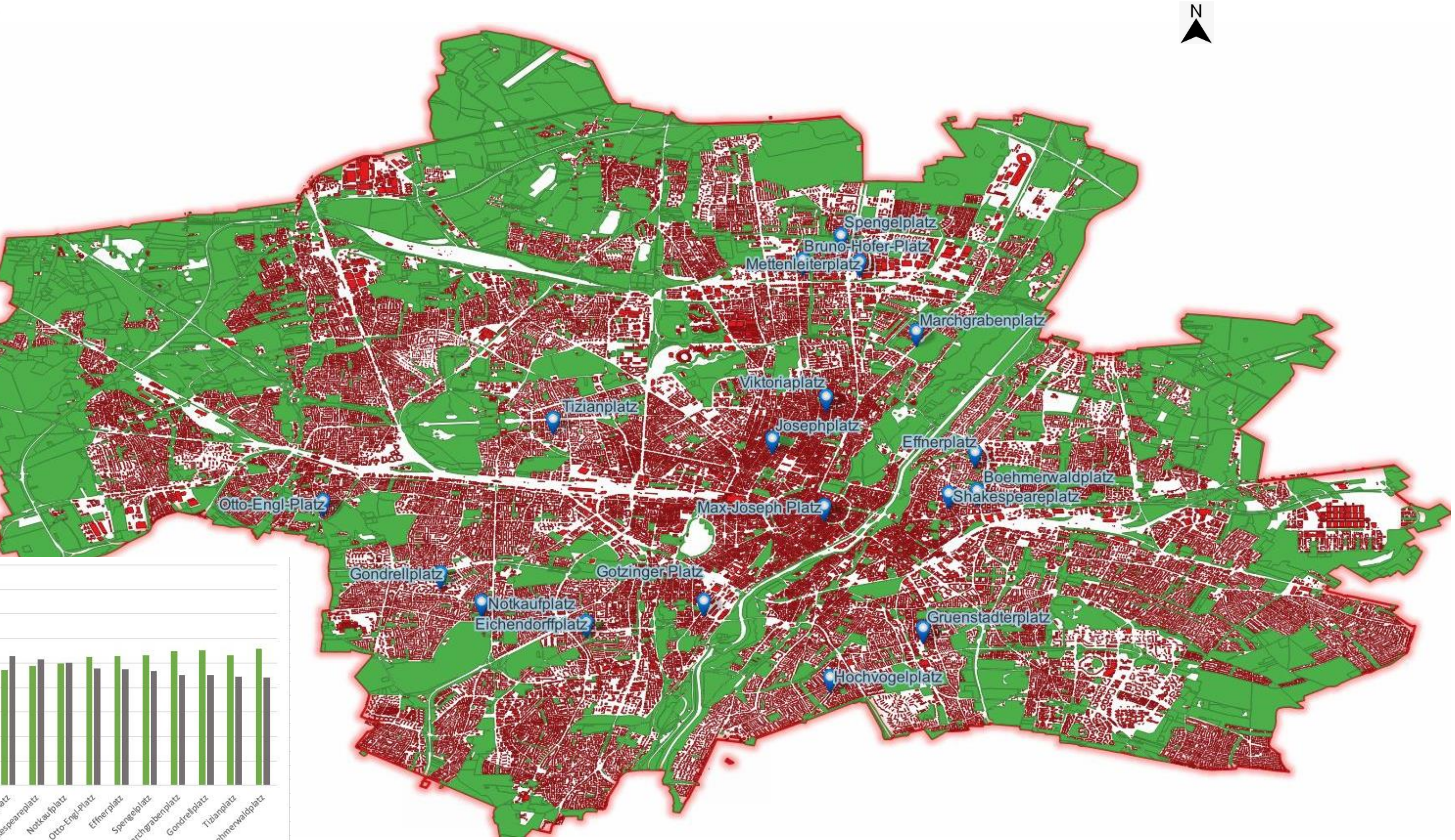
Study Sites

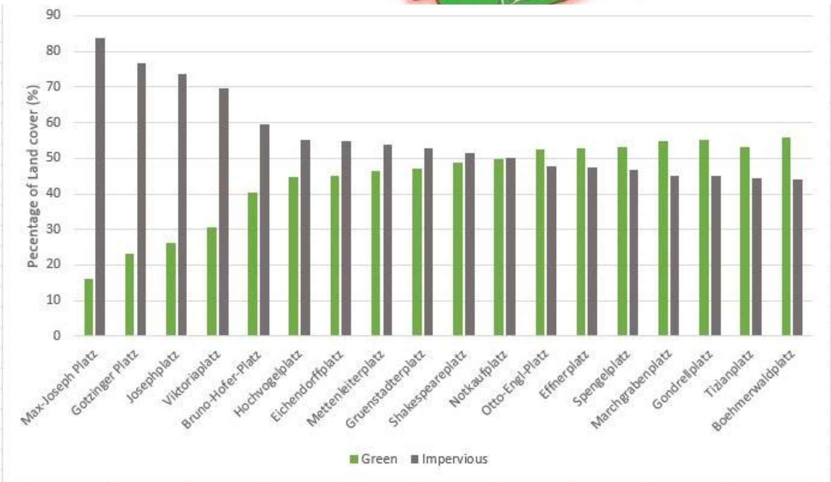
Public Squares of Munich



Study Sites

- SCENARIOS
  - Completely Sealed
  - Mixed LC
  - Grass Dominated
  - Tree Dominated





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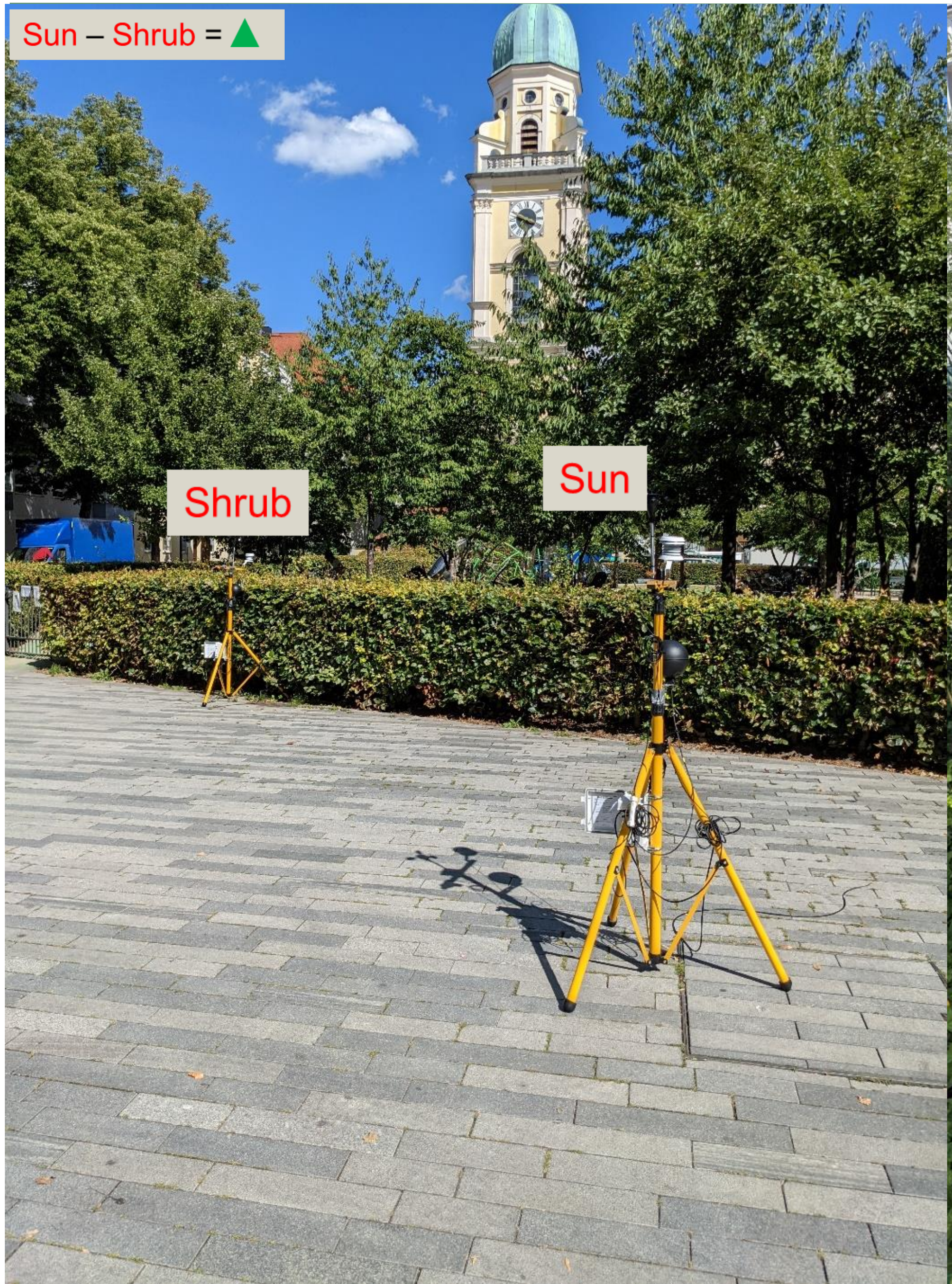
Experimental Design

Microclimate Measurements

- Air Temp, Relative Humidity, Radiation, Surface Temperature, Wind Speed, Black Globe
- July and August (Three Repeations)
- Sunny, Cloudless and warm days
- From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m

Ecophysiological Measurements

- Stomatal Conductance, Transpiration, Net Assilimation Rate
- Soil Moisture and Soil Temperature



Measured Shrub Species

Cornus sanguinea (Common Dogwood)

- Ornamental
- Non-Native
- Wood Anatomy – Diffused Porous
- Shrub height between 0.8 to 1.3m

Carpinus betulus (European Hornbeam)

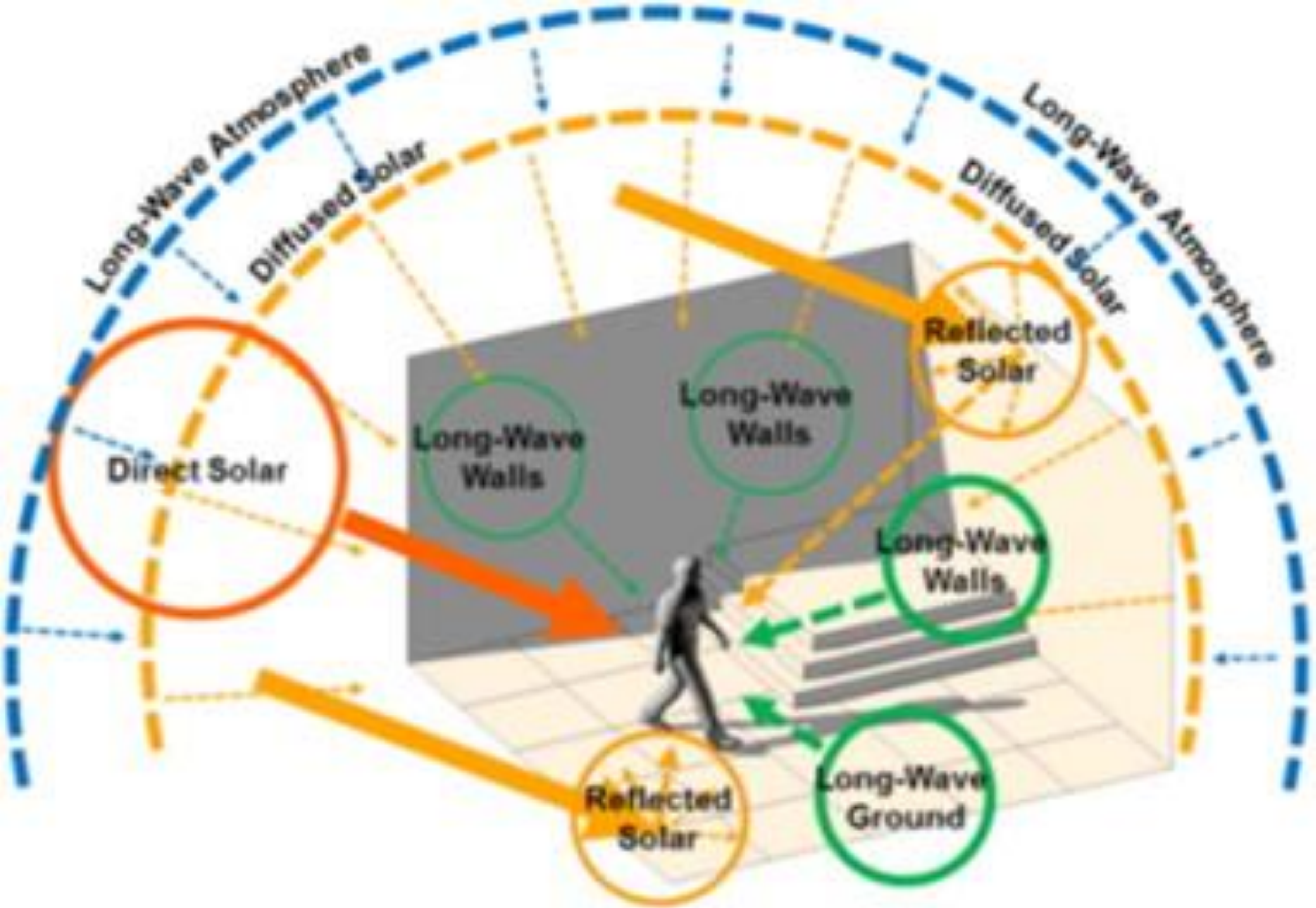
Syringa vulgaris (Common Lilac)

- Ornamental
- Non-Native
- Wood Anatomy – Diffused Porous
- Shrub height between 0.8 to 1.3m

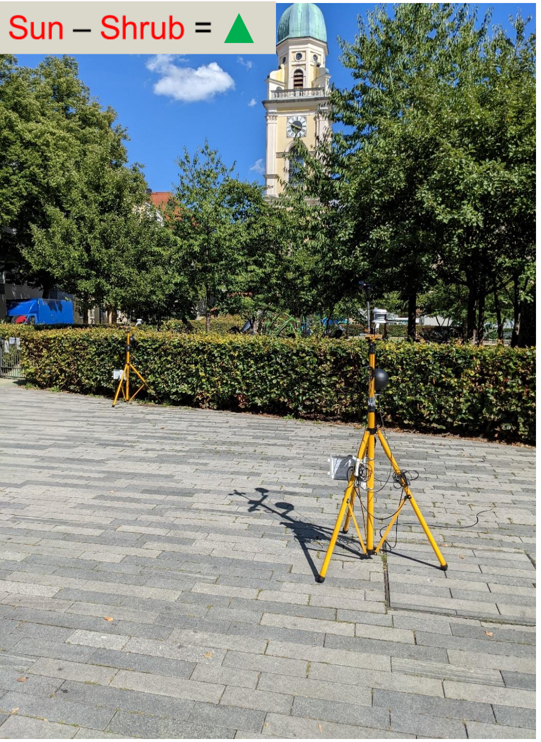
Forsythia virdissima (Green-Stemmed forsythia)

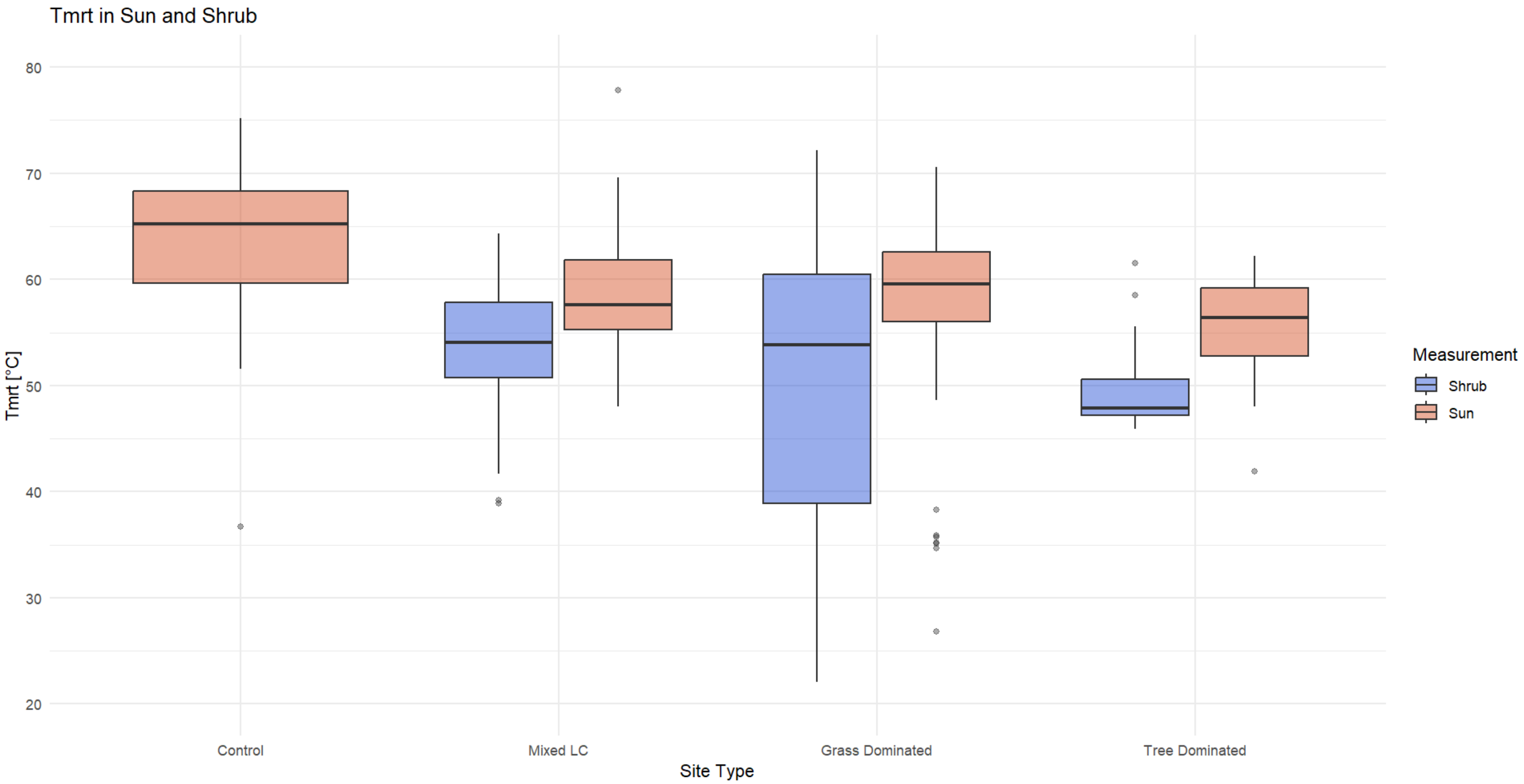
Mean Radiant Temperature (Tmrt)

- Tmrt summarizes the effects of all radiant heat fluxes
- Tmrt between 55°C to 60 °C = Moderate Heat Stress
- Tmrt > 60 °C = Extreme Heat Stress



Differences in Tmrt





Mean ▲ = 6.2 °C

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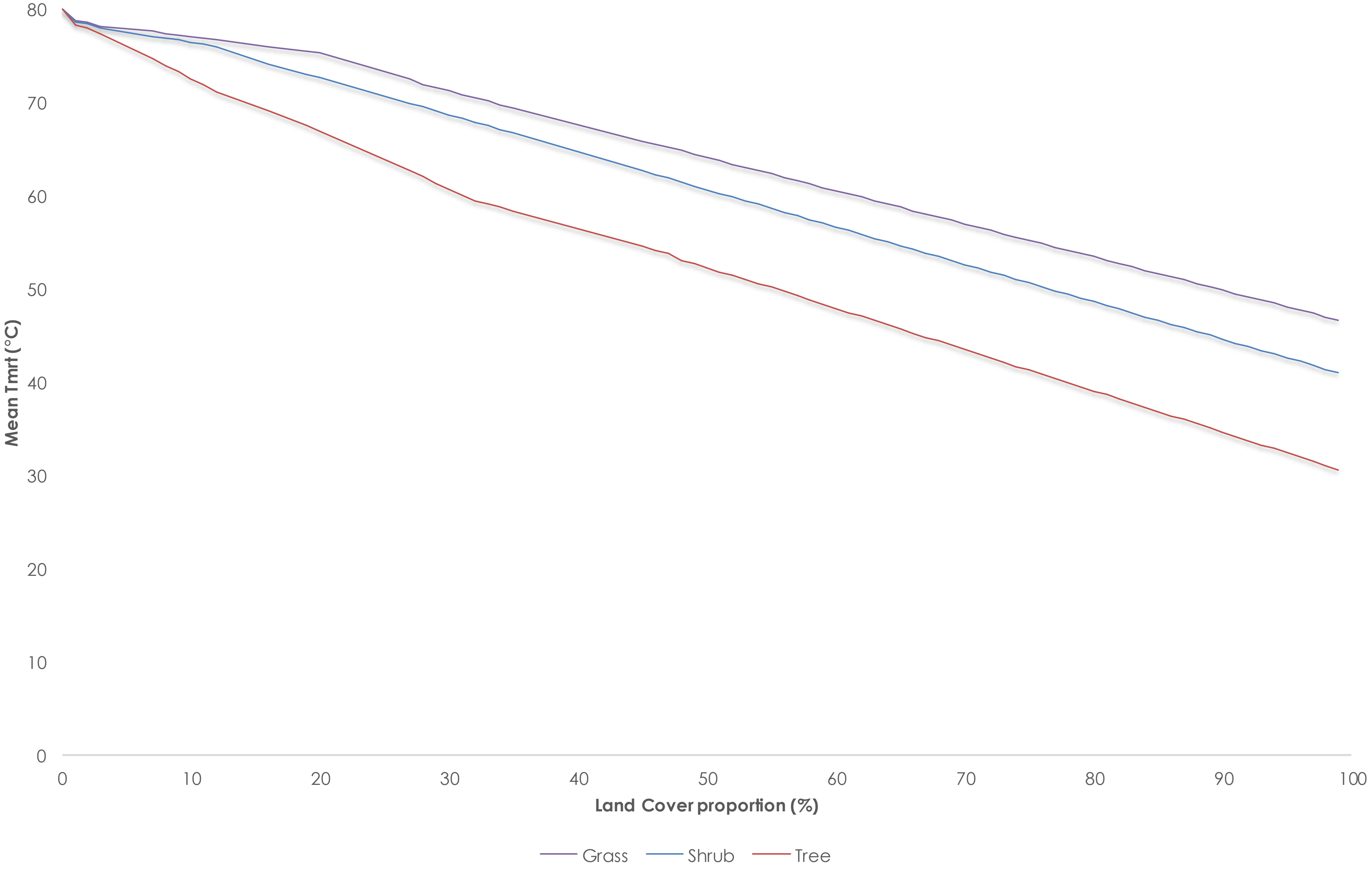
Vegetation Structure

Moderate Heat Stress reduced by

- 35% Tree Cover
- 60% Shrub Cover
- 75% Grass Cover

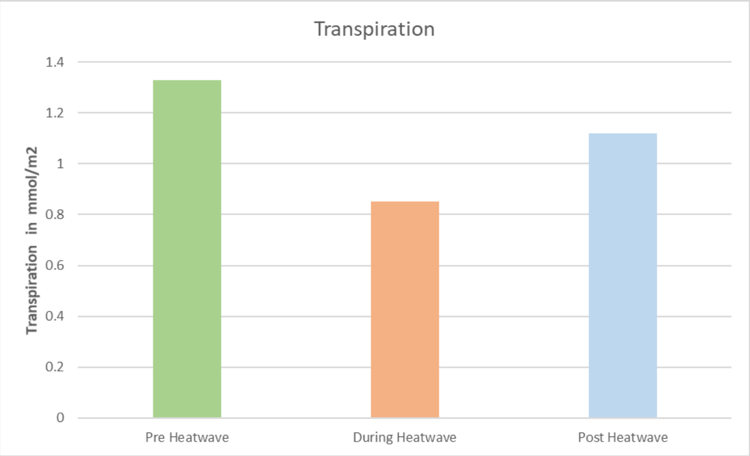


Microclimate Vegetation Feedbacks

Pre Heatwave

During Heatwave

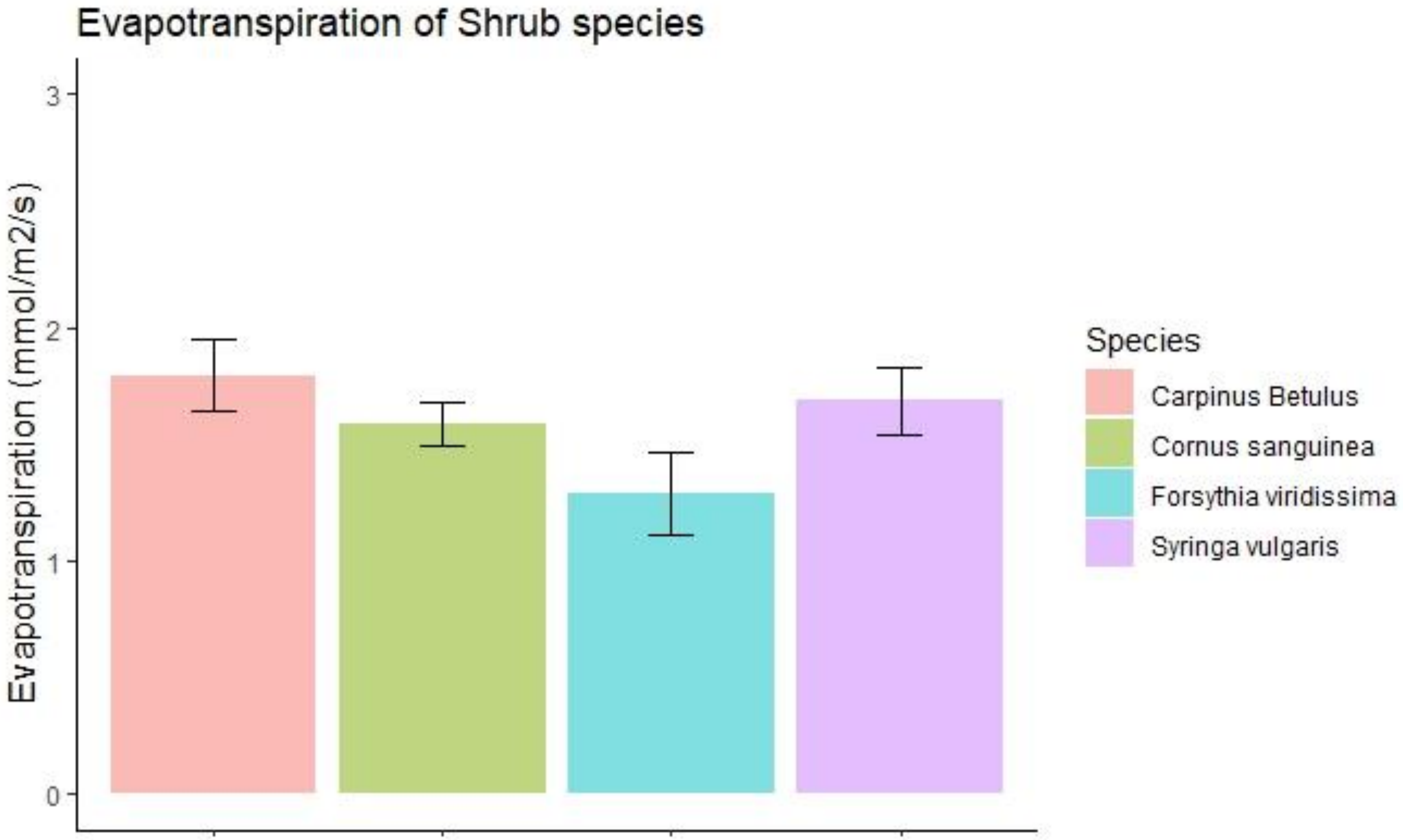
Post Heatwave



~40% decrease in transpiration

Species Level Differences

~ 1/3rd of latent heat as compared to tree



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Monitoring urban surface temperatures using UAV-derived thermal imagery

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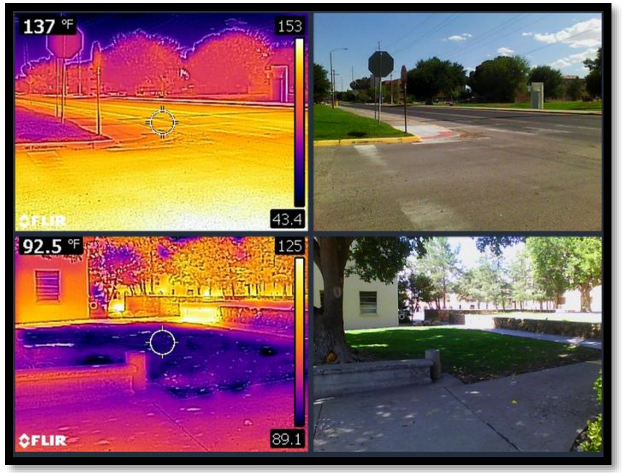

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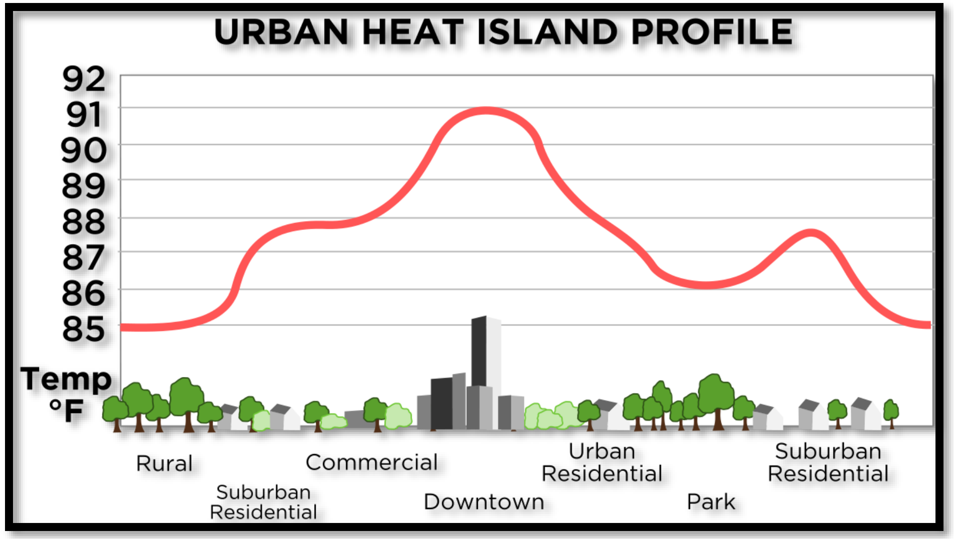
Background: Why is urban heat important?

- Urban area hotter than surrounding rural area
- Day- & night-time effects
- Marginalized communities more affected



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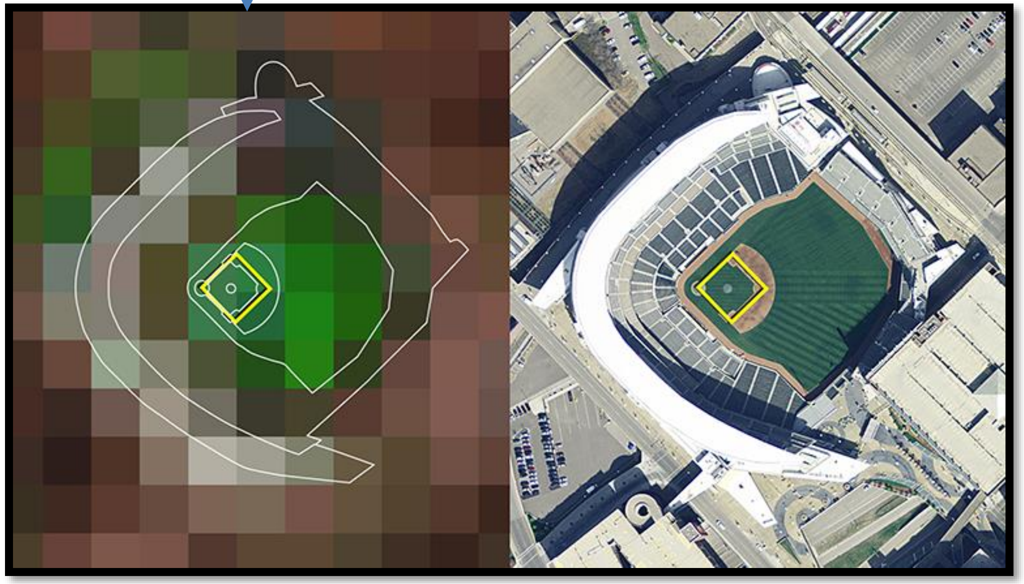
One Tree Planted

Background: How are we currently measuring urban heat?

NASA

- Levels
  - Satellite (spaceborne) level
  - Ground
- Surface vs. air temperature
- Resolution

Plane?
UAV?



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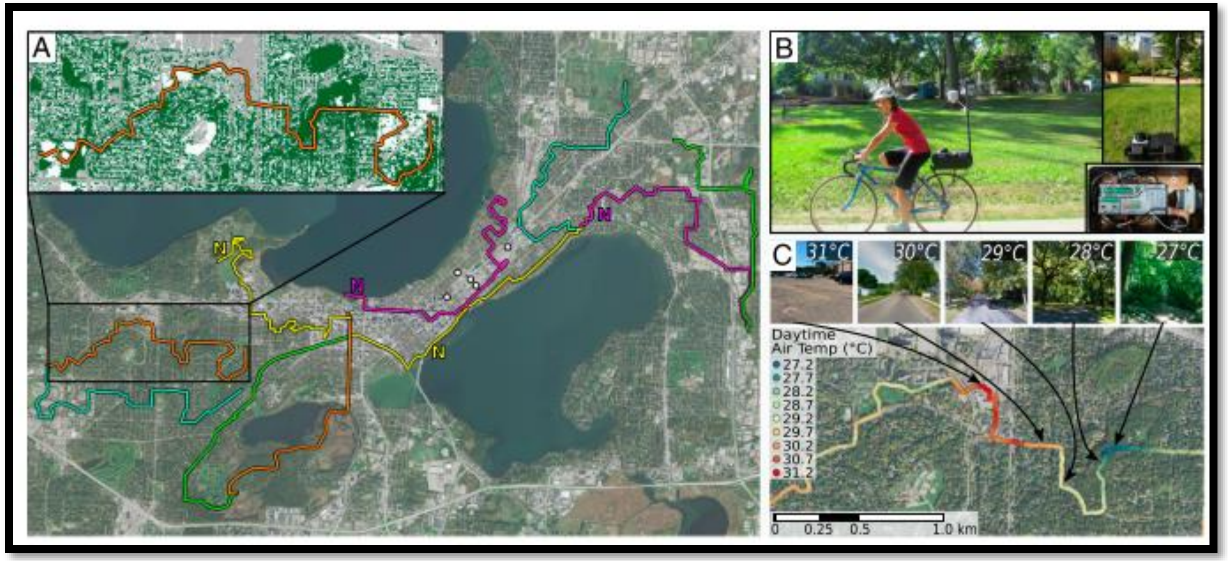
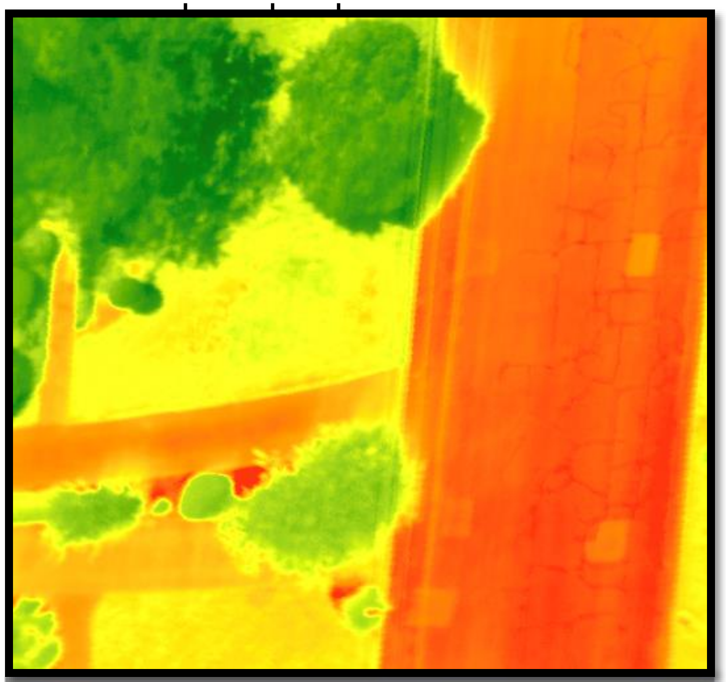


Ziter et al., 2019

Objectives: Two-pronged approach

1. Demonstrate UAV and thermal application in urban environment

2. Analyze urban surface differences, shaded & non-



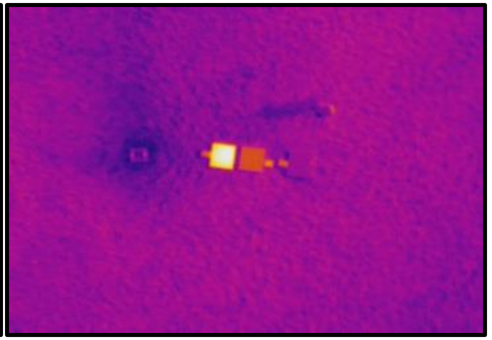
Drone life

Methods: Initial testing

UAV with FLIR camera (±5°C)

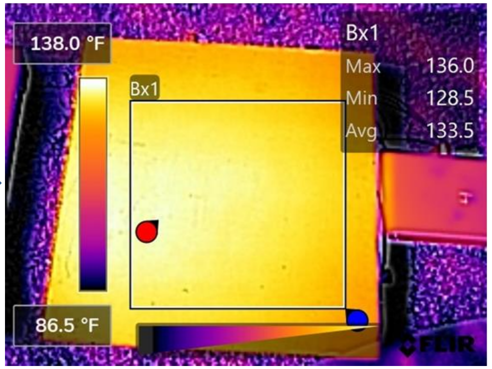
Freerangestock, FLIR

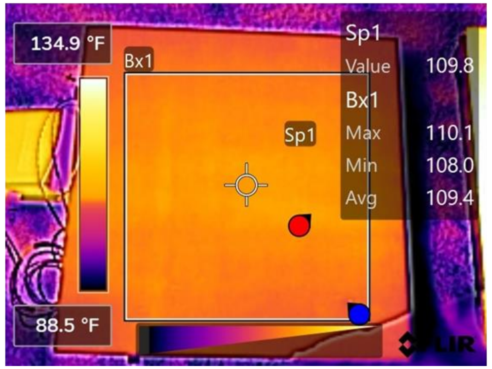
Surface thermal imagery from UAV

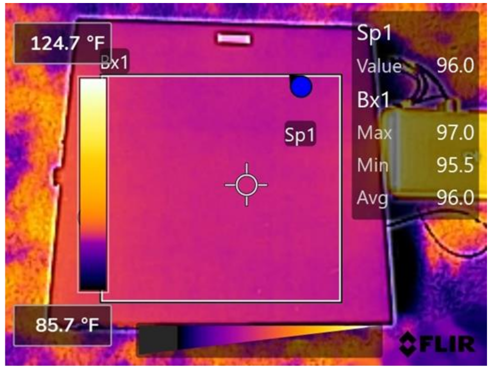


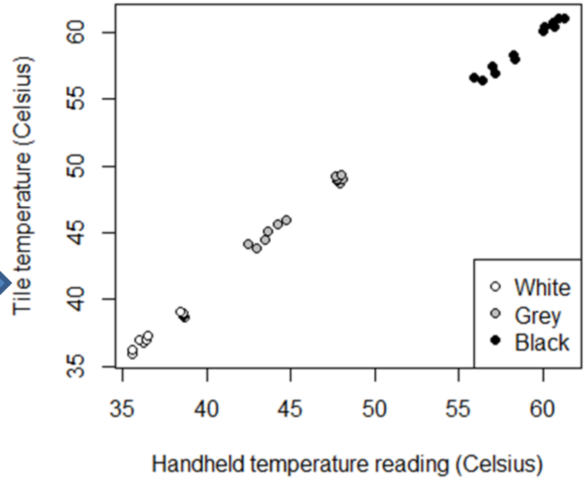
Ground check: Tile, handheld, & UAV

FLIR



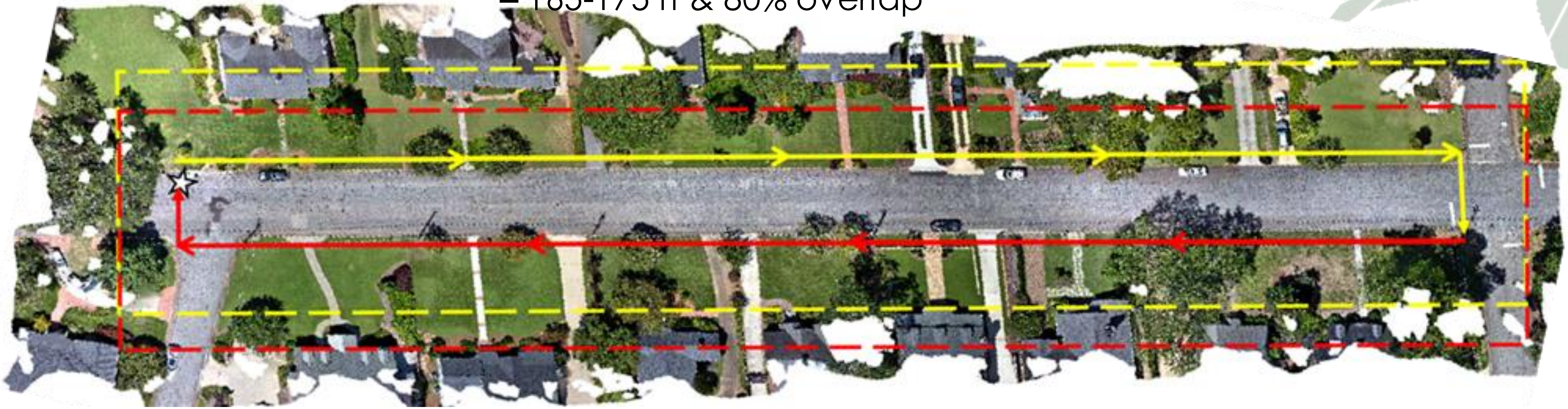






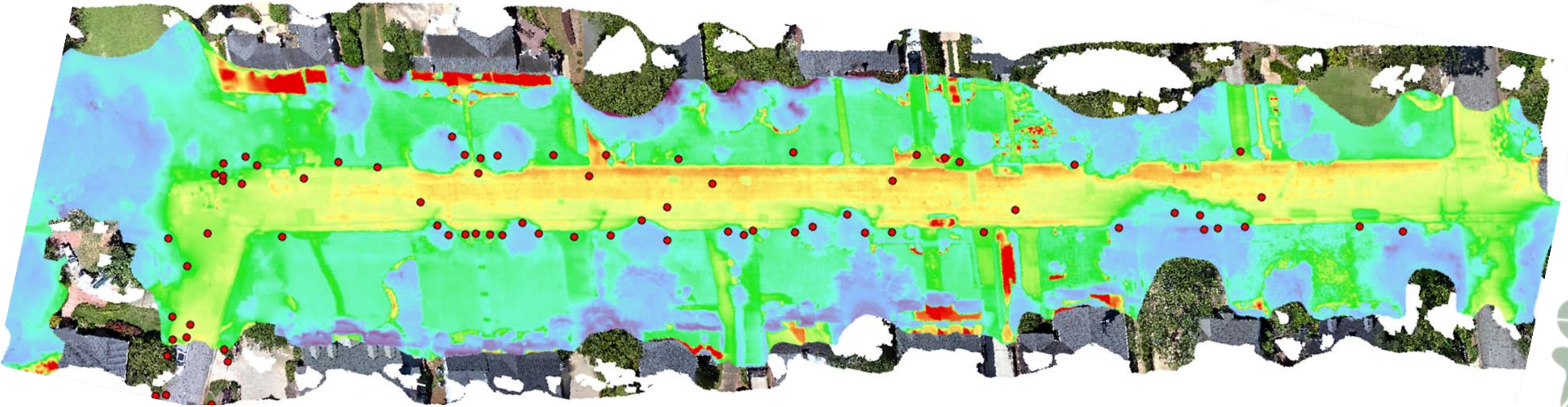
Methods: UAV application

- Transects = balance between safety and practical application
  - Regulations + courtesy
- Both sides of street. Low enough for detail, high enough for image overlap.
  - 165-175 ft & 80% overlap



Methods: Ground data collection

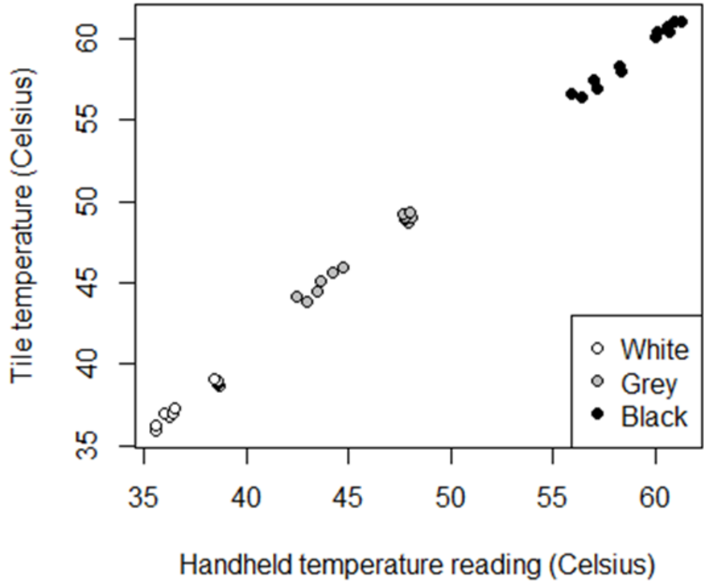
- Ground data collected at same time as flight
  - Surface type & Shaded or unshaded
  - Audio recording during collection
- GPS point taken for each point
- Handheld reading compared to UAV reading



Results: Handheld and UAV accuracy

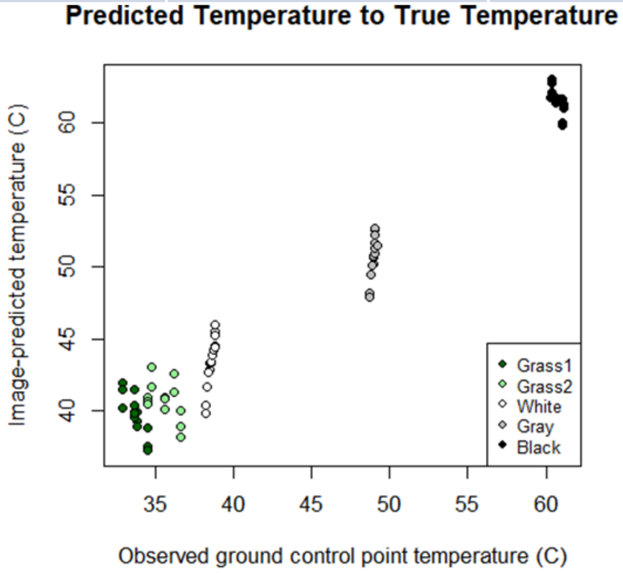
- Handheld = accurate (n = 36)

White		Gray		Black		Measure-ment Error (%)
Handheld FLIR	Av erage Tile Reading	Handheld FLIR	Av erage Tile Reading	Handheld FLIR	Av erage Tile Reading	White Gray Black
37.3	37.8	45.7	46.9	58.9	58.9	1.3% 2.6% 0.1%

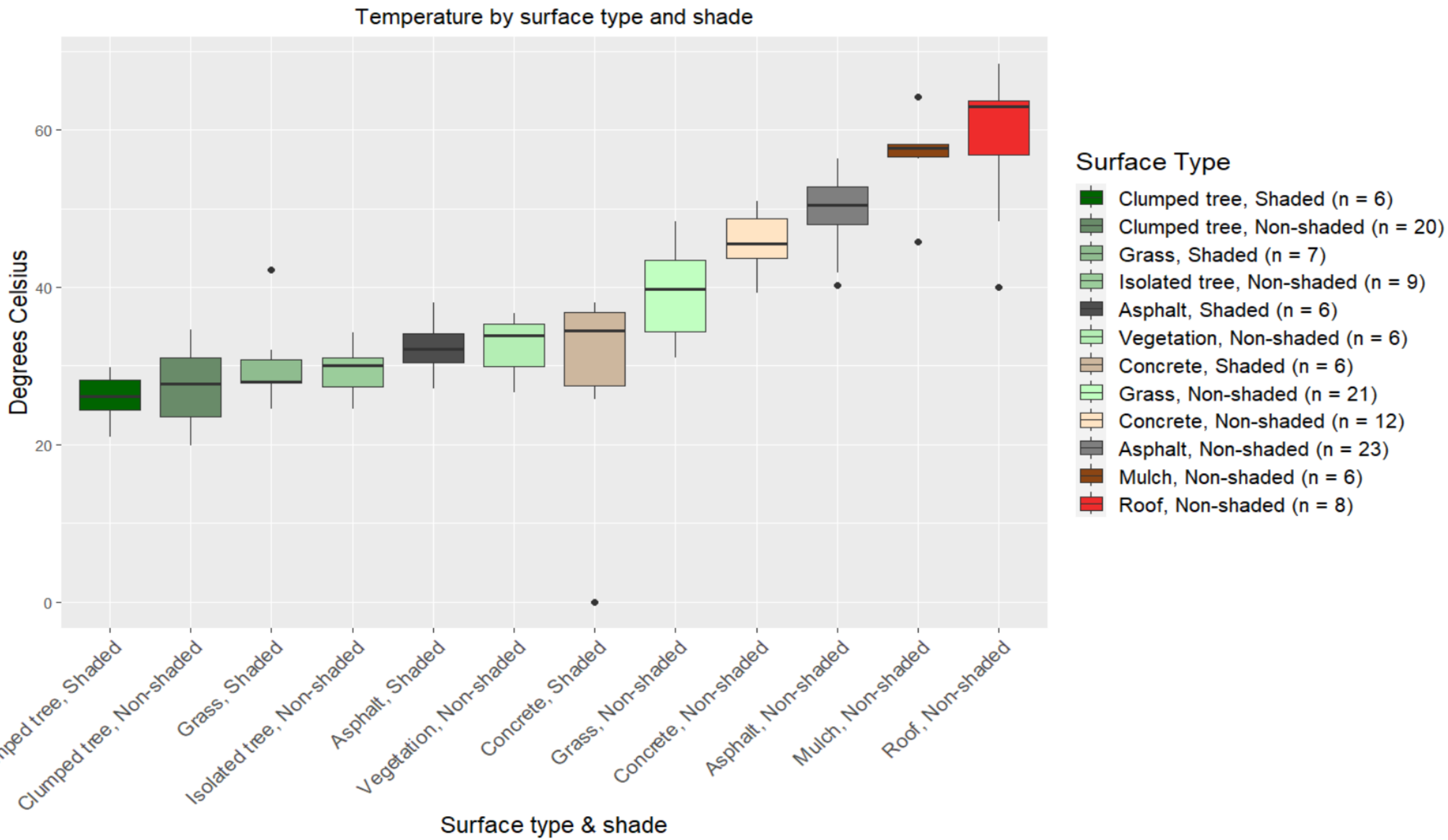


- Majority of UAV thermal image readings fell within FLIR-specified ±5° C
  - (n = 38/45, or 84%) for tiles, worse for grass (7/30, or only 23%)
  - For neighborhoods so far: 222/278 (80%)

White Measurement Error (%)	Gray Measurement Error (%)	Black Measurement Error (%)
12.5	3.61	1.32



Results: Urban surface temperatures



Takeaways

- UAV can measure urban temperatures
  - There is a way to fly urban areas while minimizing risk
  - Person with technical knowledge needed
- Even non-shaded greenery = some of the coolest surfaces
  - Non-green natural surfaces appear hotter—comparable?
- Tree configuration (clumped vs. isolated) might show temperature differences in canopy temperature (Alonzo et al., 2021)
  - Does configuration make a difference in surrounding surface temps?

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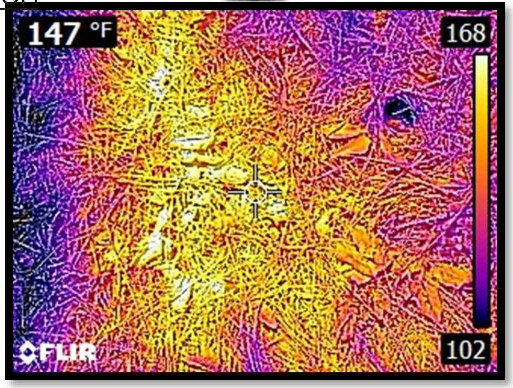
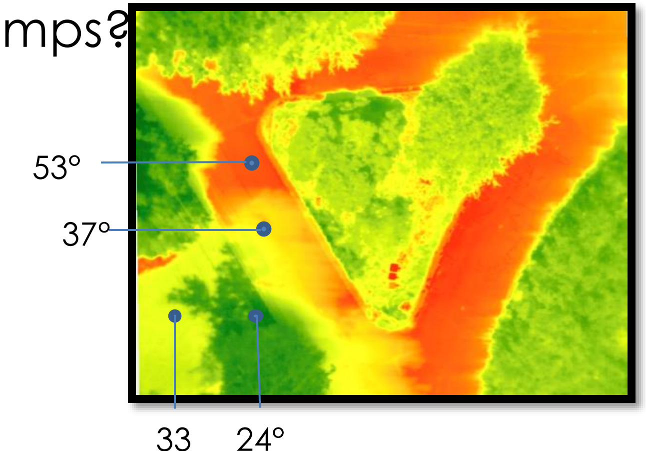


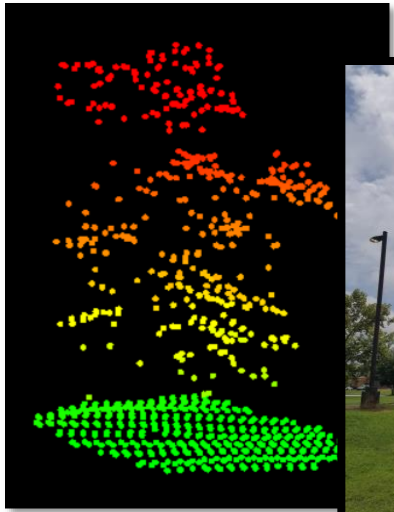


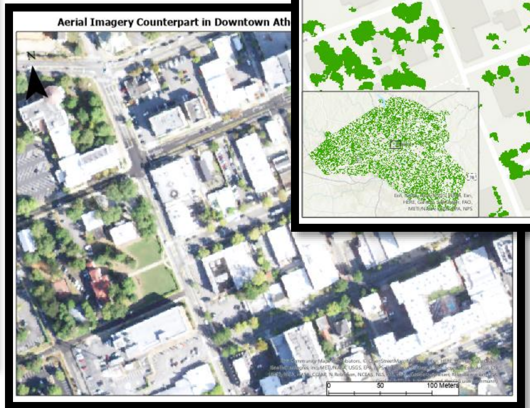
Takeaways (continued)

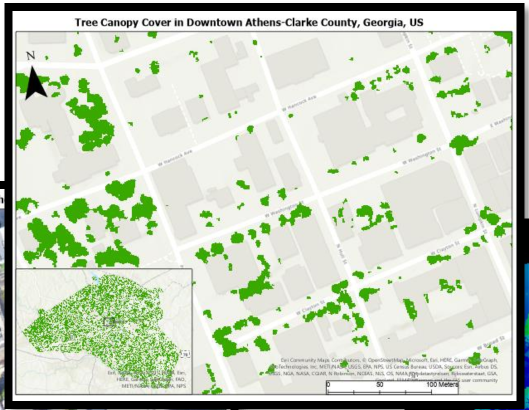
- More work required in:
  - Tree characteristics effects and spatial configurations of trees (Cai et al., 2022; Davis et al., 2016; Rafiee et al., 2016)
  - Relationships among canopy temperature, air temperature, and surface temperature (Cheung et al., 2021)
  - Spatial configurations of surrounding environment & trees (da Rocha et al., 2017; Oke & Stewart, 2012; Yu et al., 2019)
- Higher resolution thermal imagery from UAV makes more detailed data fusion possible

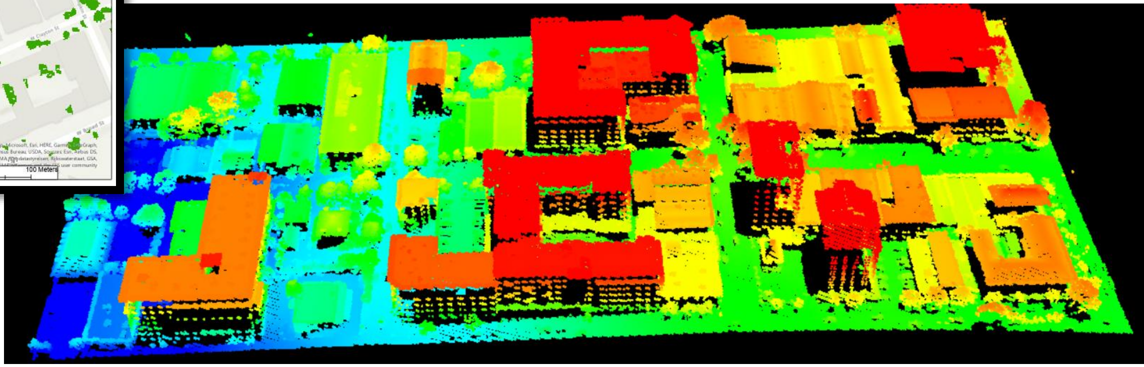
Accounting for 3-dimensionality

Cheung et al., 2021









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Session 1.4 - In the Cool of the Day

Impacts of water restriction on the development of urban trees and their associated climate services.

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Introduction

Context & Objectives

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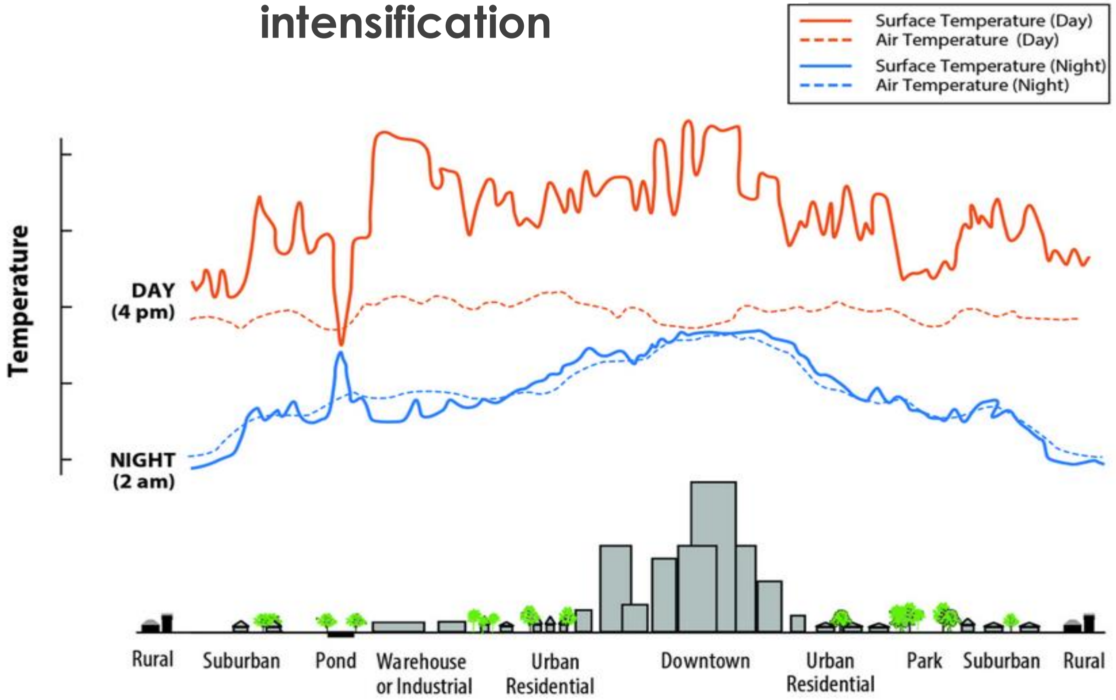
- **Ongoing climate changes**, e.g. ↗ global average air temperature

IPCC, 2022

- **Urban Heat Island** (UHI) **intensification**



Oke, 1981; US EPA, 2014

↗Human thermal stress in cities

&

- Increasing **urbanization** trend, i.e. ↗ in the number of people exposed to these extreme climatic events

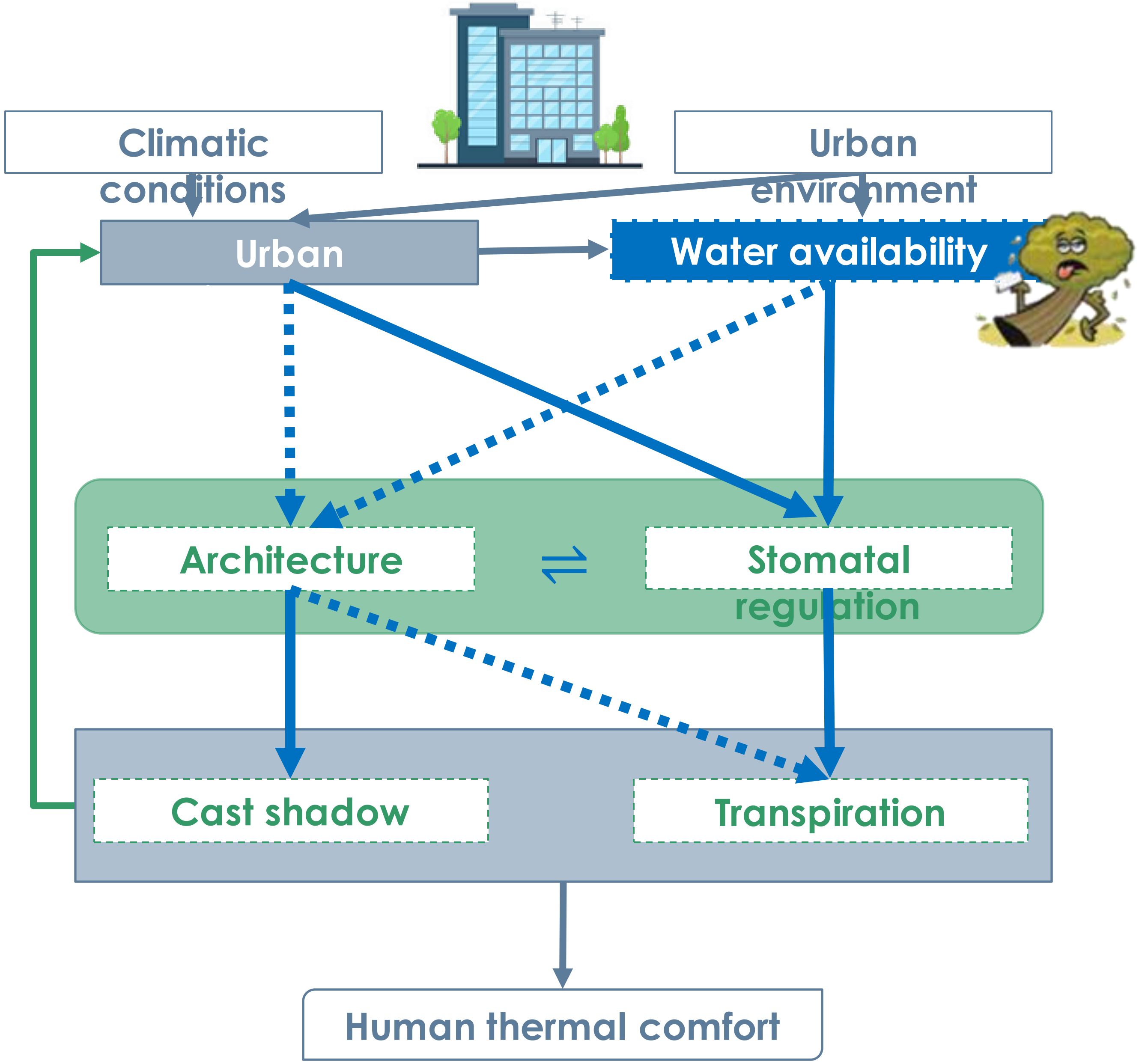
United Nations, 2019

⇒ **Identify solutions for adapting to increasing heat: trees in cities are a promising line …**
… but there is a need to account for increasing droughts

Bühler et al, 2006; Rahman et Ennos, 2016; Rötzer et al, 2021

Short term effects

Medium term effects



Objectives

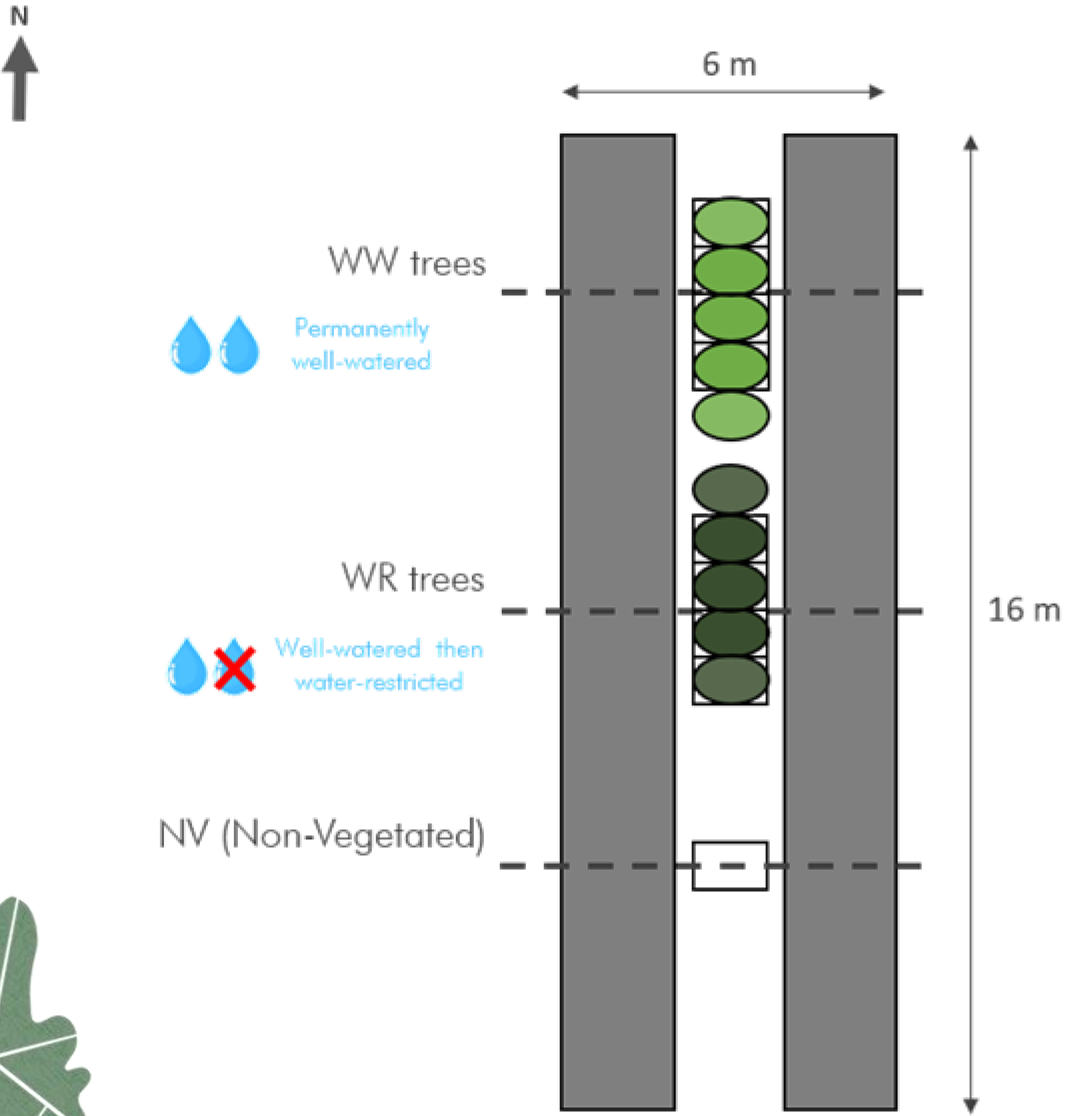
1. Analyze the effects of a drought period on the **architectural development** and the transpiration of alignment trees in a canyon street

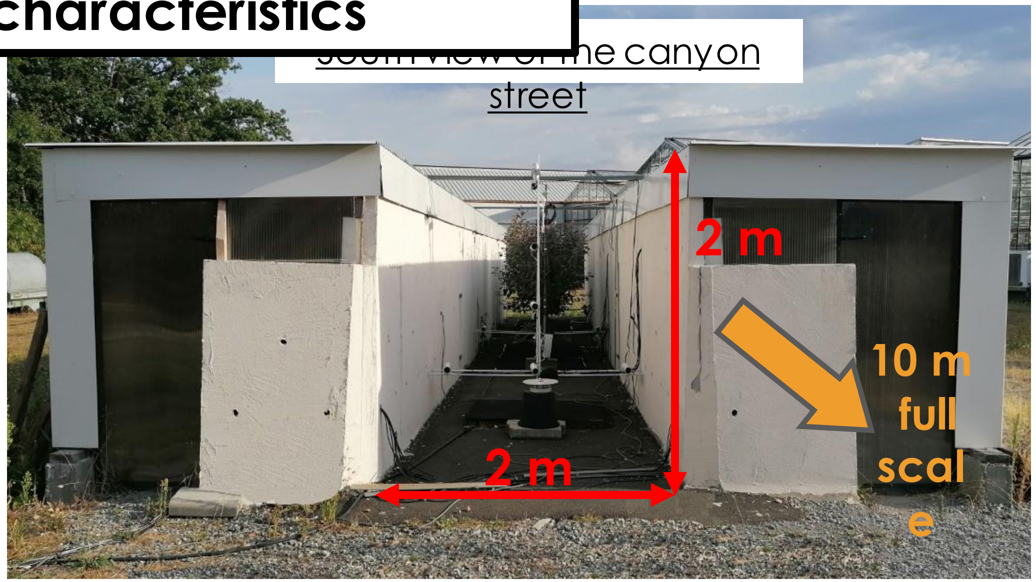
2. Characterize **their consequences on the cooling services**

Material & Methods

Facility & Measurements

Experimental facility characteristics





canyon street

A WW tree on July 5th, 2022

- Width : 2 meters
- Height : 2 meters

- Aspect ratio : 1
- Scale : 1/5

- 2 vegetated zones
- 1 non-vegetated zone

- 1 species *Malus Coccinella® 'Courtarou'*

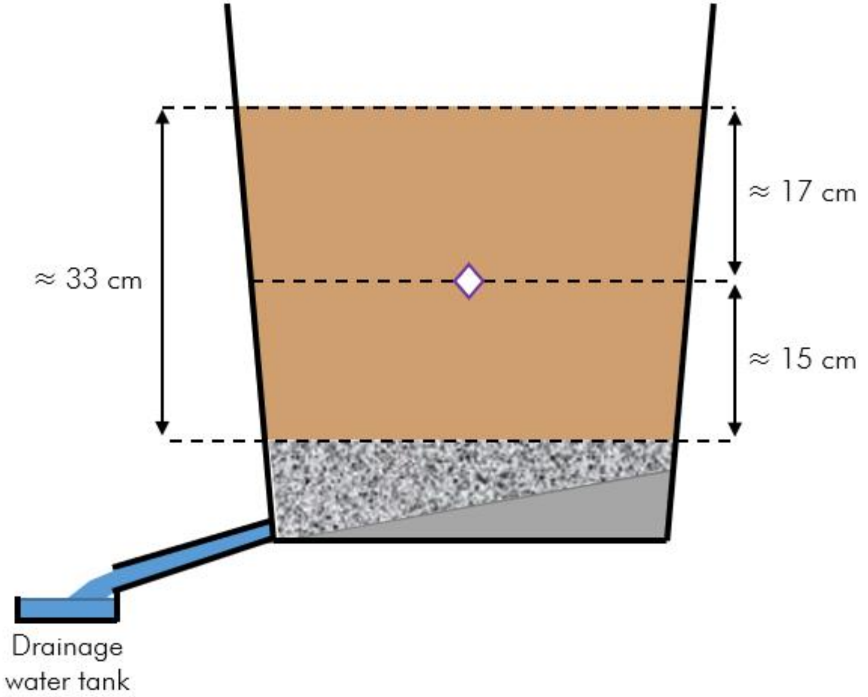
Ground measurements

Bioclimatic sensors to characterize:

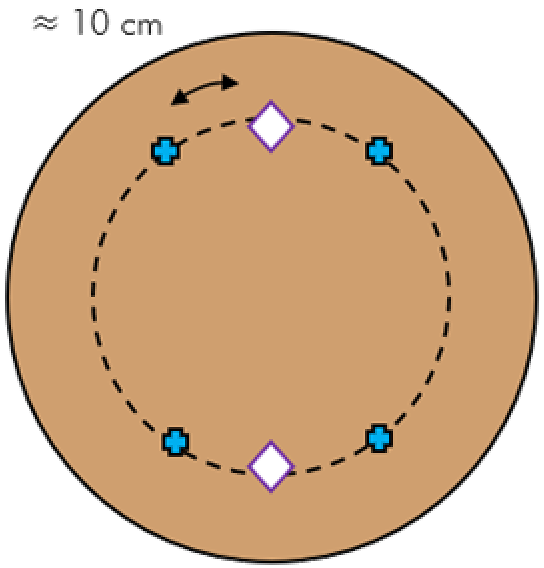
- **Water availability in the soil**

W ⟷ E

Side view
Lengthwise planting pit section



Top view
Cross planting pit section

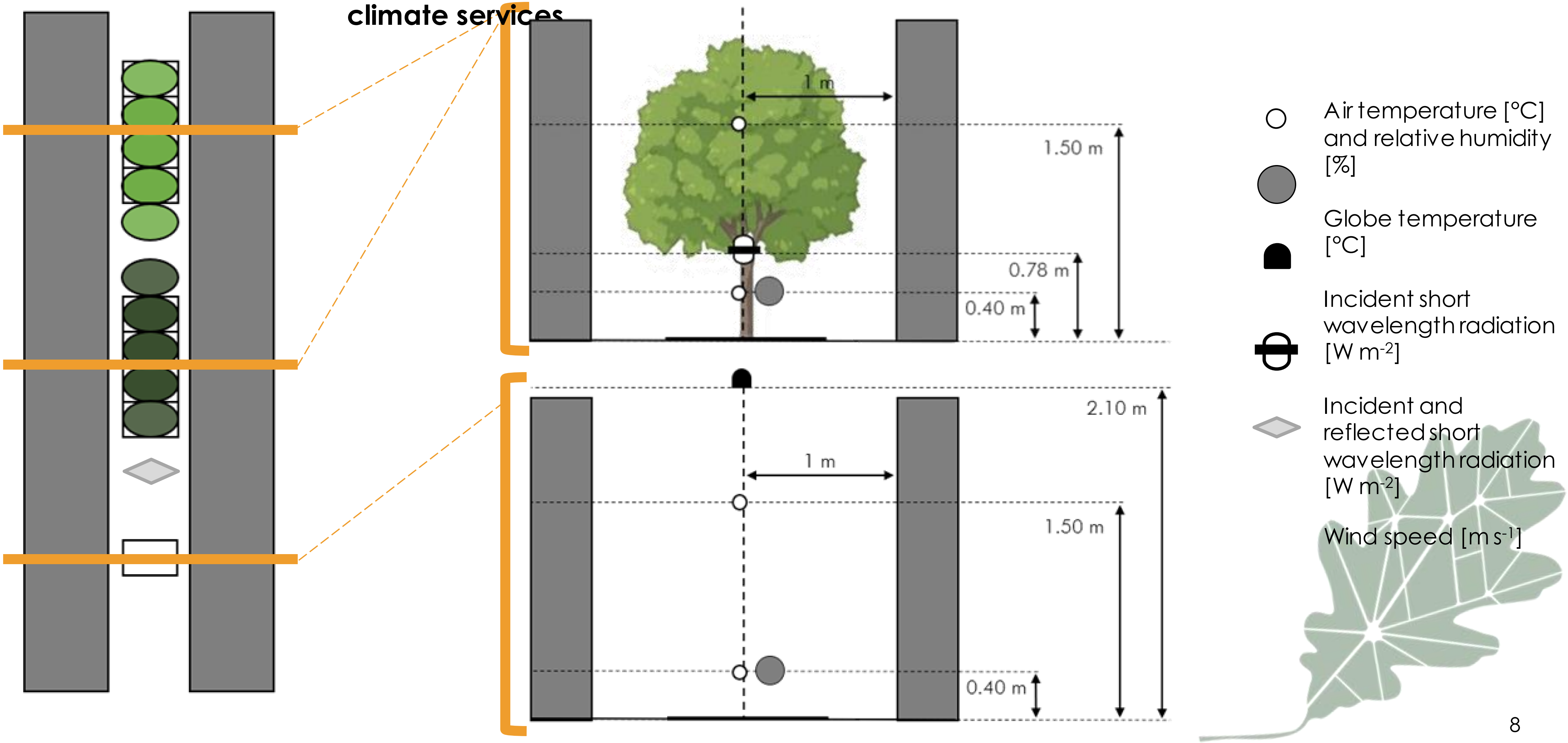


Capacitive probe [m^3_{water} m^{-3}_{soil}]

Dripper

Climate measurements

- **Climatic conditions** both in vege d zones of the street & **tree climate services**



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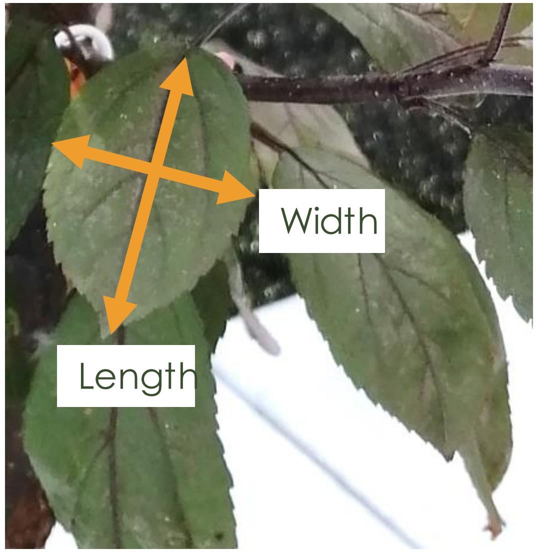
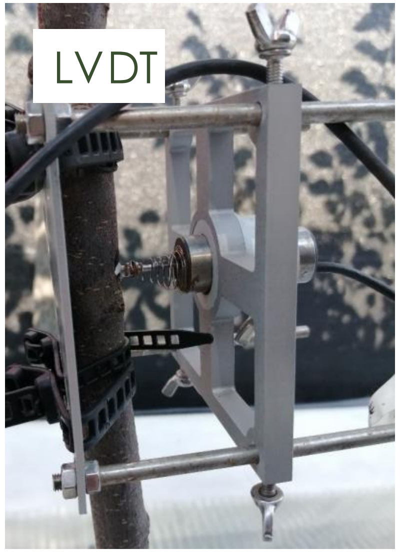
Tree measurements

Ecophysiological measur… ze:





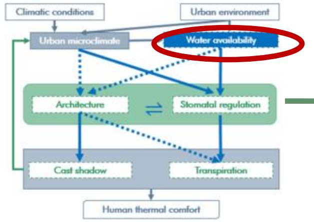
- **Organ characteristics**:
  - Leaf and stem numbers and dimensions (length & width) *by manual measurements*
  - Trunk diameter variations *using LVDT*

- **Crown characteristics**:
  - Tree leaf area using allometric relationships *based on manual measurements of leaf length, leaf width and total foliated length of the axes*
  - Crown geometry such as

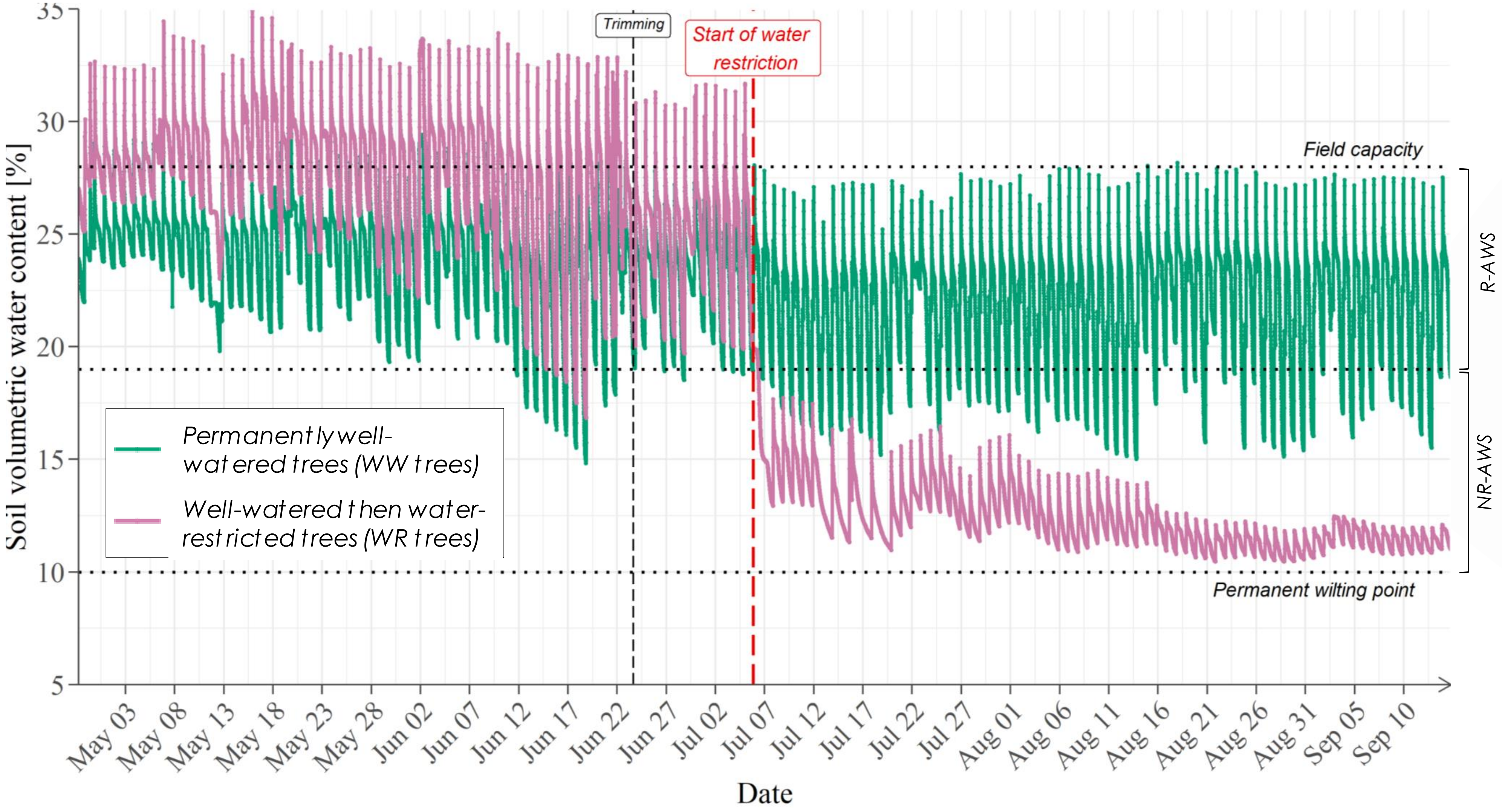
  - Leaf Area Index (LAI), Leaf Area Density (LAD) *calculated from tree leaf area and crown geometry*

Results

Characterization of water regime



Evolution of average soil volumetric water content



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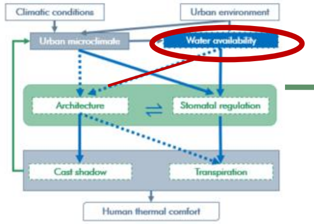
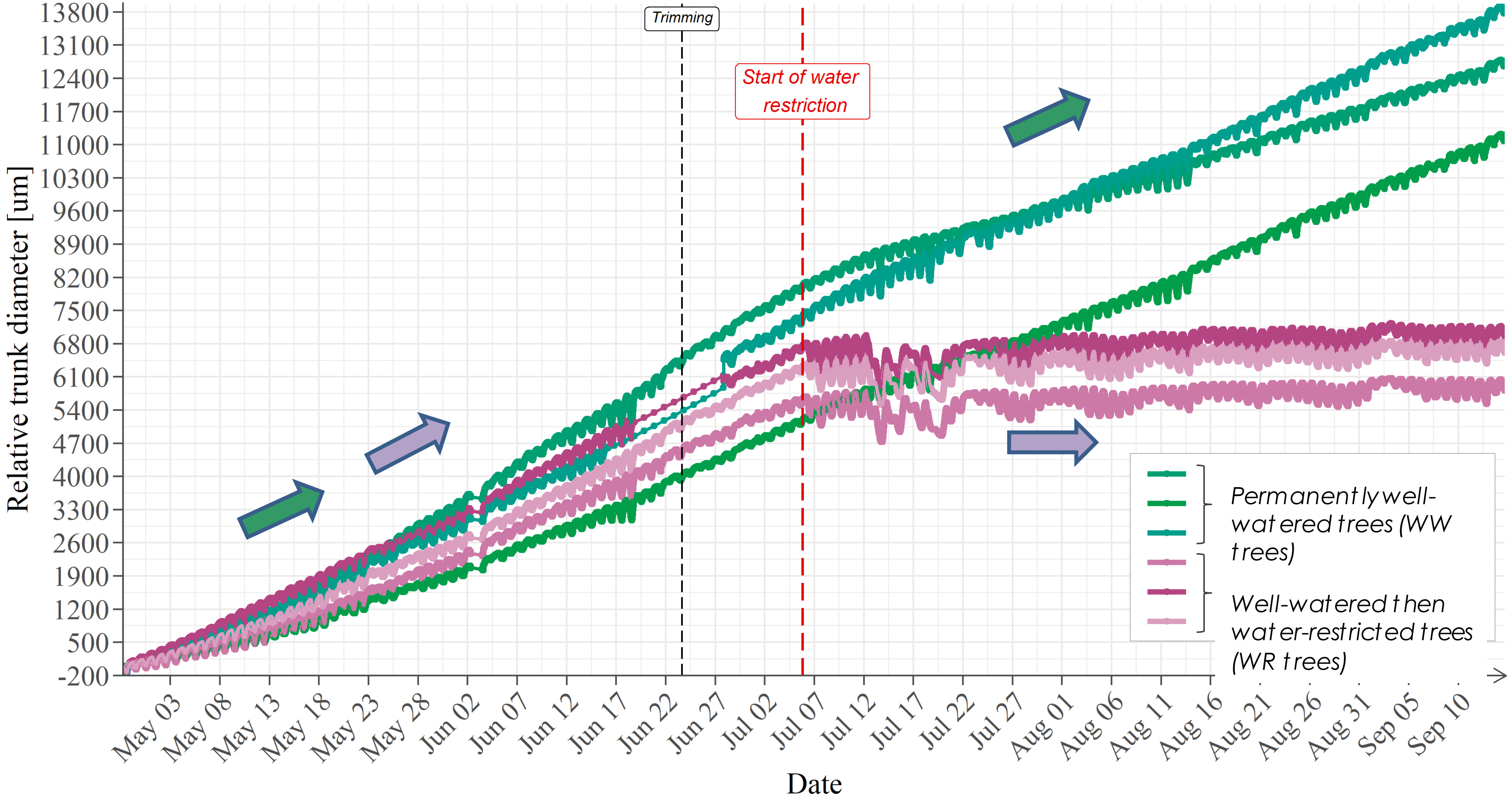
  - Soil water content in non-readily available water storage (NR-AWS) = **Water-restriction**



Evolution of trunks' micrometric variations of the trees



- **Before WR starts:** **Positive trunk secondary growth** for both WW trees & WR trees

- **After WR starts:**
  - Still positive trunk secondary growth for WW trees
  - **No trunk secondary growth** for WR trees

Results

Impact of water restriction on tree architecture

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Second seasonal generation of axes
G2 axis

First seasonal generation of axes
G1 axis

New axis formed after trimming for a well-watered tree

New axis formed after trimming for a water-restricted tree

First seasonal generation of axes
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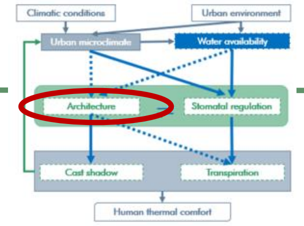
Trimming to maintain coherent tree dimensions, which resulted in new branches development rather than evolution of formely developed axes

After 7 water-restricted weeks (for WR trees)



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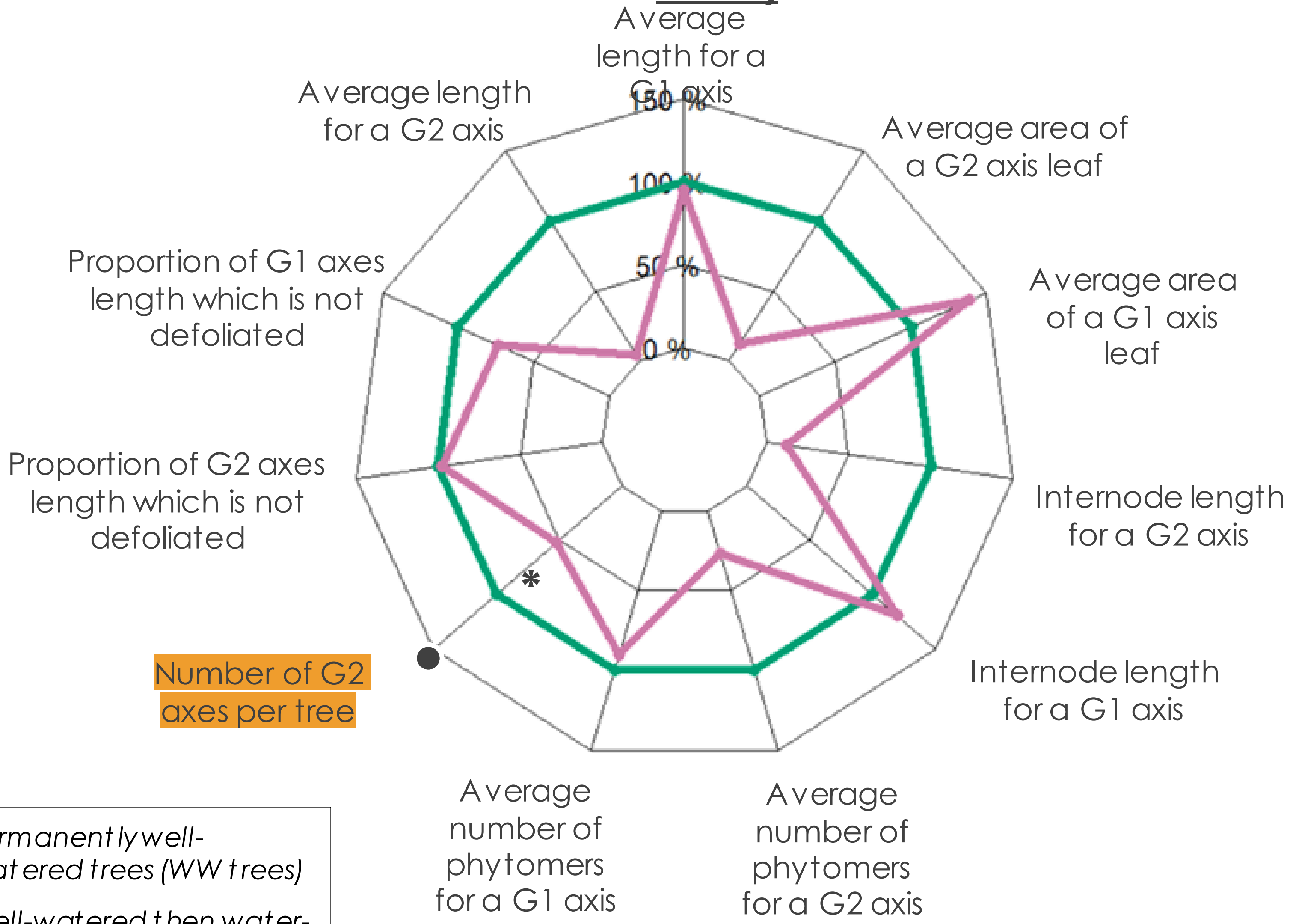

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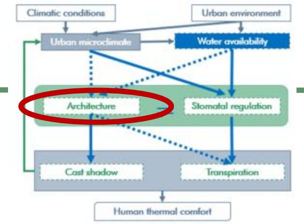

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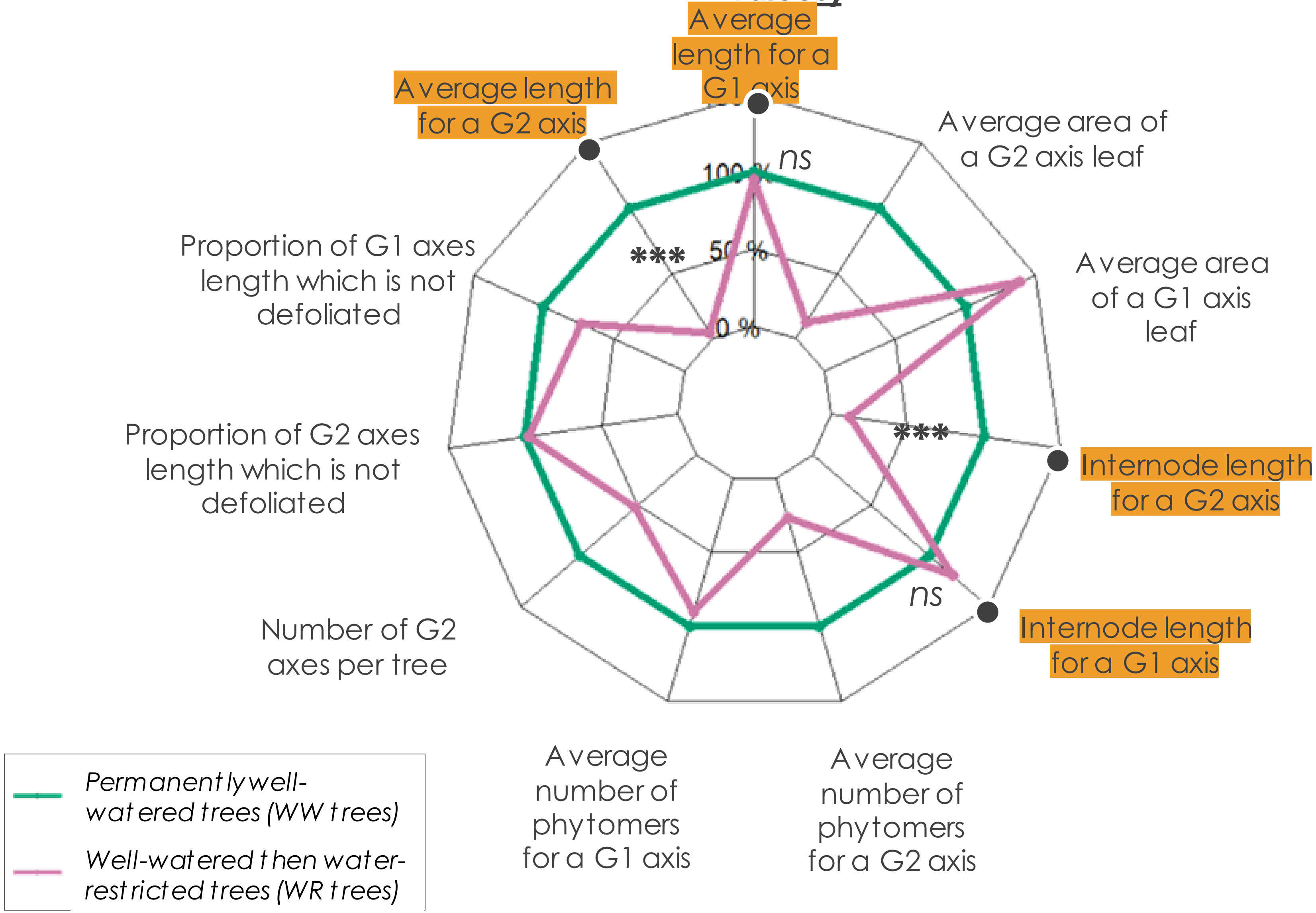

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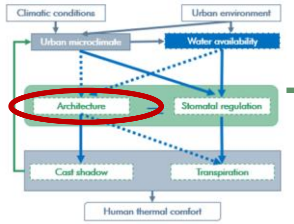

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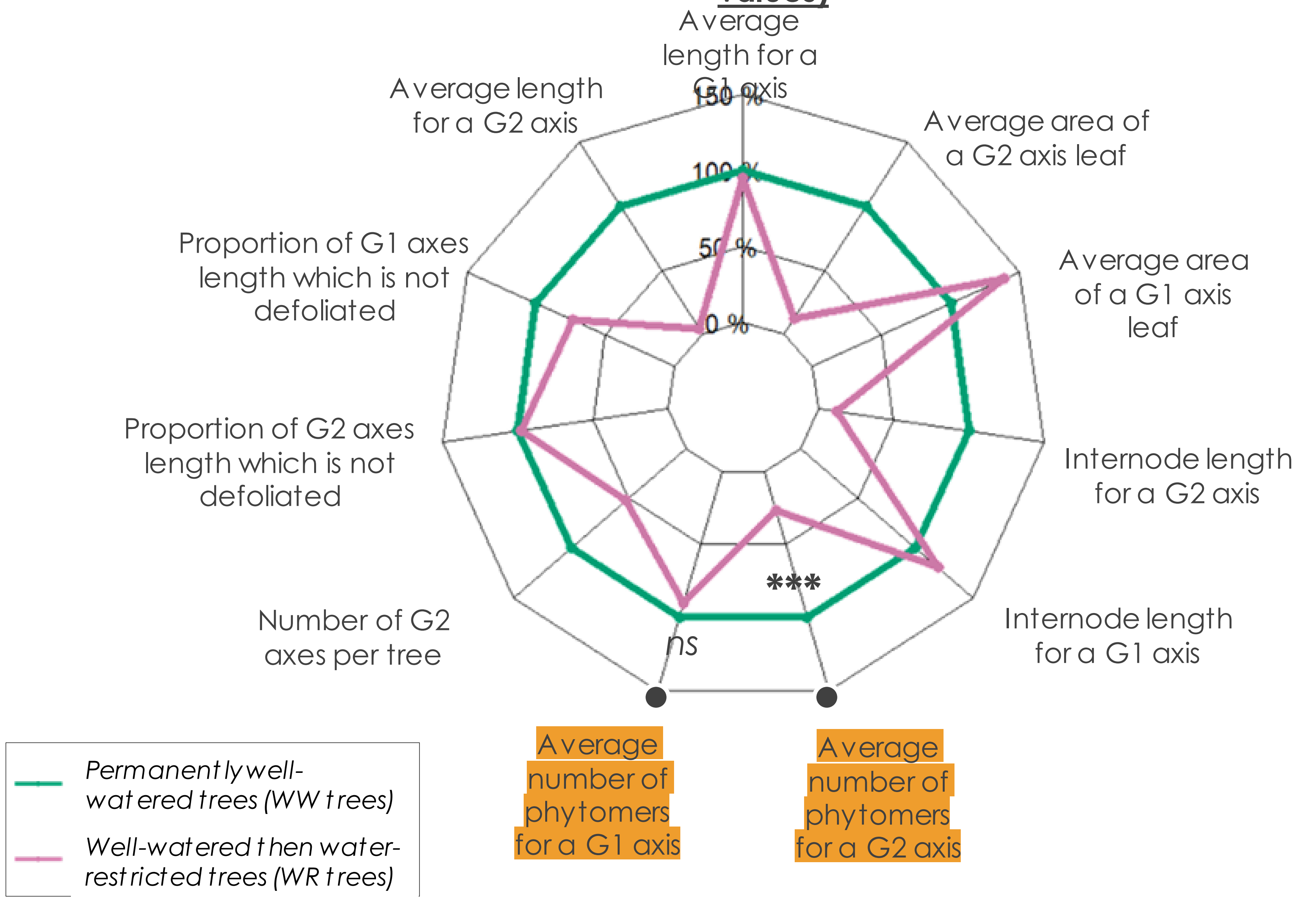

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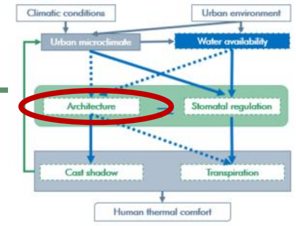

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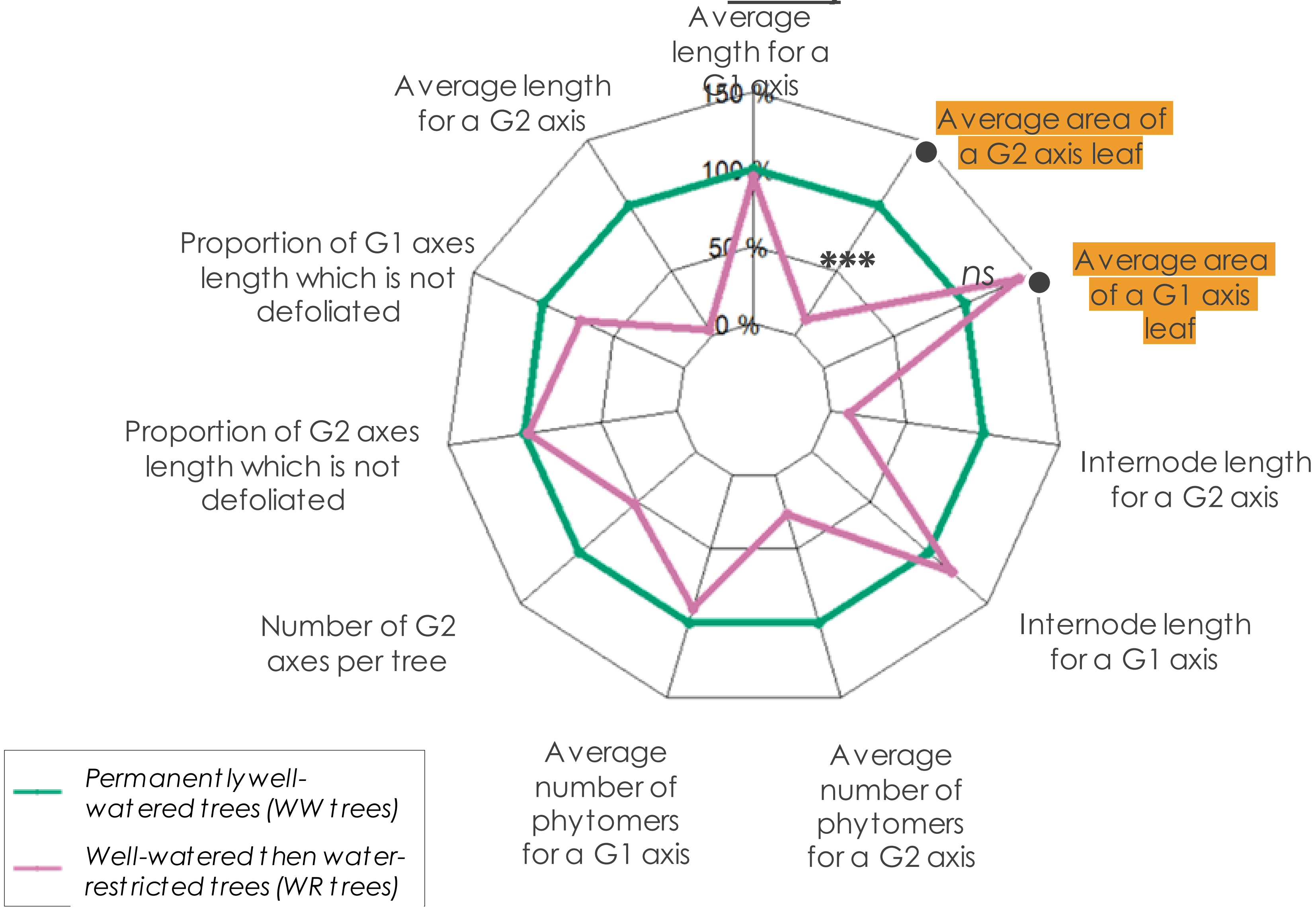

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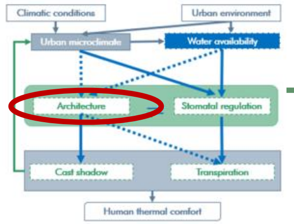

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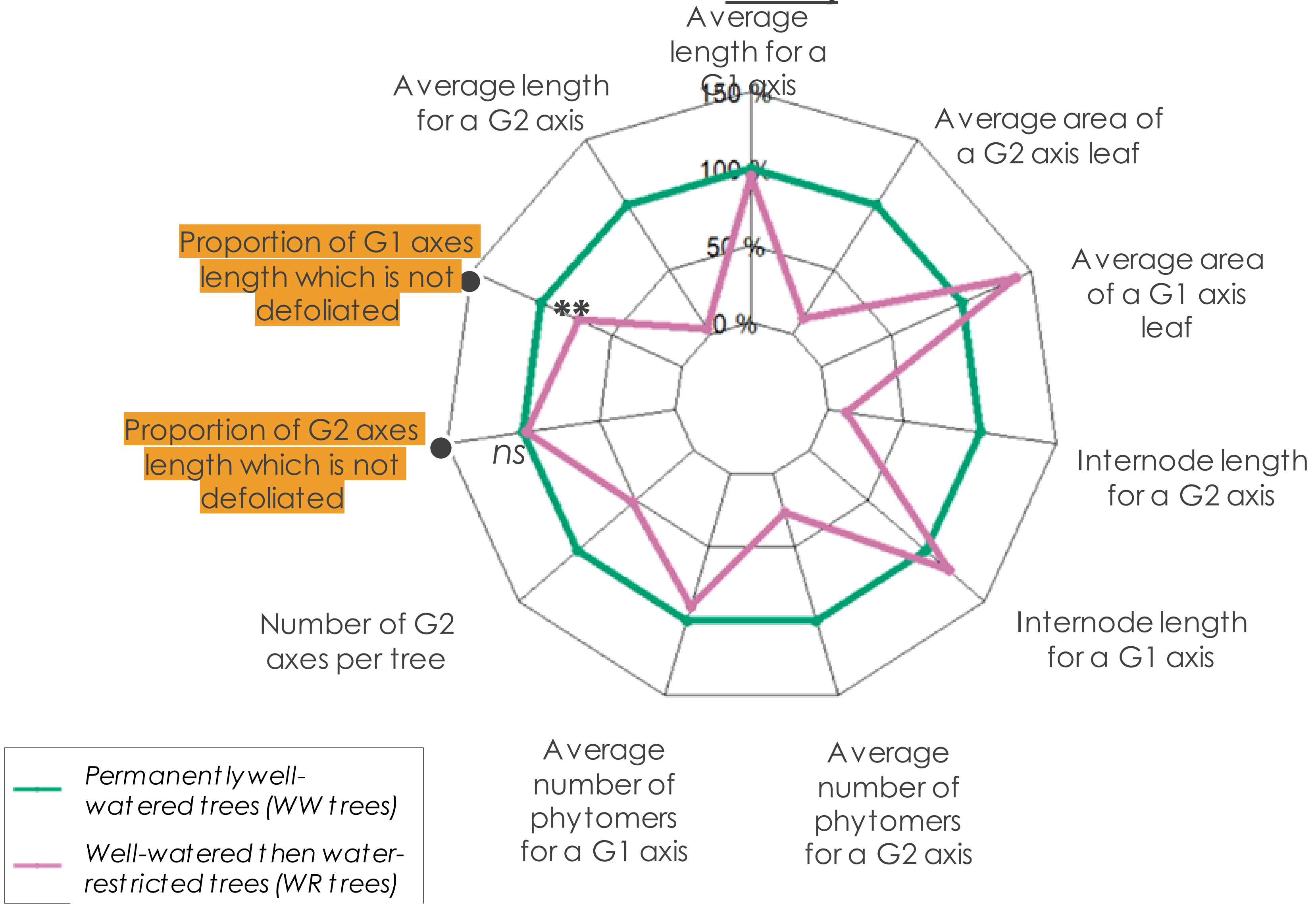

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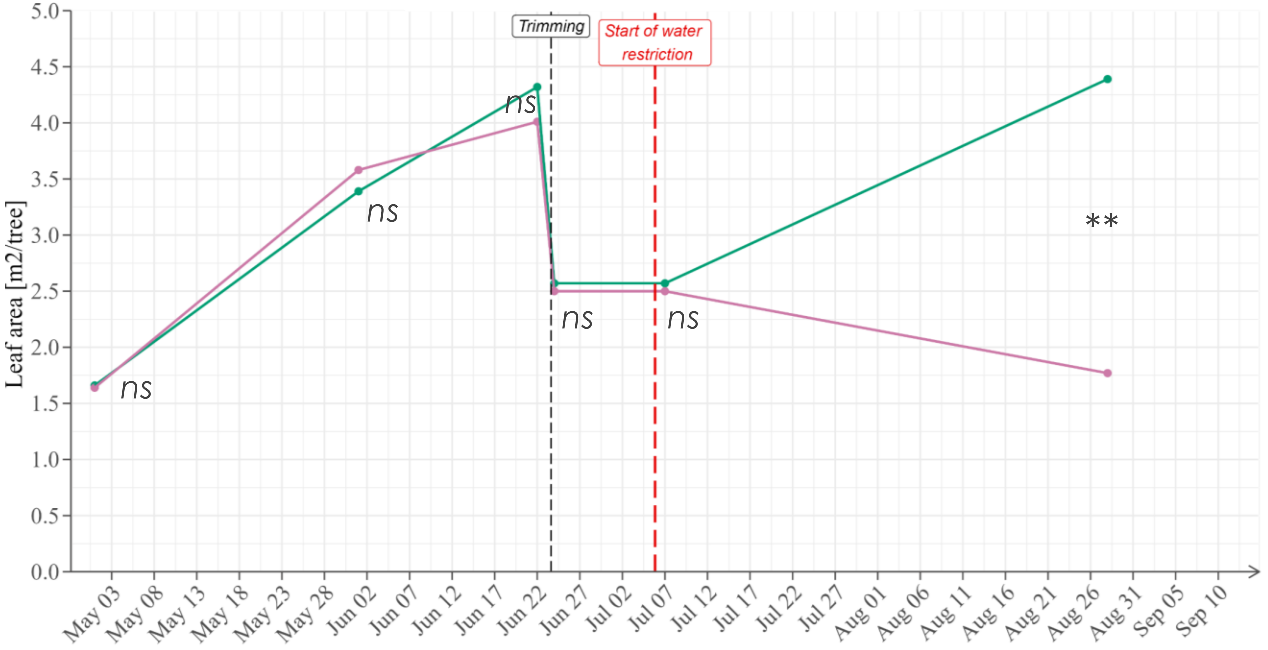

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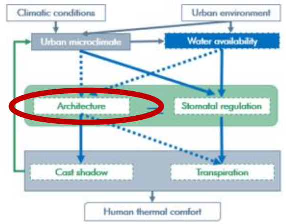

- **Before WR starts:**
  Leaf area of WW trees ≈ Leaf area of WR trees

- **After 7 water-restricted weeks:**
  Leaf area of WW trees >> Leaf area of WR trees, meaning **effects of water restriction on architectural processes affect the leaf area**

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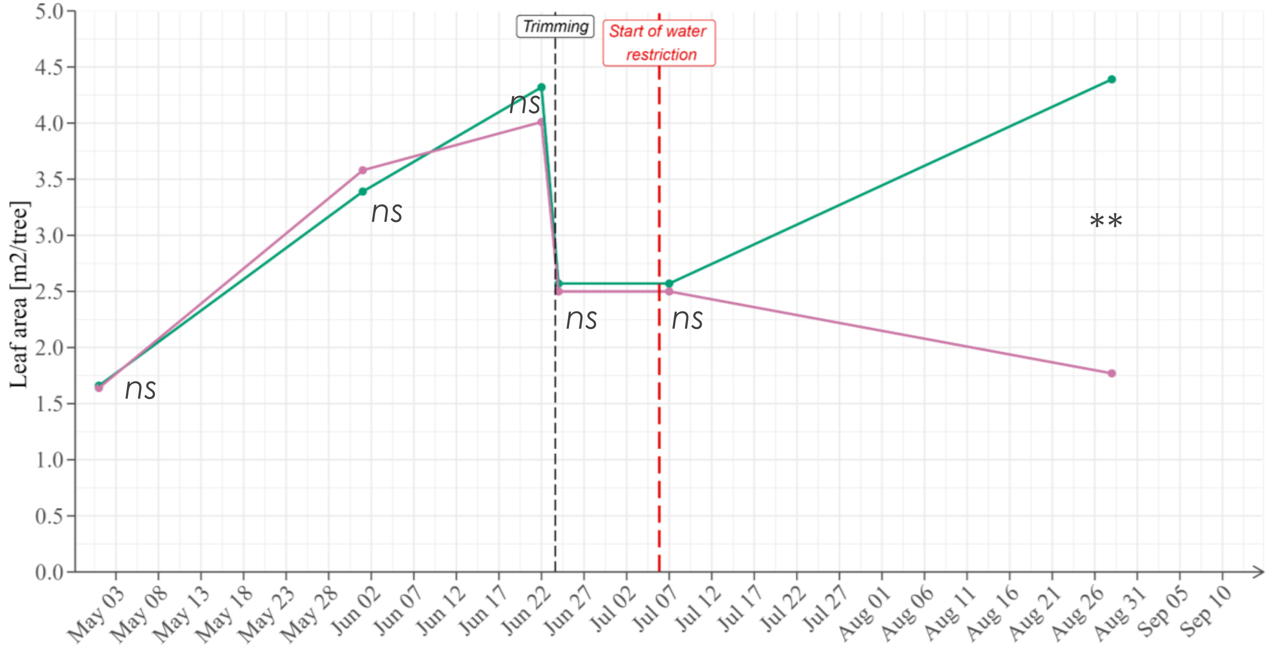

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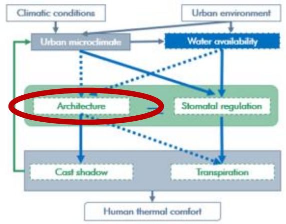

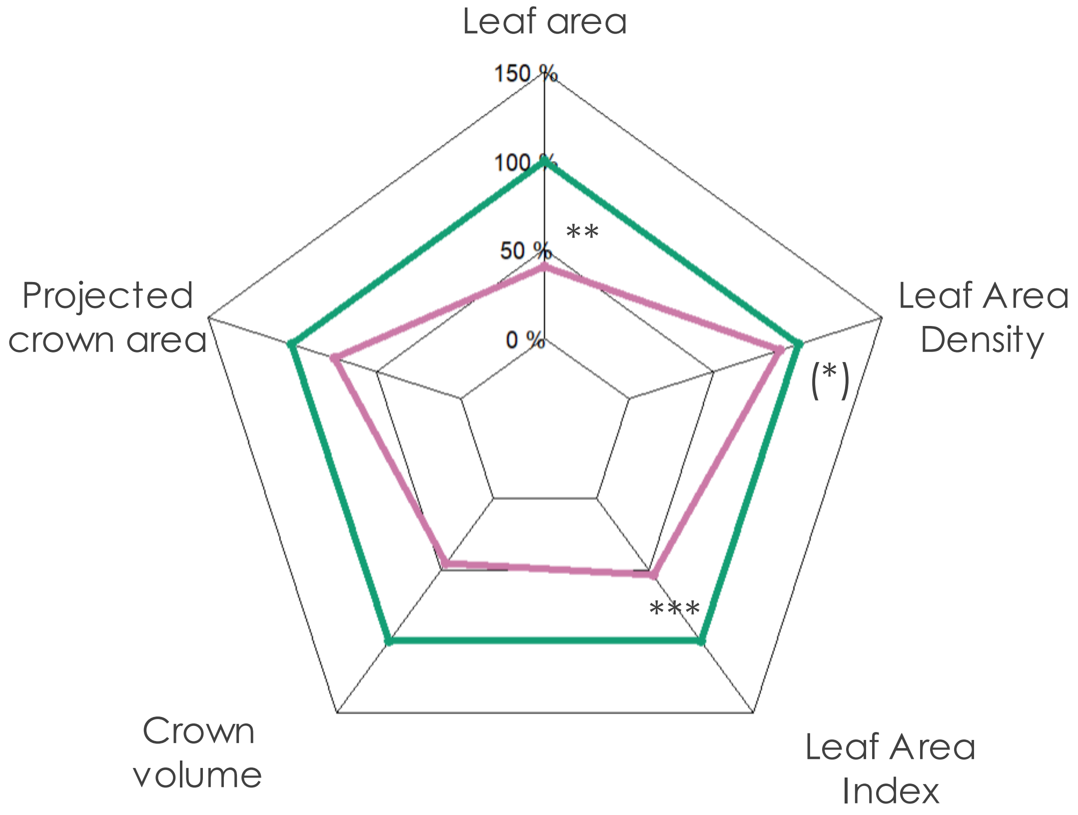

Crown geometry variables such as LAI are reduced after 7 weeks of water restriction due to reduction in leaf area

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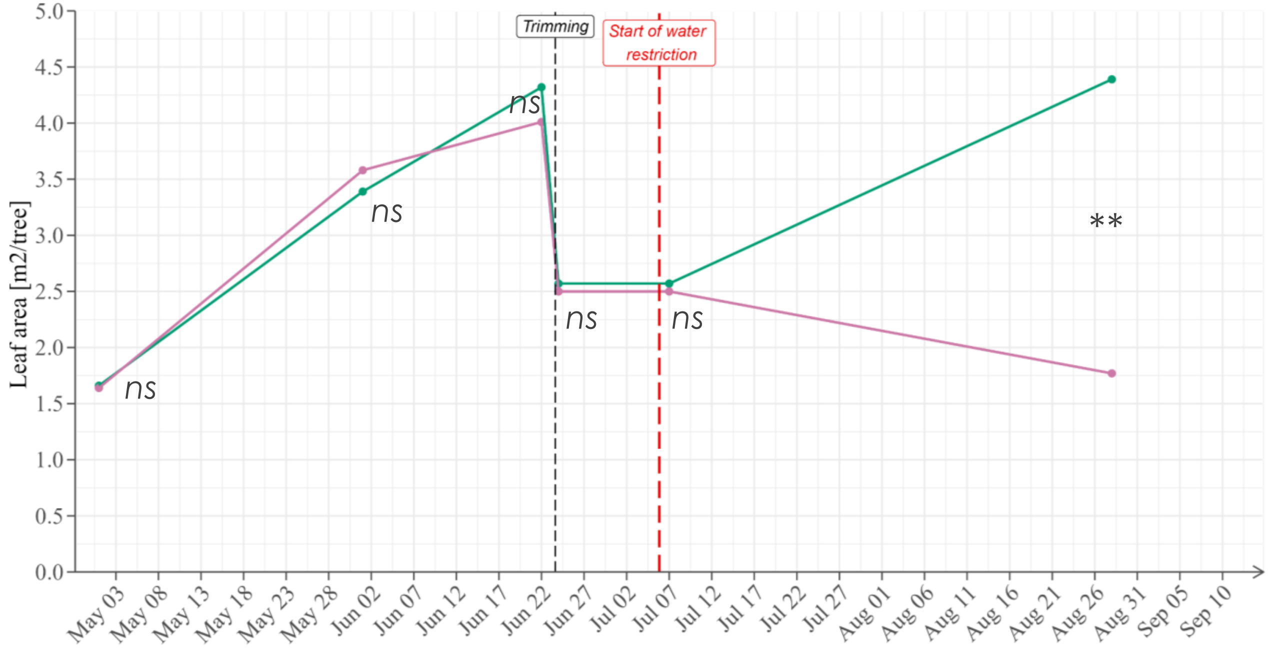

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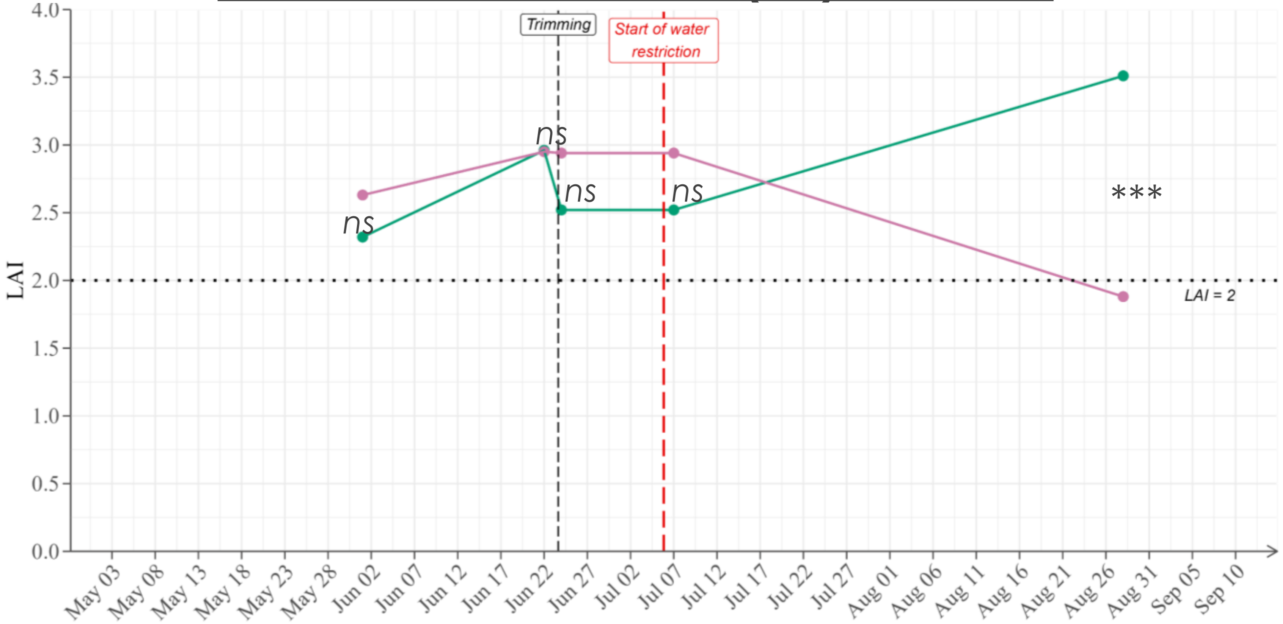
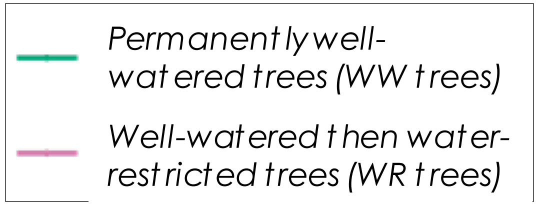
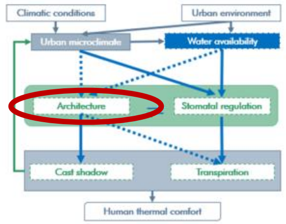
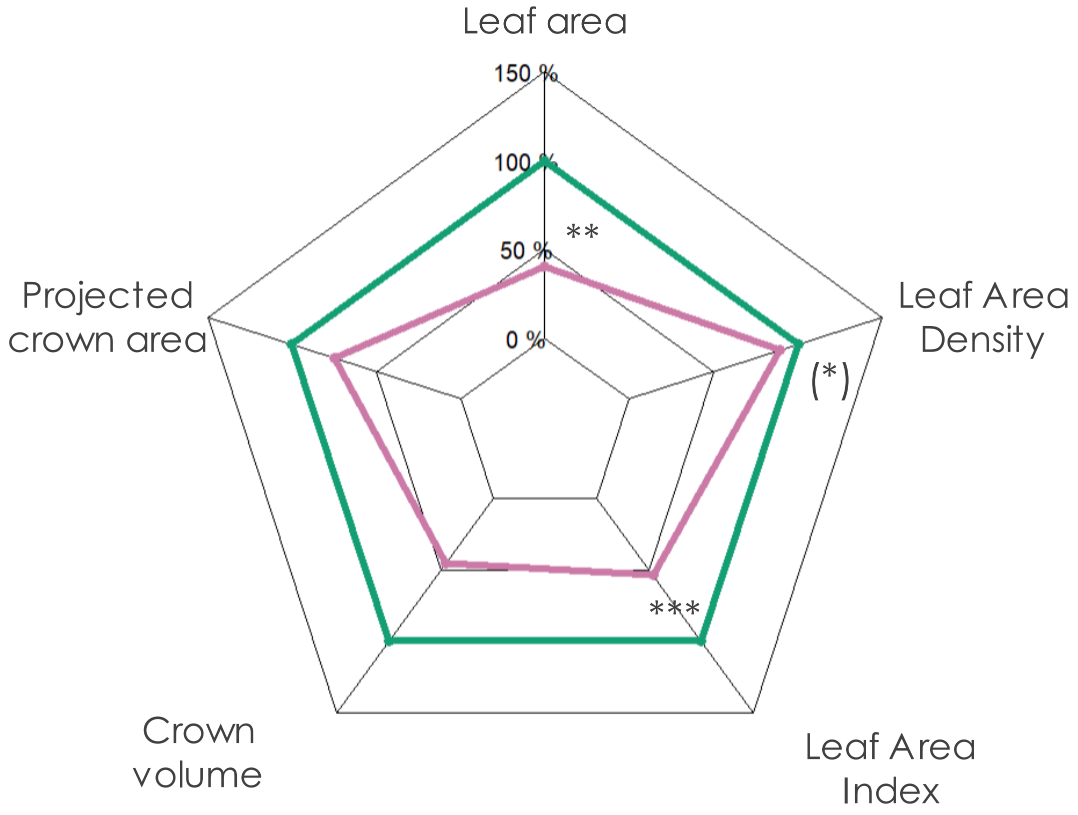
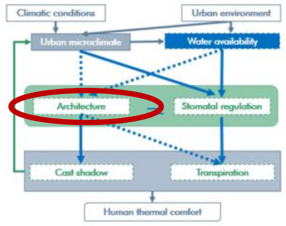








LAI values are **higher than or close to 2 during the whole season**, even after the water-restricted period for WR trees (=1.88)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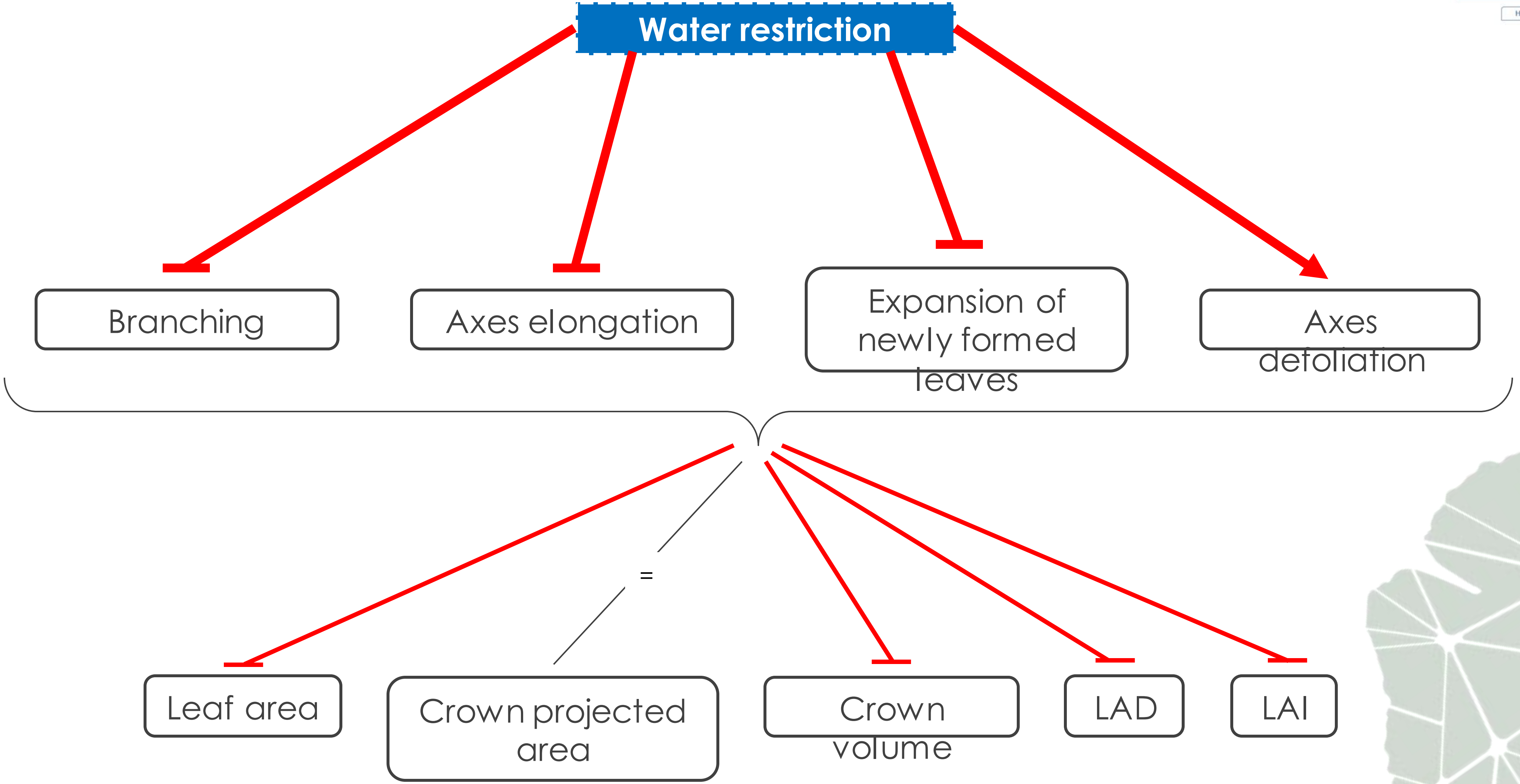
Cast shadow
Transpiration
Human thermal comfort


Water restriction
Branching
Axes elongation
Expansion of newly formed leaves
Axes defoliation
Leaf area
=
Crown projected area
Crown volume
LAD
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Results

Impact of tree architectural modifications on associated climate services

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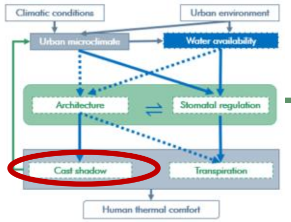
Average between 11 am & 1 pm



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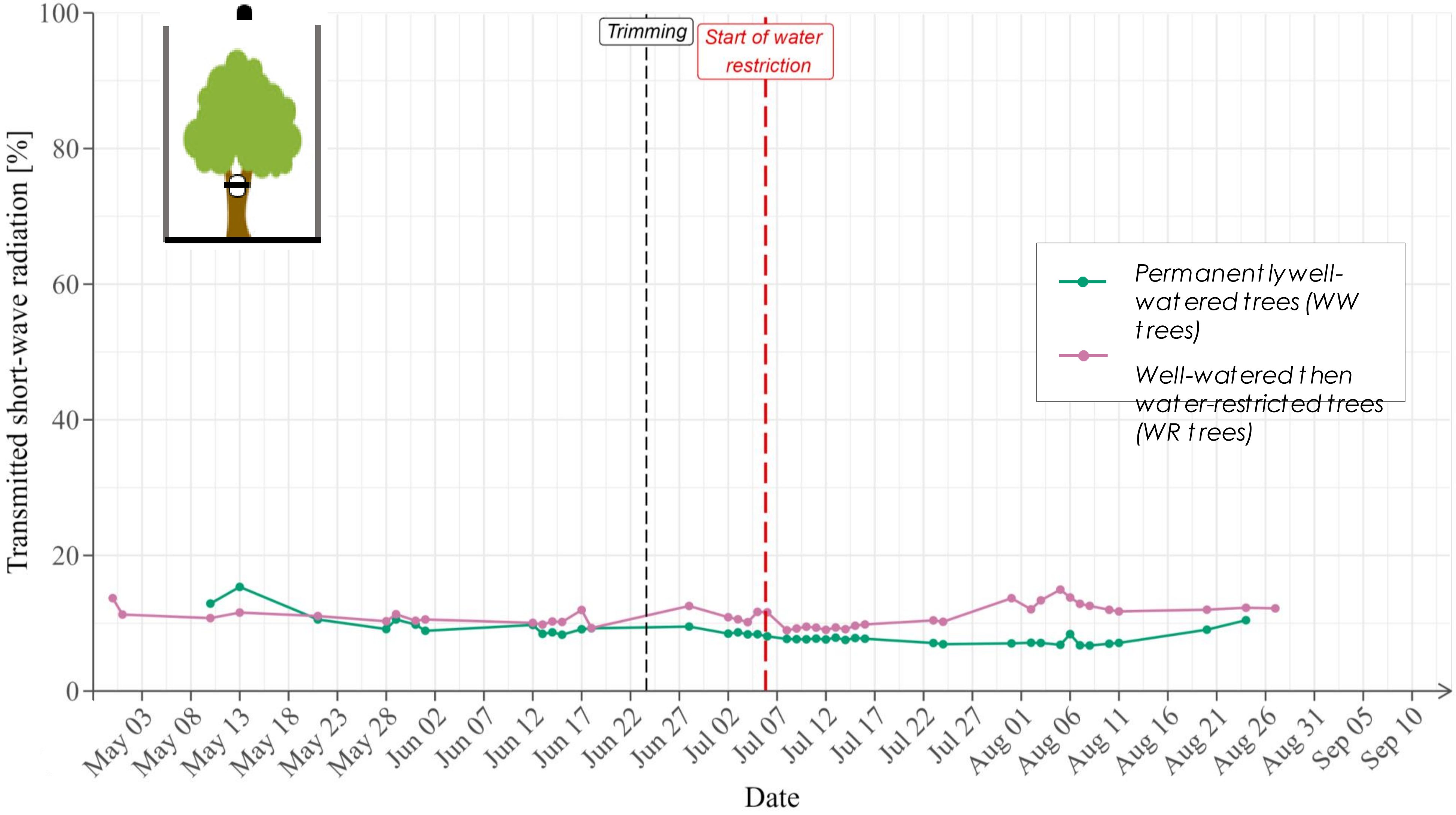

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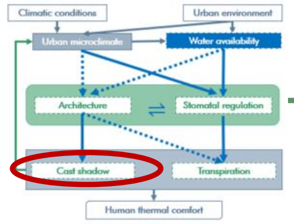

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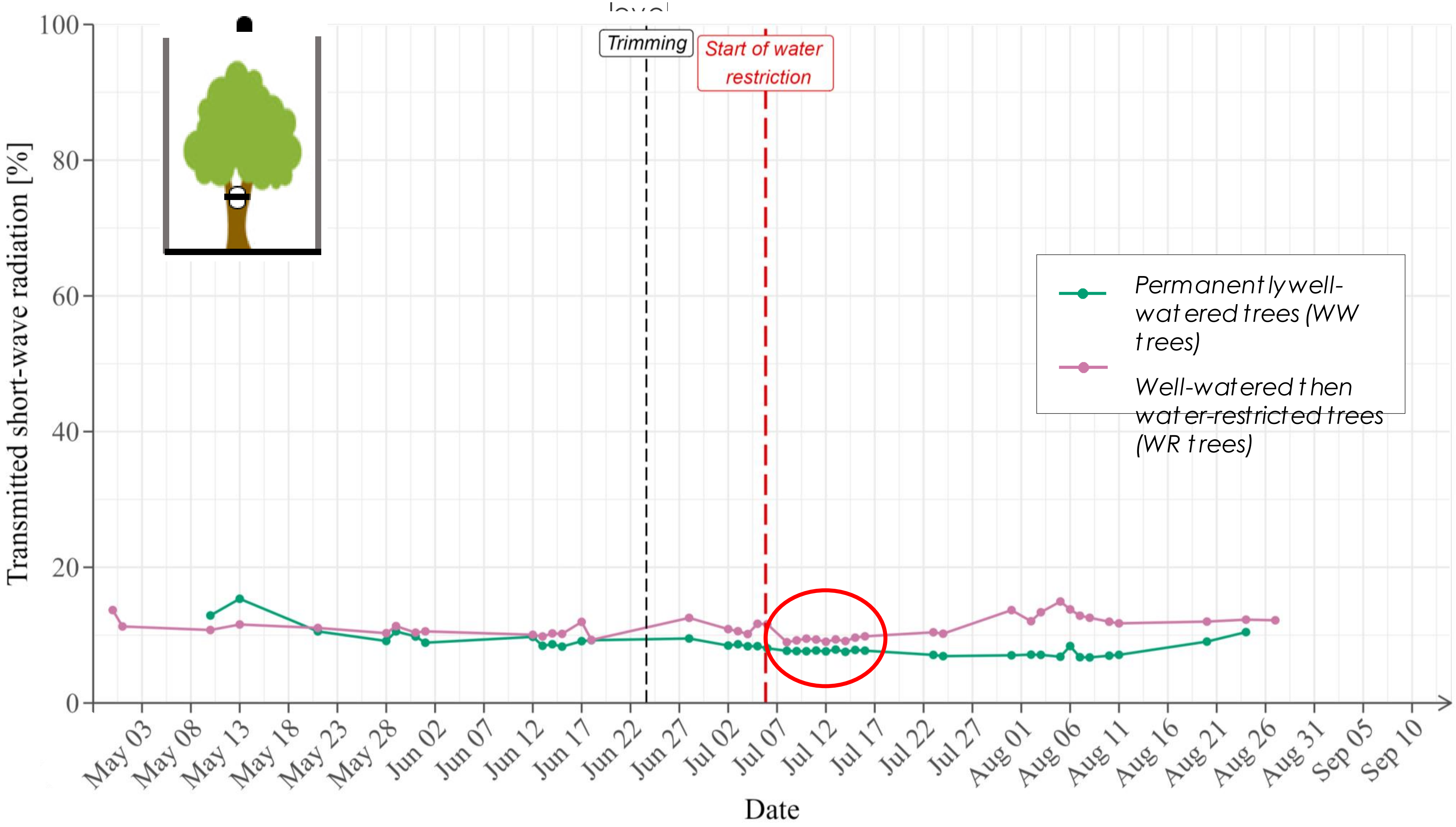

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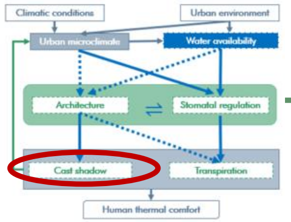

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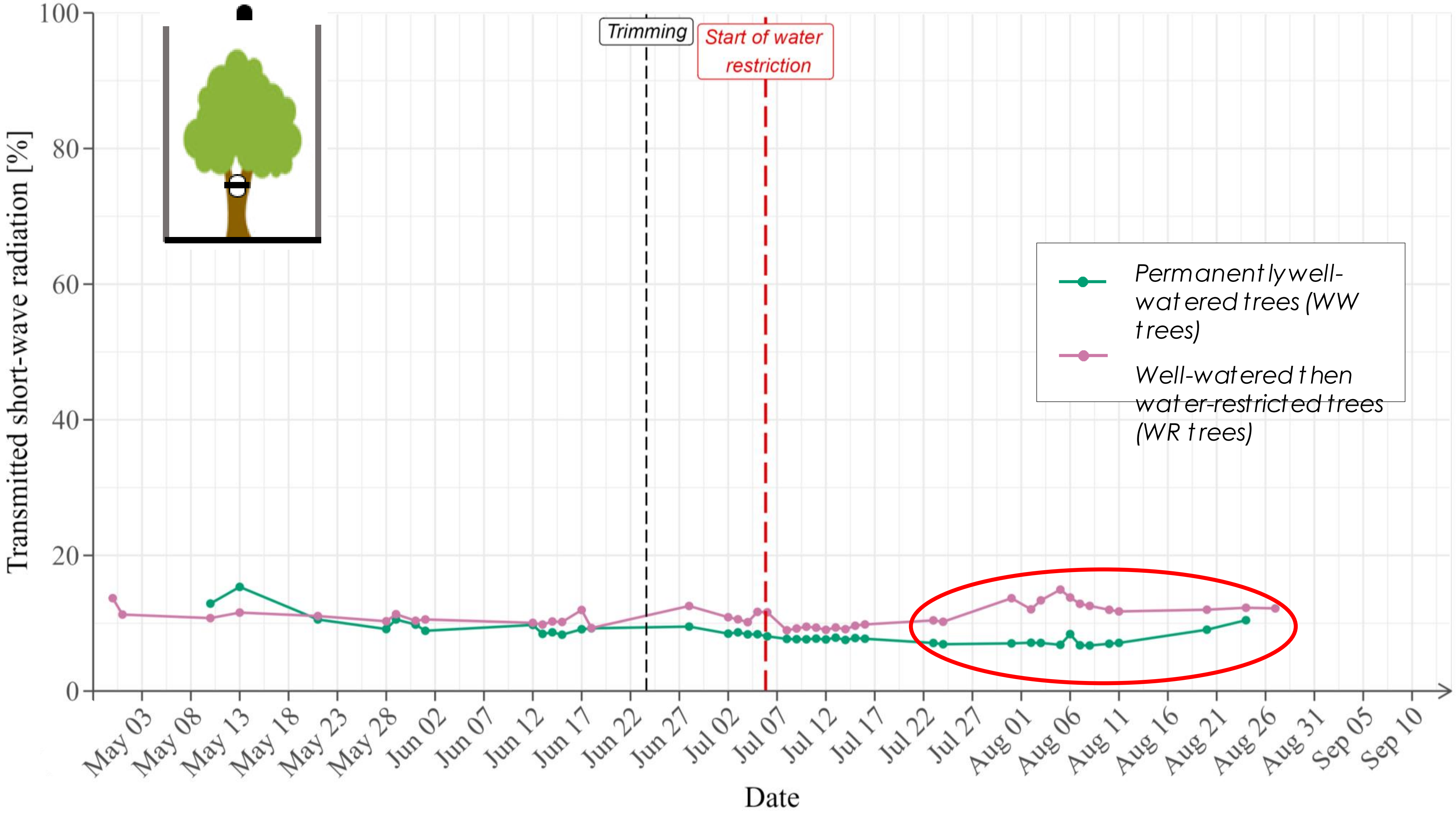

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- **After WR starts:**

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  2) Cast shadow under WR trees is 5% less than under WW trees

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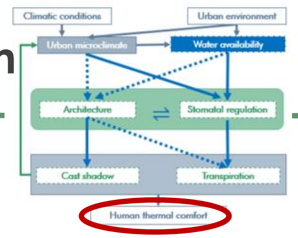

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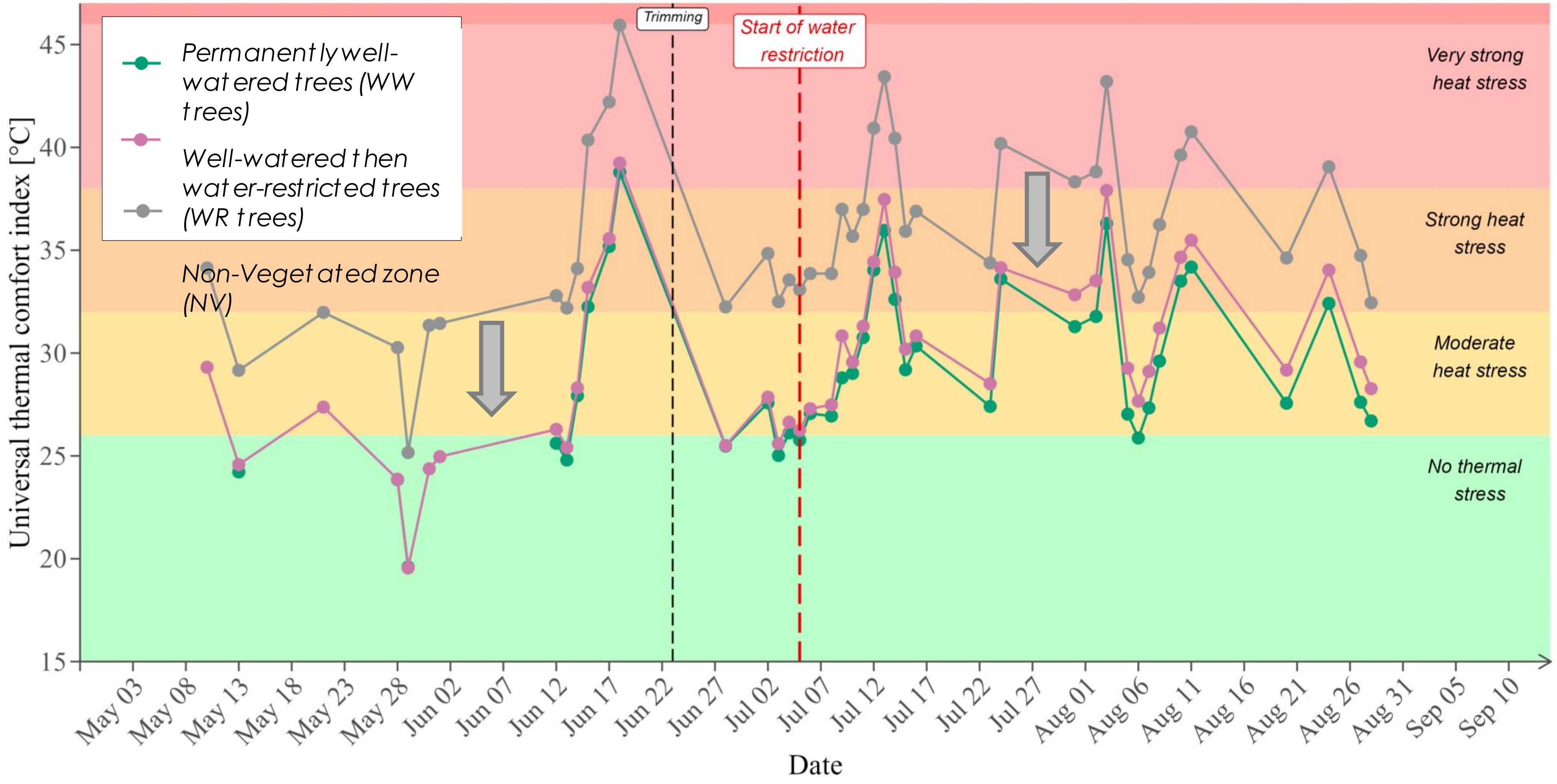

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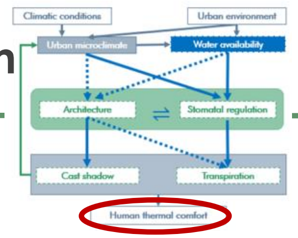

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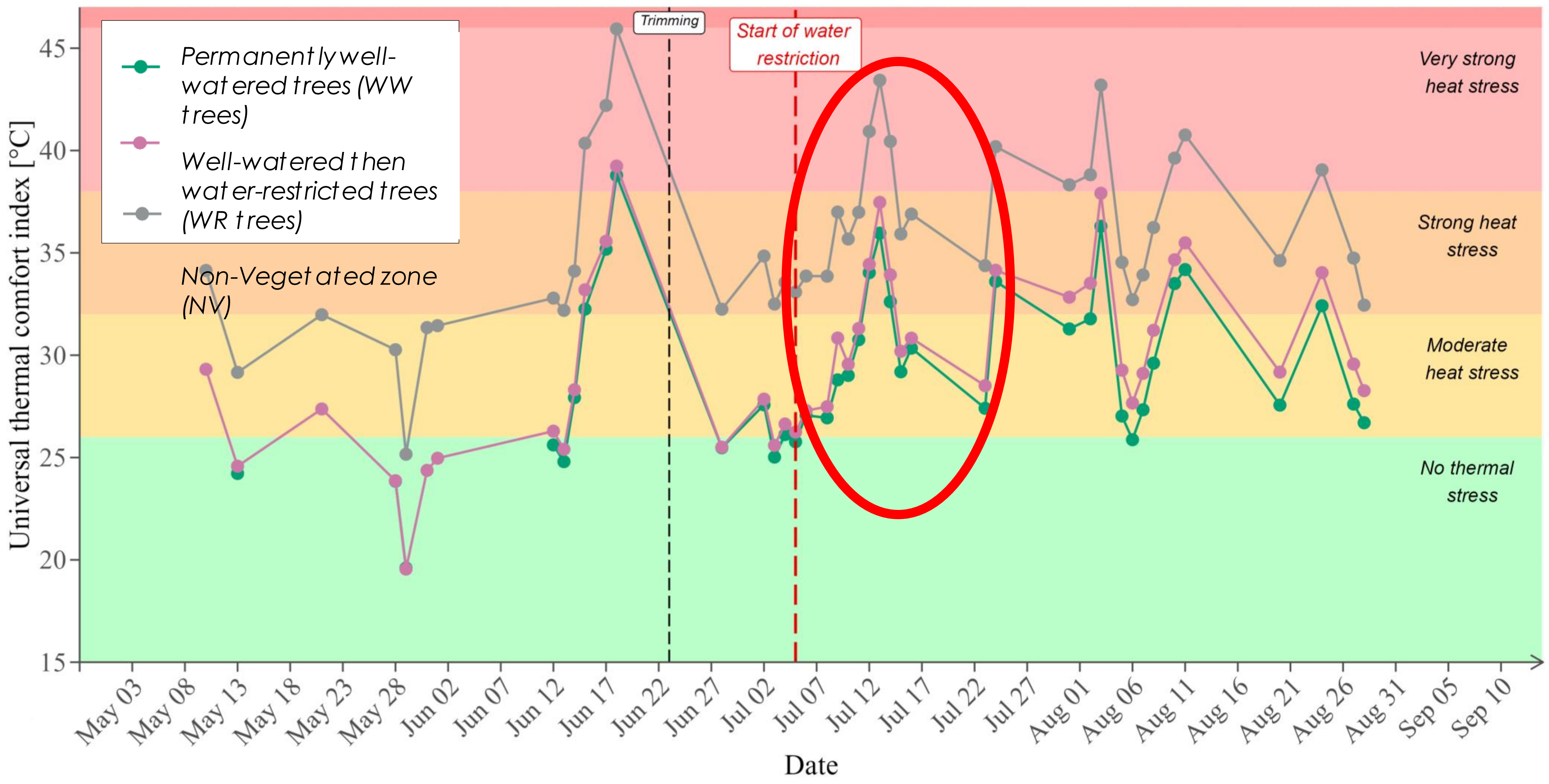

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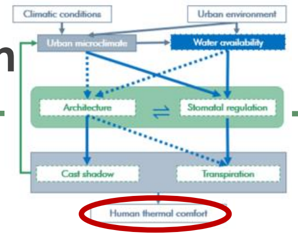

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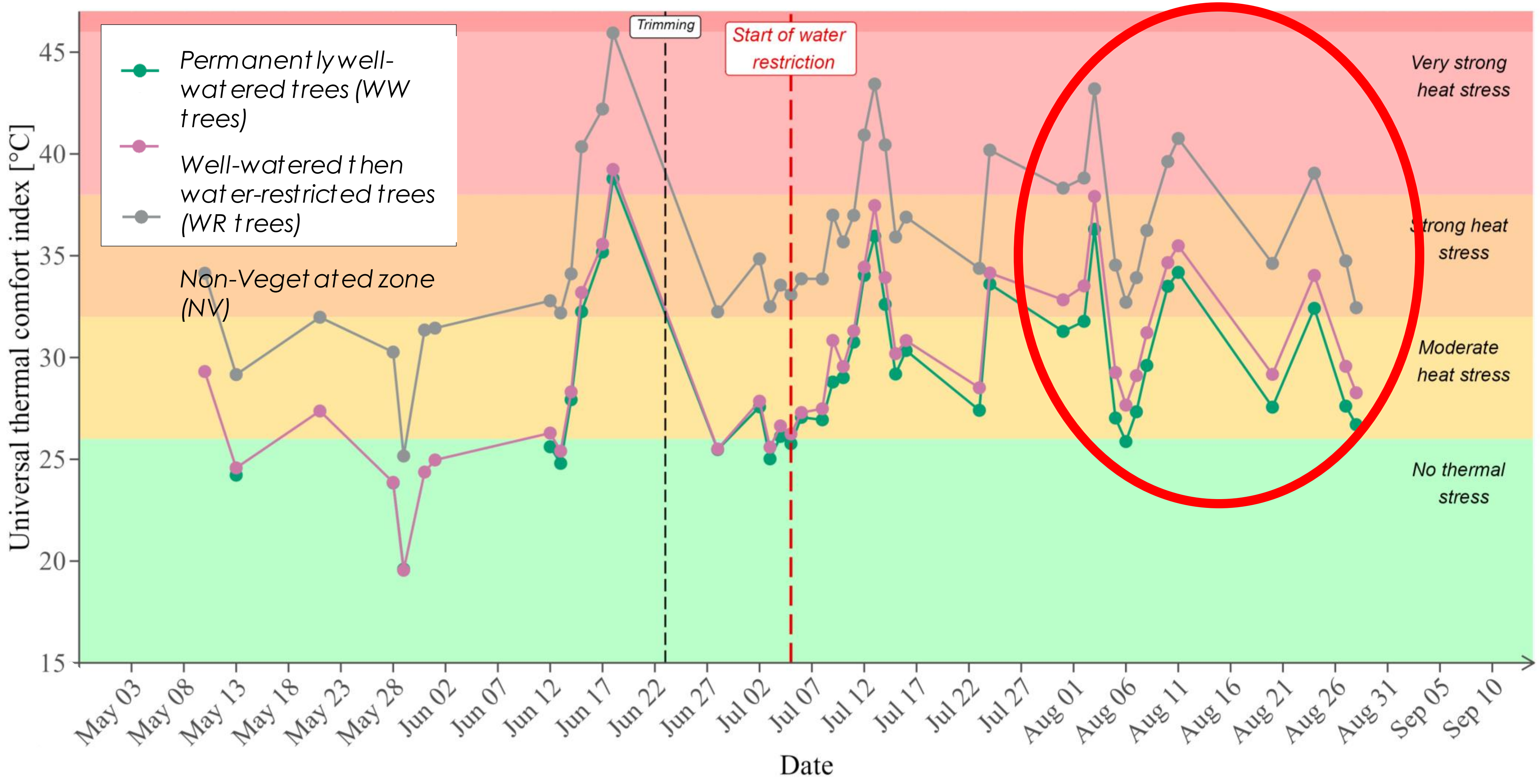

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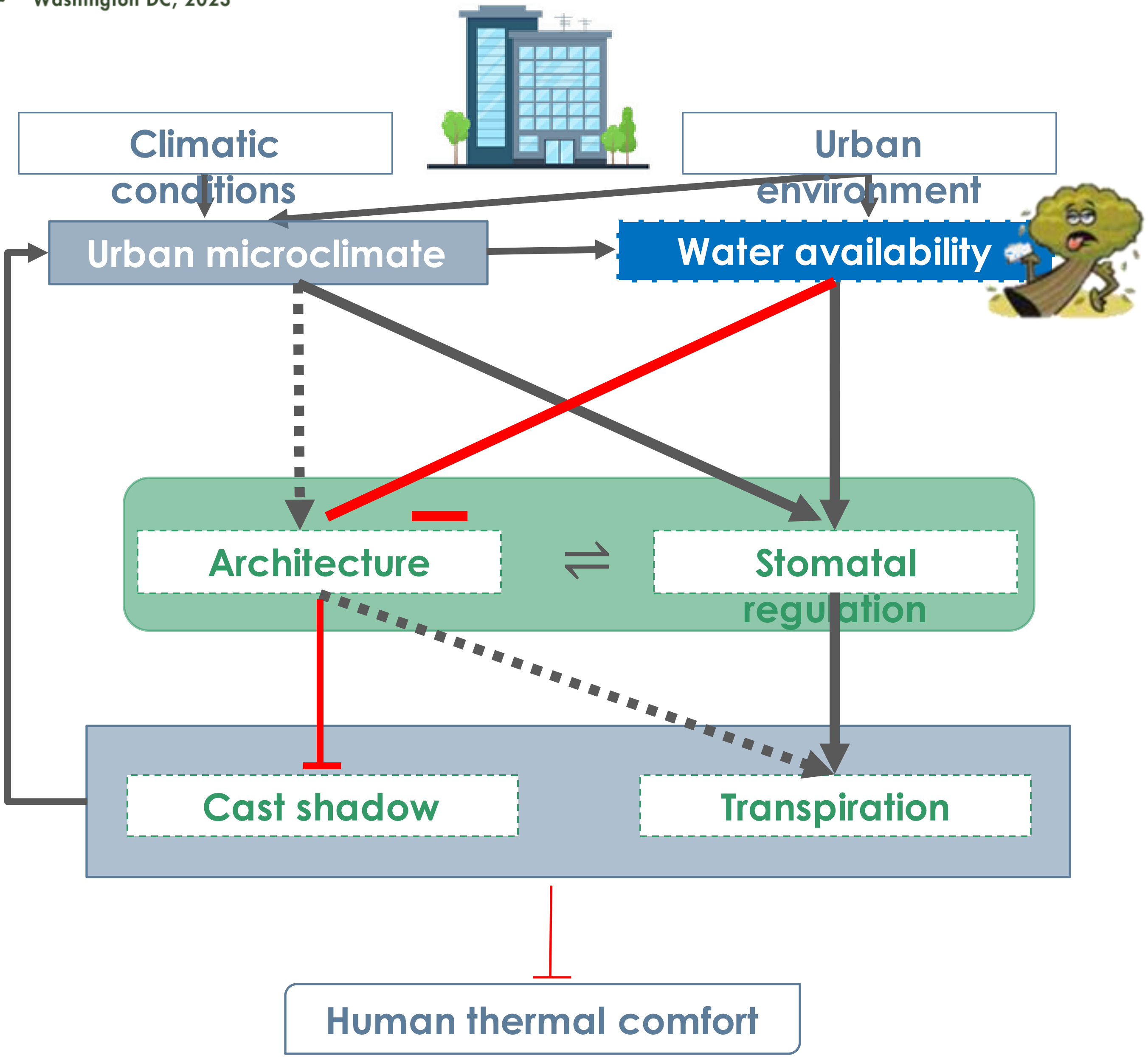
  2) UTCI provided by WW trees > UTCI provided by WR trees by 1.7°C

Conclusion & Perspectives



Take home messages:

1. Water restriction had strong impacts on architectural processes.
2. These impacts induced major changes in leaf area and leaf area index (LAI) at crown scale ...
3. ... but tree climate services were only little reduced by water restriction.
4. This is probably because the water restriction began late, when a sufficient leaf area was already developped and for a species whose services mainly rely on shade (Mballo et al, 2021)

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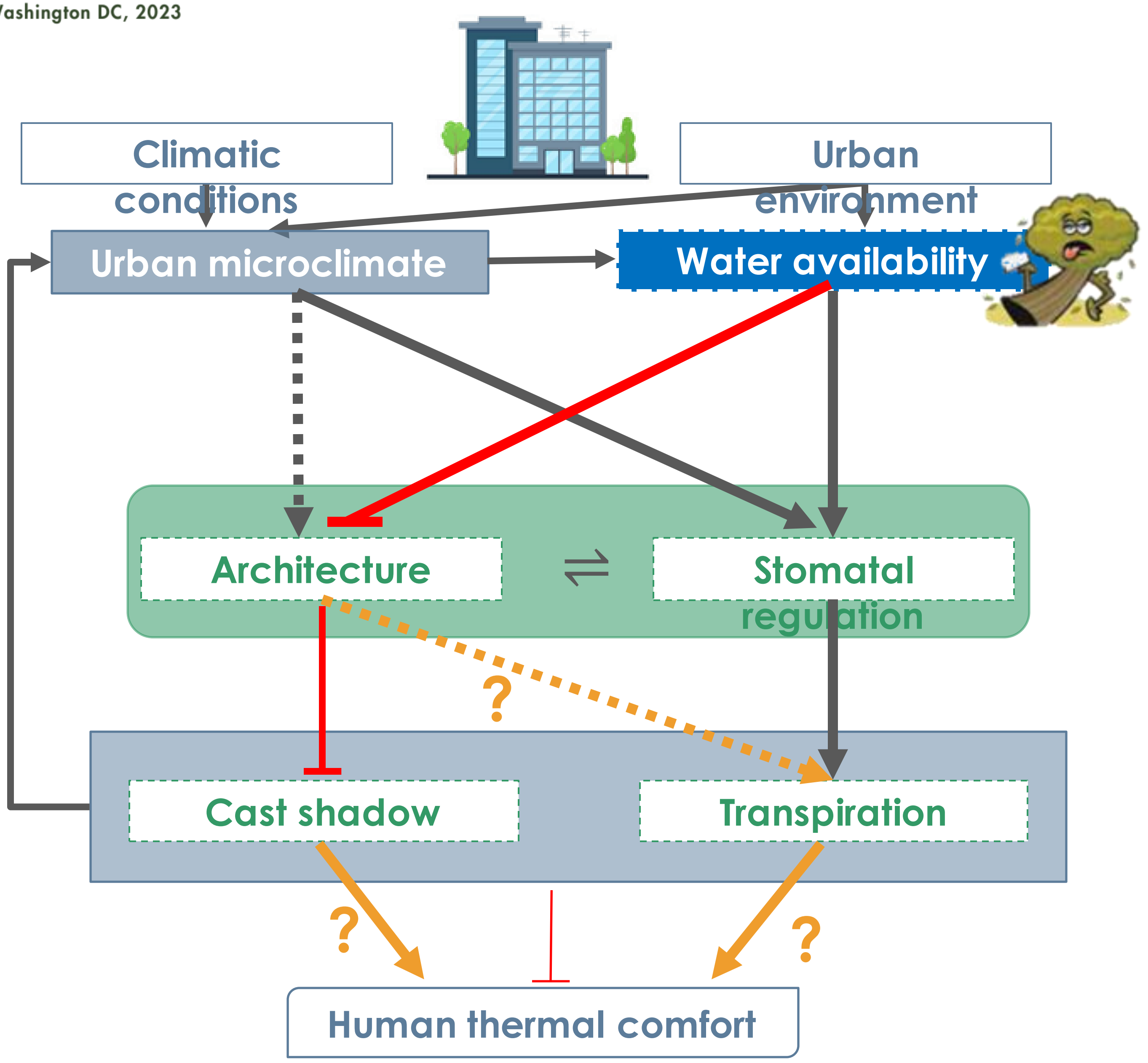

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Objectives

1. Analyze the effects of a drought period on the **architectural development** and the transpiration of alignment trees in a canyon street

2. Characterize **their consequences on cooling services**

3. Identify the **architectural and ecophysiological variables that best explain** the variations in climate services over time

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- Explore the **place of plant taxa** in the tree contribution to improve human thermal comfort

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- Tree

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Tree Species Influence in Reducing Urban Heat Island Effects in Local Climate Zones of Nairobi

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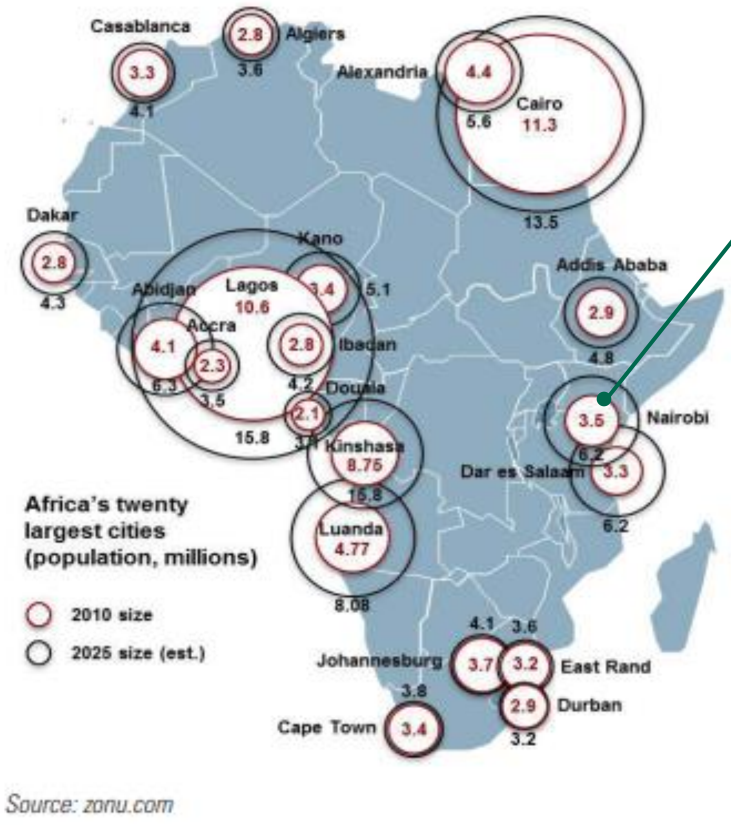
Introduction:

Africa (1 billion people) 15 - 40%



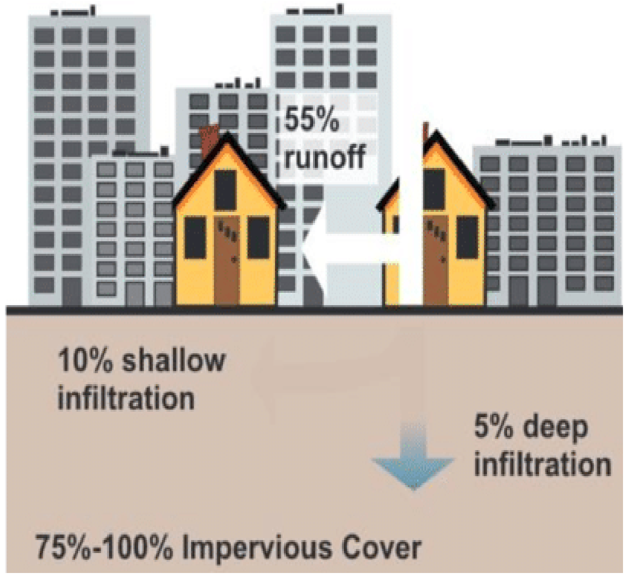
(UN-HABITAT, 2018).

Kenya's Urbanization rate: 29% (Statista, 2021)

Nairobi City: 4.5million (6.2m - 2025)

- Nairobi; the "Green City in the Sun"
- Urban sprawl - loss of forests and other natural areas converted to built-up areas (Tibaijuka, 2007).
- Temperatures in Kenya could increase by about 2°C by 2050 (UNDP, 2017).

Vegetation (UGS) Loss



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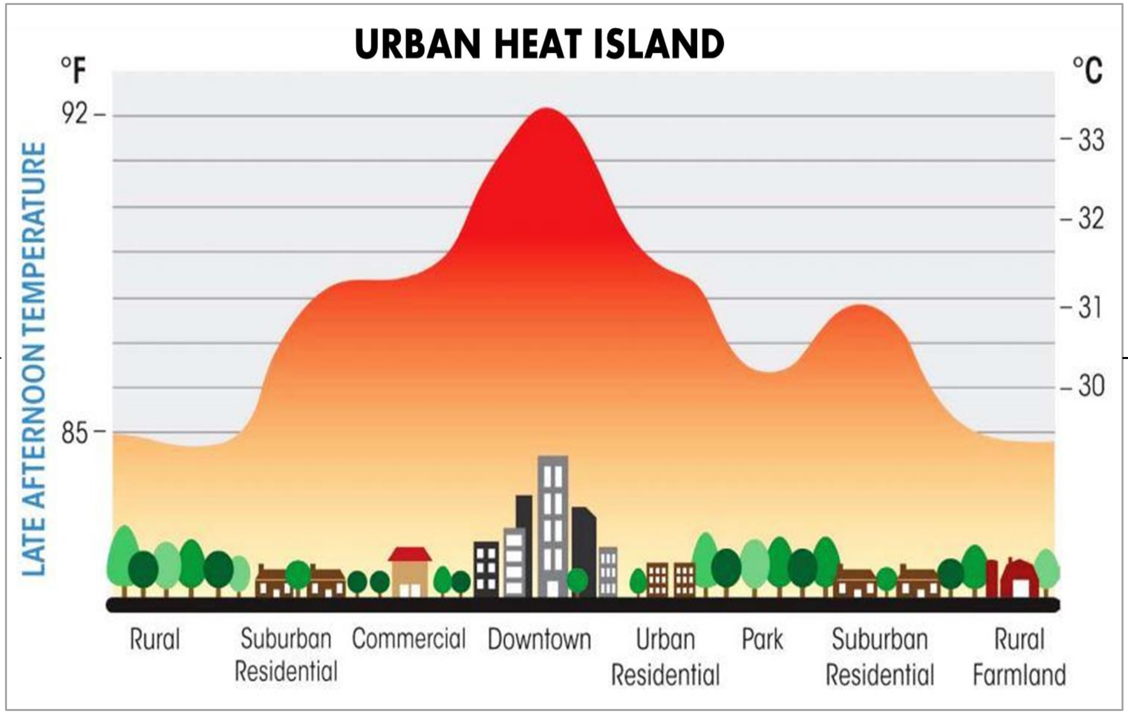
Problem Statement:

Increasing urban population; need for infrastructure

Natural & anthropogenic sources Changes in albedo

Changes in biophysical features from natural to built up areas



(Stewart & Oke, 2012)

Compromised outdoor thermal comfort

Increased energy costs & air pollution levels

Increased heat-related illness & mortality

Rationale:

- Local Climate Zones (LCZs) approach, a universal climate-based classification, established by Stewart & Oke, (2012), considered effective in UHI and thermal environment studies.
- 17 Classes;10 (1-10) built-up and 7 (A-G) natural surface, considering the micro-scale details of the urban thermal observations.
- Using thermal indices like Physiologically Equivalent Temperature (PET) (Matzarakis & Amelung, 2008), is necessary in quantifying the thermal comfort rate within these LCZs.
- Dire scarcity of information regarding the effectiveness of diverse mature tree species in microclimate variation within heterogenous urban environments, particularly in tropical climate areas.

Study Area:

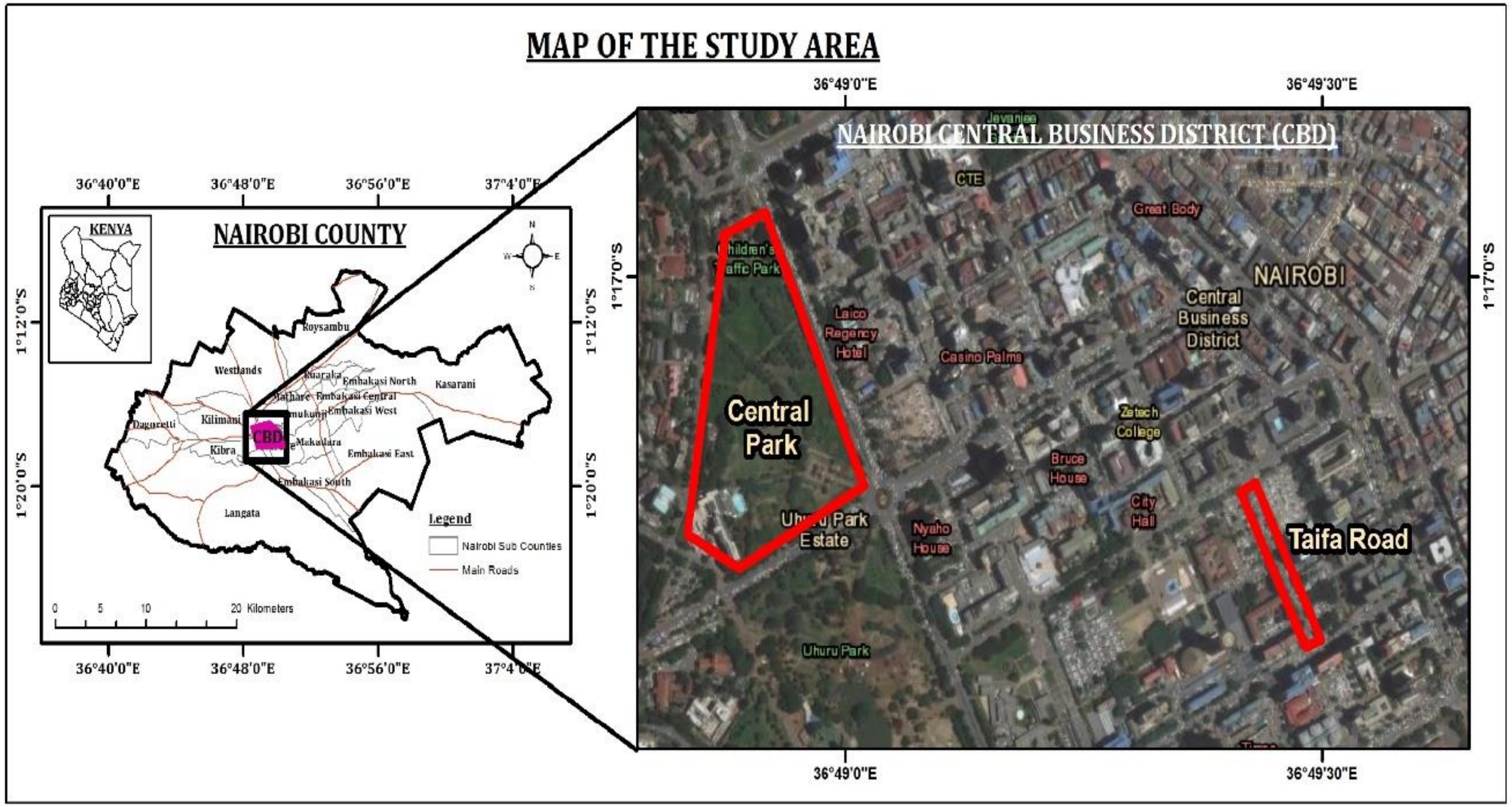


Fig. 3: The maps of Africa, East Africa, Kenya, Nairobi County and the Selected Study Sites: Central park (CP) and Taifa road (TR) within the central business district.

Objective

To evaluate tree species' influence in ameliorating urban heat island (UHI) effects and enhancing human thermal comfort (HTC) within local climate zones (LCZ) of Nairobi City

Selected sites: Local Climate Zones

- Two LCZs were selected represented by A Park and A street (**Fig 1.**)
- To compare similar plant species in two different LCZs within Nairobi CBD;
    i. **LCZ B**: *Scattered trees*:- Central Park
    ii. **LCZ 4:** *Open High-rise*:-Taifa Road.

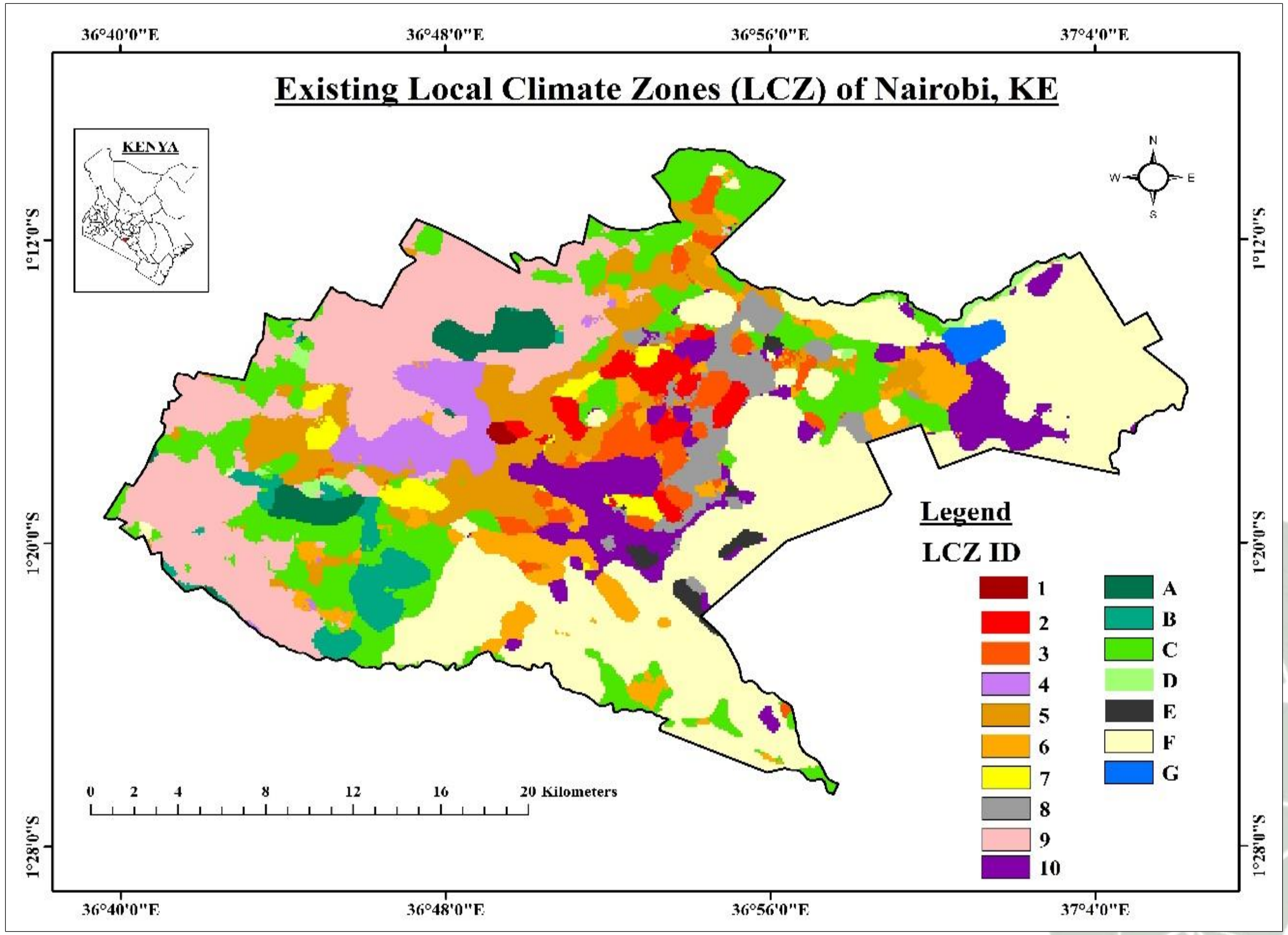
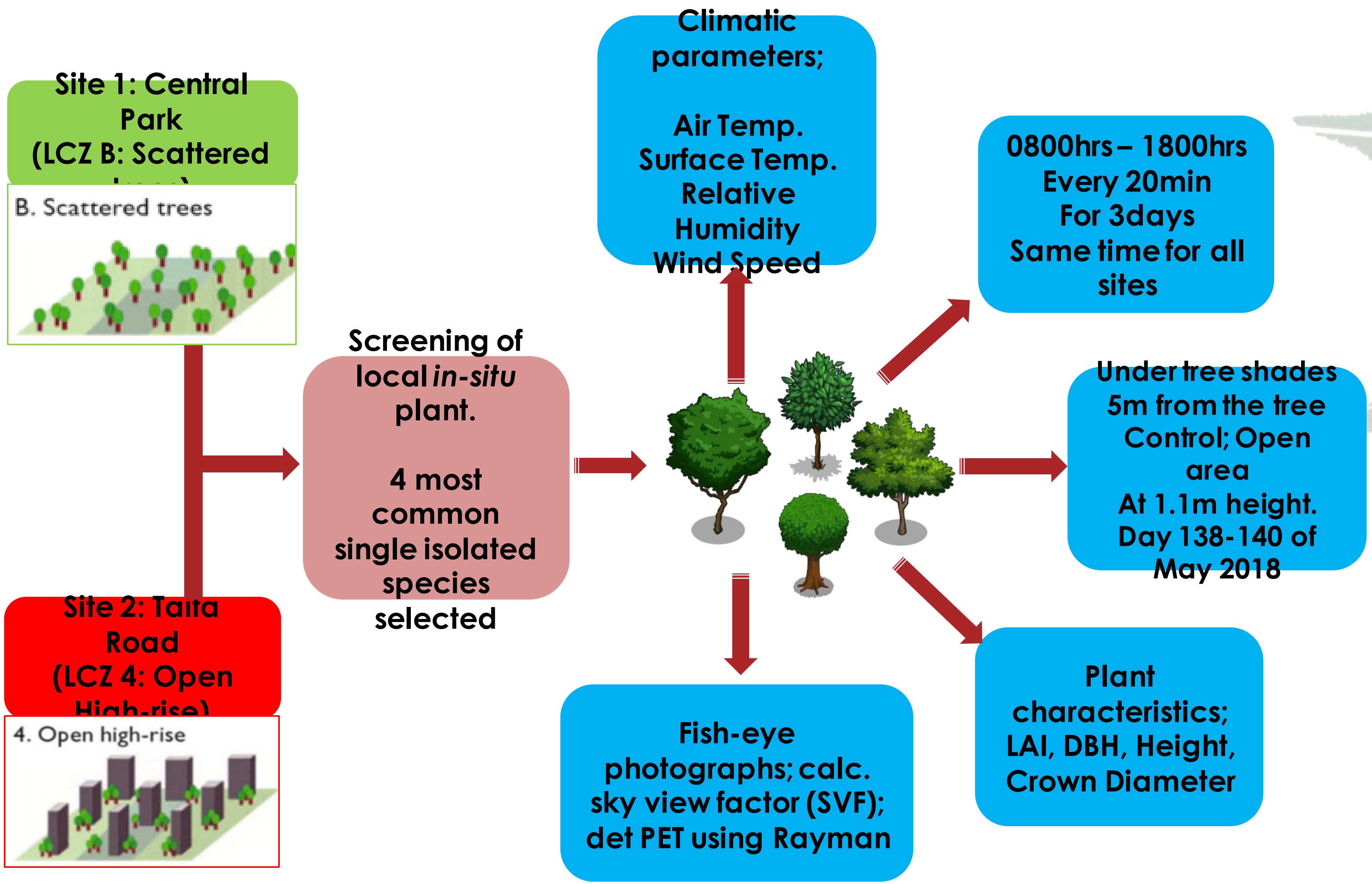


Fig 4: Spatial distribution of the existing LCZs in Nairobi (Source: WUDAPT)

Data Collection:



LCZ B: Scattered trees (Central Park)

P1

Cassia spectabilis
Cassia

Podocarpus falcatus
EA yellow wood

Terminalia mantaly
Umbrella tree

Control: Open area

Tipuana tipu; Tipu tree

LCZ 4:Open-Highrise (Taifa road)

Terminalia mantaly
Umbrella tree

Control: Open area

Tipuana tipu; Tipu tree

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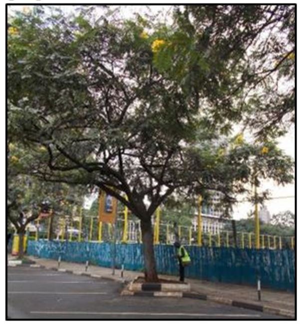

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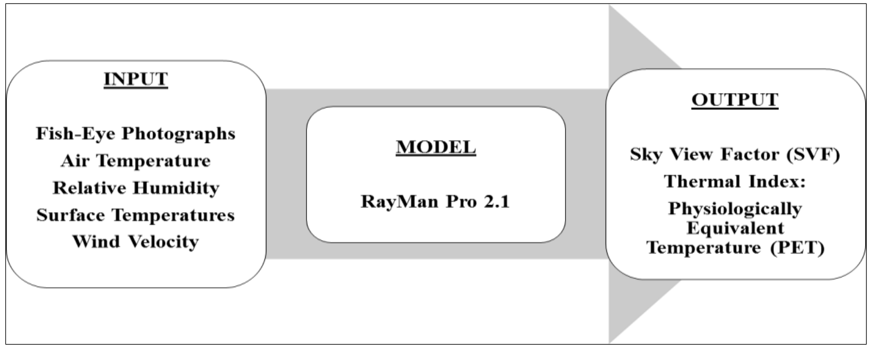
Data Analysis:

Tree Species effect on Microclimate

- Three specific hours used; 8am (chilled air), 1pm (air heated up) and 6pm (heat island effect is felt) (Matzarakis & Amelung, 2008; Van Hoof *et al*., 2010; Sodoudi *et al*., 2018).

- Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)
- Non parametric ANOVA
- Kruskal-Wallis Test; intra-site comparison
- Mann Whitney U Test; inter-site comparison
- $P < 0.05$ statistically significant

Human Thermal Comfort



PET Classification according to Martzarakis and Meyer (1997)

PET (°c)	Thermal Perception	Grade of physiological stress
<4.0	Very cold	Extreme cold stress
4.1 - 8.0	Cold	Strong cold stress
8.1 – 13.0	Cool	Moderate cold stress
13.1 – 18.0	Slightly cool	Slightly cold stress
18.1 – 23.0	Neutral (comfortable)	No thermal stress
23.1 – 29.0	Slightly warm	Slightly heat stress
29.1 – 35.0	Warm	Moderate heat stress
35.1 – 41.0	Hot	Strong heat stress
41>	Very hot	Extreme heat stress

Results:

a. Selected plant species' canopy densities & allometric properties

Table 1: Selected plants' allometric properties; *CP - Central Park, TR - Taifa Road.*

Plant Species	LAI		DBH (m)		Crown Diameter (m)		Tree Height (m)	
	C P	T R	C P	T R	C P	T R	C P	T R
P1: *Cassia spectabilis*	3.25	3.43	0.63	0.60	7.00	7.20	7.90	7.60
P2: *Podocarpus falcutus*	3.02	3.21	0.60	0.56	6.60	6.00	8.90	8.50
P3: *Terminalia mantally*	4.10	4.10	0.75	0.73	8.80	8.40	8.50	8.30
P4: *Tipuana tipu*	3.58	3.85	0.69	0.67	7.10	8.00	8.20	7.70

Results:

b. Inter-site/Inter-species effects on microclimate

- Mean (AT) in the Park were 1.0°C, 2.3°C and 1.3°C lower than the AT in the Street at 8am, 1pm and 6pm respectively. Lowest values at trunk, 5m and control.
- RH was 1.4°C, 8.2°C and 9.3°C higher in the Park compared to the Street at 8am, 6pm and 1pm respectively. Highest values at the trunk, 5m & control.
- ST in the Street were 3.5°C, 6.4°C and 5°C warmer compared to Park at 8am, 1pm and 6pm respectively. Cooler surfaces at 8am, slightly warmer at 6pm and warmer at 1pm.
- WV in the Street was 0.2m/s, 0.3m/s and 0.1m/s higher compared to the Park at 8am, 1pm and 6pm respectively. No general trend.

Results:

c. Human Thermal Comfort evaluation

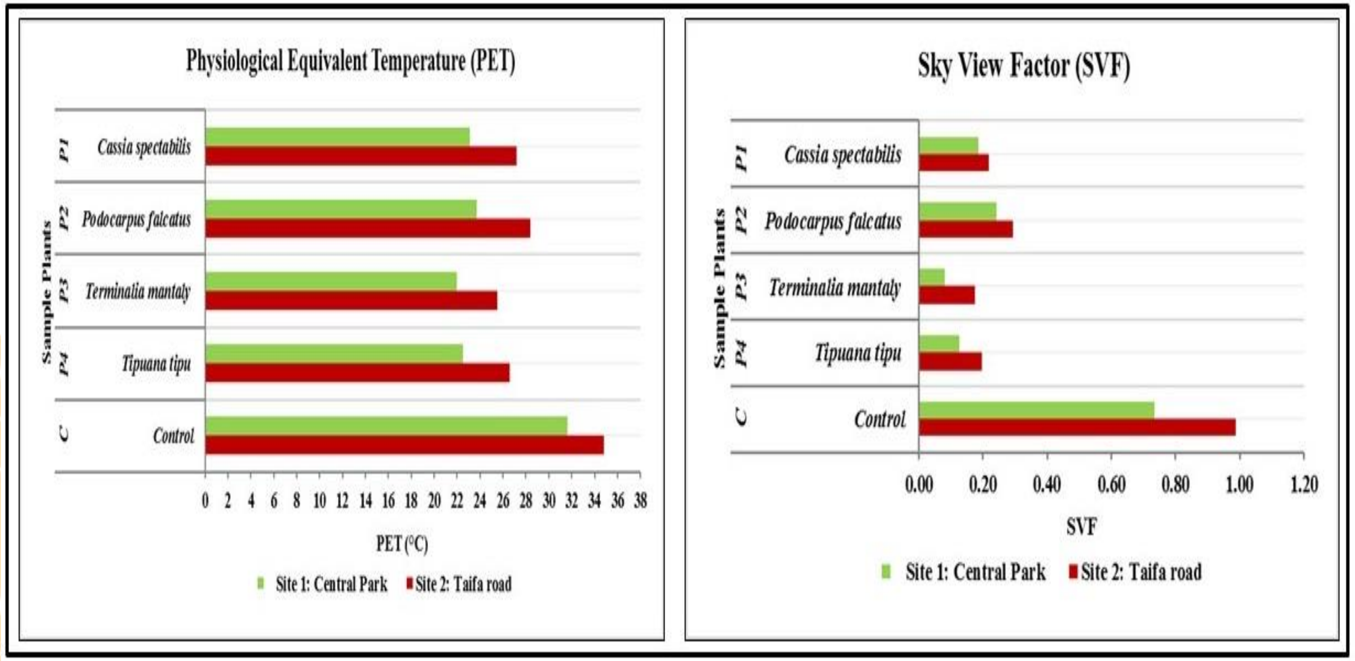


Figure 8: PET and SVF distribution for both sample sites

- *Terminalia mantaly* (P3); best cooling effect, PET reduction of 18% (9.6°C) and 15% (9.3°C) in the Park and Street respectively.
- *Tipuana tipu* (P4) was the second best with 17% (9.2°C) and 13% (8.2°C).
- *Cassia spectabilis* (P1) with 16% (8.5°C) and 12% (7.6°C).
- *Podocarpus falcatus* (P2) with 14% (7.9°C) and 10% (6.4°C).

A strong negative correlation between the LAI and PET was obtained from both sites (S1; r = -0.96, S2; r = -0.8).

Conclusion

- Nairobi city residents are more likely to suffer no thermal stress in parks to warm moderate heat stress in built areas during hot seasons
- Consider tree species with strong trunks, spreading canopies as well as rounded canopy forms, such as *Tipuana tipu* tree species. Evergreen trees with more foliar/canopy densities, similar to *Terminalia mantaly (some are deciduous) through seasons*
- Besides the aesthetics and functionality of the plants, considering the urban trees' architectural aspects and form are essential in regulating microclimate in Nairobi
- Frequent assessment of the vegetation alterations & Sustainable planning within Nairobi's LCZs, following set developmental standards, guarantees the vegetation cover improvement significantly
- Incorporating eco-friendly infrastructure in the city's spatial advancement plans is imperative, specifically the use of reflecting roofs and walls, UV-absorbent windows, and pavements with high albedo. Equal resource disbursement to counties to minimize rural-urban migration

- **Way forward:** Develop a Guide for Practitioners (collaborative)

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