

# Street-level assessment of urban scenarios on thermal comfort and air quality

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### Outline

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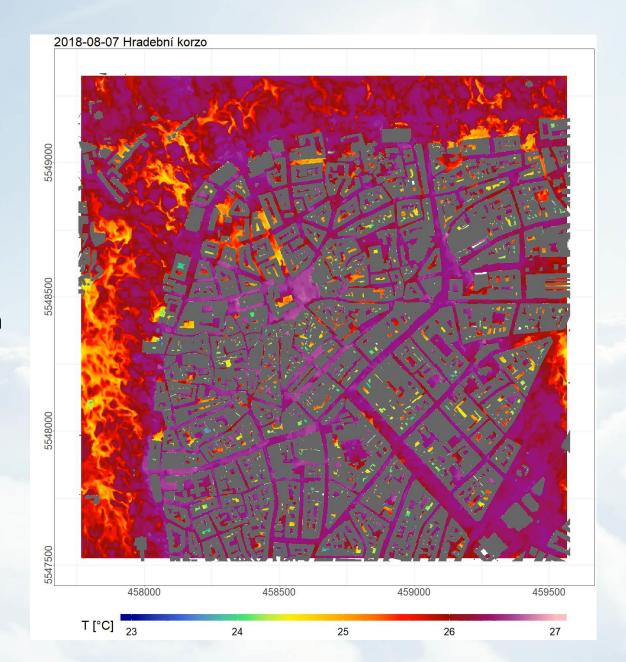
- Thermal comfort and air quality modelling
- Modelling approaches, PALM-4U
- How much complex model do we need?
- Observation campaigns and model validation

### Jan Geletič

- Input data for detailed modelling
- How precise inputs we need?

### Pavel Krč

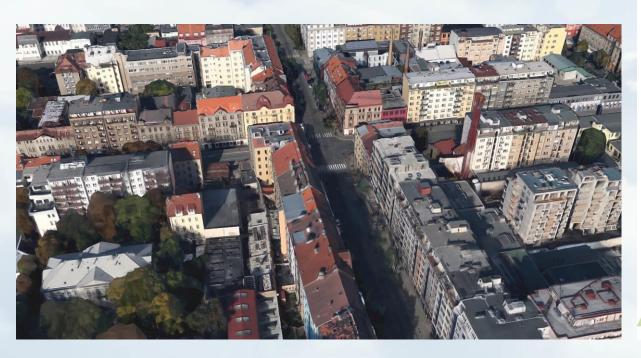
- Use cases
- Scenarios
- Invitation to workshop (CAMP, 13:15)

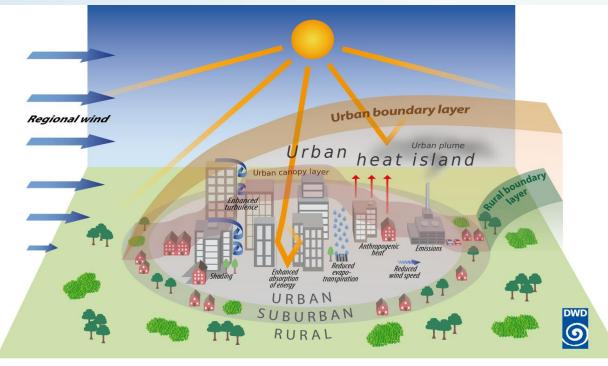


### Urban environment

Urban Heat Island and Air Quality influences health and life quality in cities

- UHI mitigation measures <-> Air quality measures
- Integrated assessment of scenarios





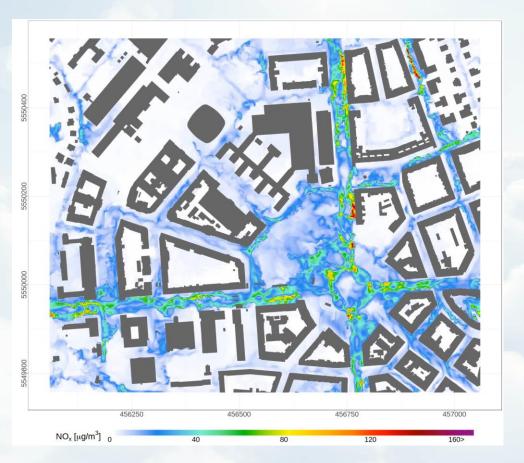
### Simulation of urban environment

- Observations -> information about current state
- Future scenarios -> need for modelling
- Modelling allows assesment and comparison of more variants

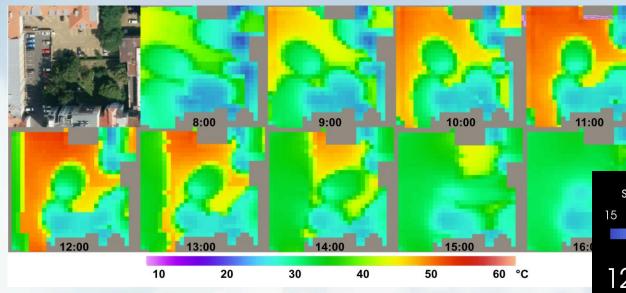


### Modeling approaches

- Modelling approach can differ according information needed
  - Model resolution (covered area × level of detail)
  - Processes included in the model
- PALM-4U complex street-level modelling
  - Turbulent dynamics (LES model)
  - Modelling of energy processes
    - Radiation transformation processes
    - Energy of buildings
    - Grounds modelling
    - Green areas, resolved trees
    - Anthropogenic heat
  - Air pollution processes
  - Biometeorological indices (MRT, PET, UTCI, PT)

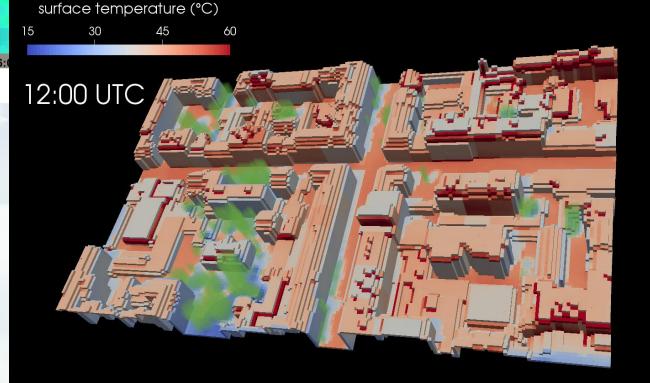


Surface temperature



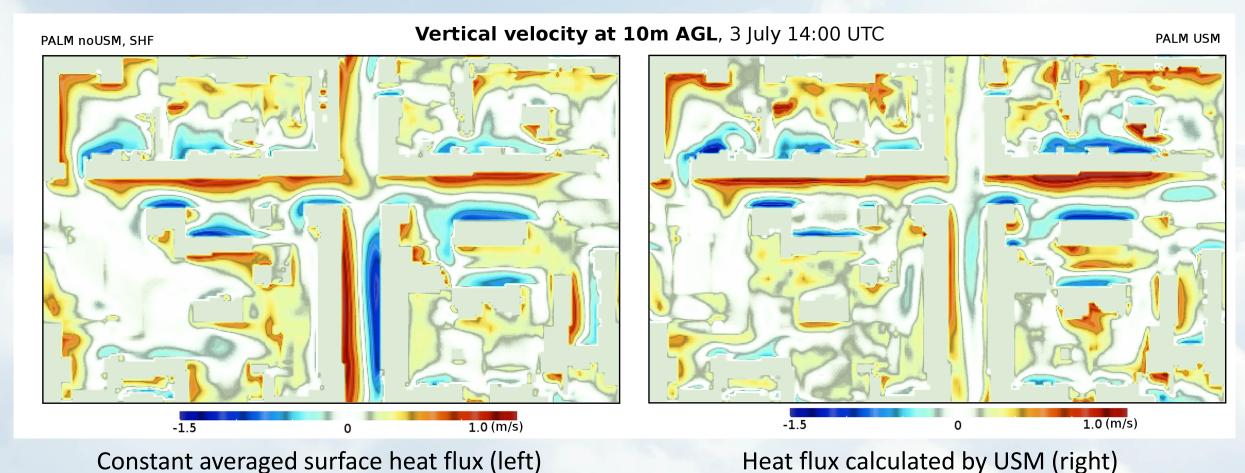
surface temperature (°C)
20.0 27.5 35.0 42.5 50.0

- Example simulation of Prague-Holesovice, 2.7.2015
  - Courtyard north-east corner of domain
  - East-facing wall in street at 06:00 and 08:00 UTC

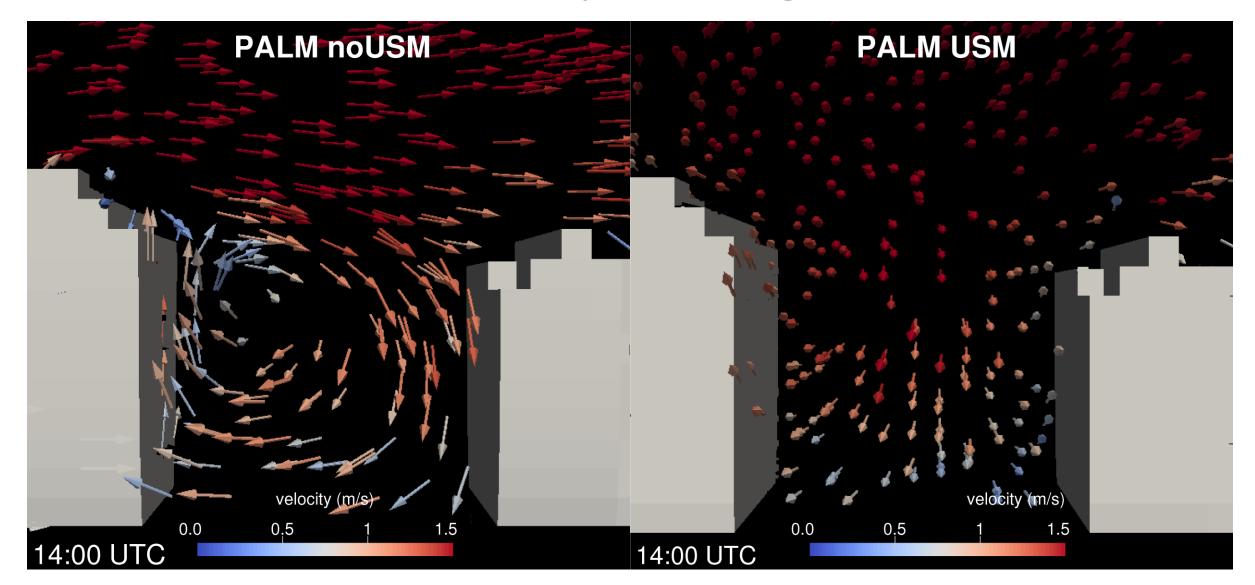


## Do we need a complex integrated model?

Air flow, energy processes and air polution are strongly interconnected. Example: dependence of the flow and air pollution on the energy processes

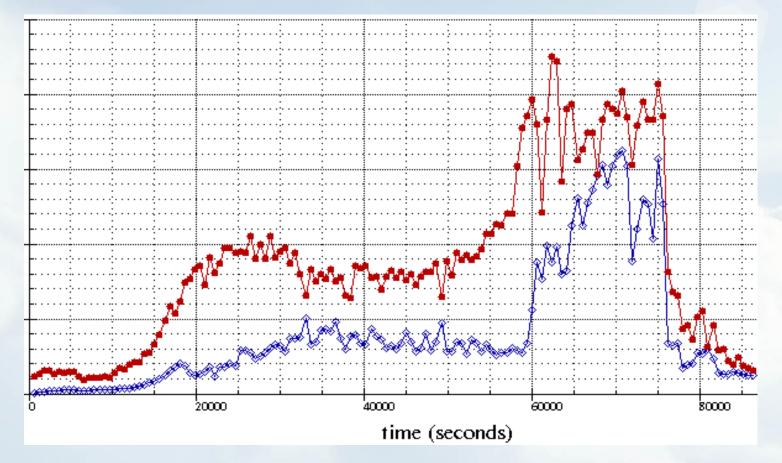


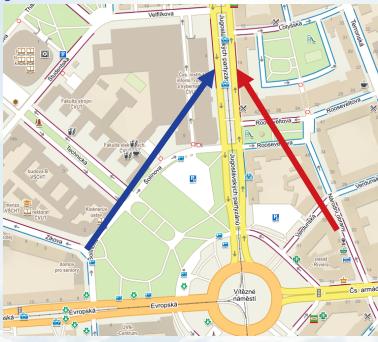
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Why we need street-level model?

- Conditions in urban areas are local
  - Spatial and temporal variability
  - Depency on loccal properties



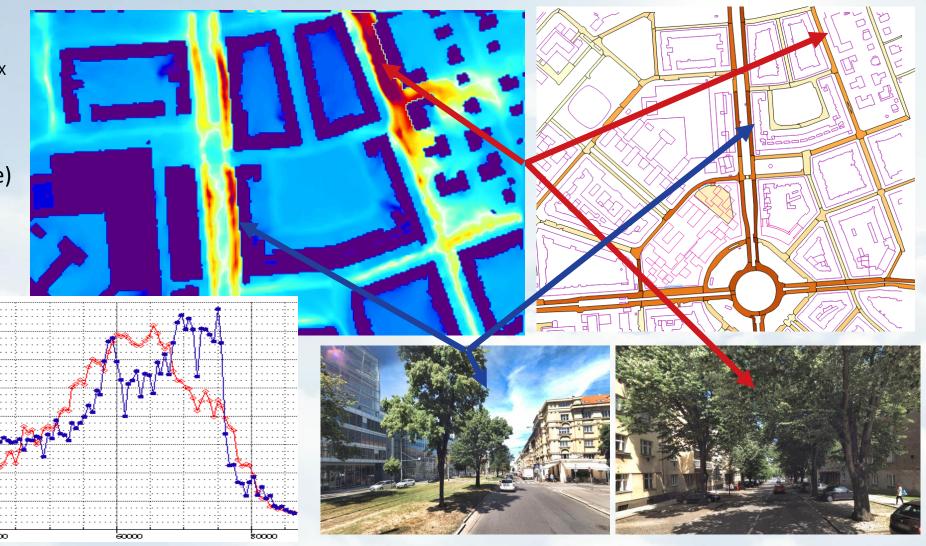




## Do we need realistic modeling of trees?

Modelled concentration of NO<sub>x</sub>

Daily total emission from transportation (right)
Concentrations at 15:00 (centre)
Diurnal course of the NO<sub>X</sub>
(bottom)



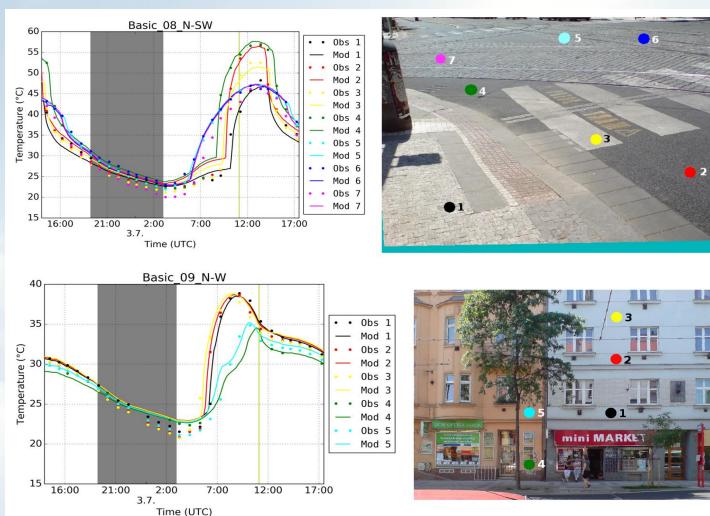
Sensitivity studies needed, two observation campaigns planned for summer and winter 2018.

### How much can we trust the modelled results

### Observation campaign with IR camera

- Heatwave episode (2.-3.7.2015)
- Prague-Holesovice area





Resler et al.: PALM-USM v1.0: A new urban surface model integrated into the PALM large-eddy simulation model Geosci. Model Dev., 10, 3635-3659, https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-10-3635-2017, 2017.

## Observation campaign in Prague - Dejvice



### Multidisciplinary cooperation

### Cooperation in this research - projects:

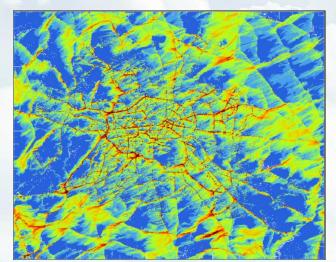
- Project UrbanAdapt (2014-2016)
- Project UrbiPragensi (2018-2020)
  - Charles Univ. in Prague
  - Institute of Computer Science Acad. of Sci.
  - Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
- Internal project support of Acad. of Sci.

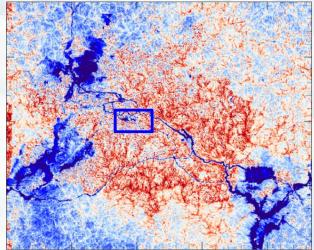
### Collaboration on practical applications:

- Prague Institute of Planning and Development
- Prague Municipality
- Operator ICT of Prague

### International collaboration (research, model development:

- Germany project MOSAIK, U2C
  - Universities (Hannover, Berlin, Hamburg,...)
  - KIT, DWD,...
- Finland
  - Finnish Meteorological Institute
  - University of Helsinki
- Austria (ZAMG) in preparation





## Jan Geletič

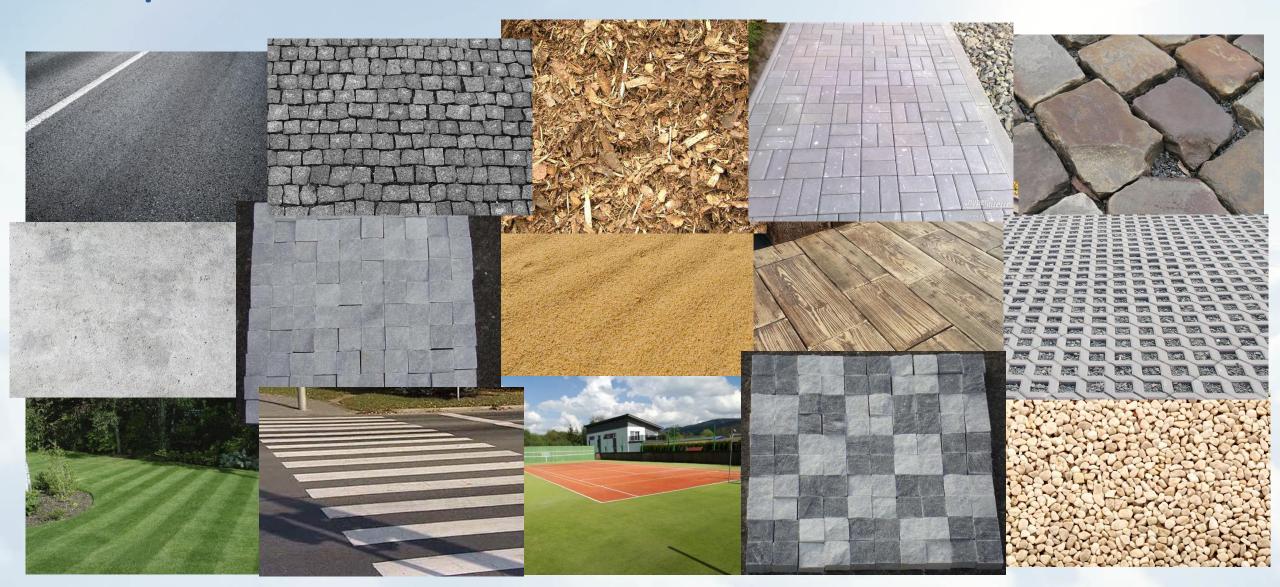
Input data, sensitivities

## Input data

- Precise model outputs needs high quality data
- PALM-4U input data
  - Landcover
  - Buildings
  - Tree canopy
  - Meteorological conditions
  - Air pollutions etc.
- Important combination of multiple sources and data quality
- Sometimes are useful data "somewhere hidden"

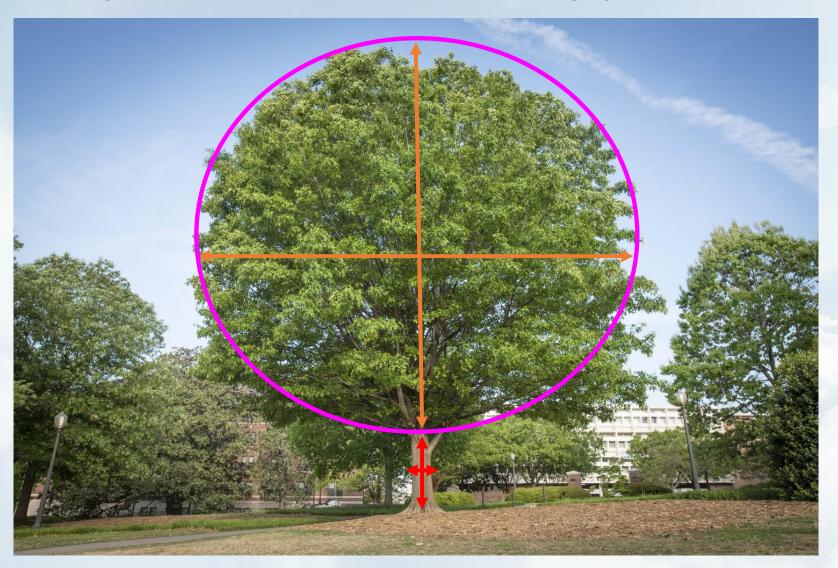


## Input data - landcover





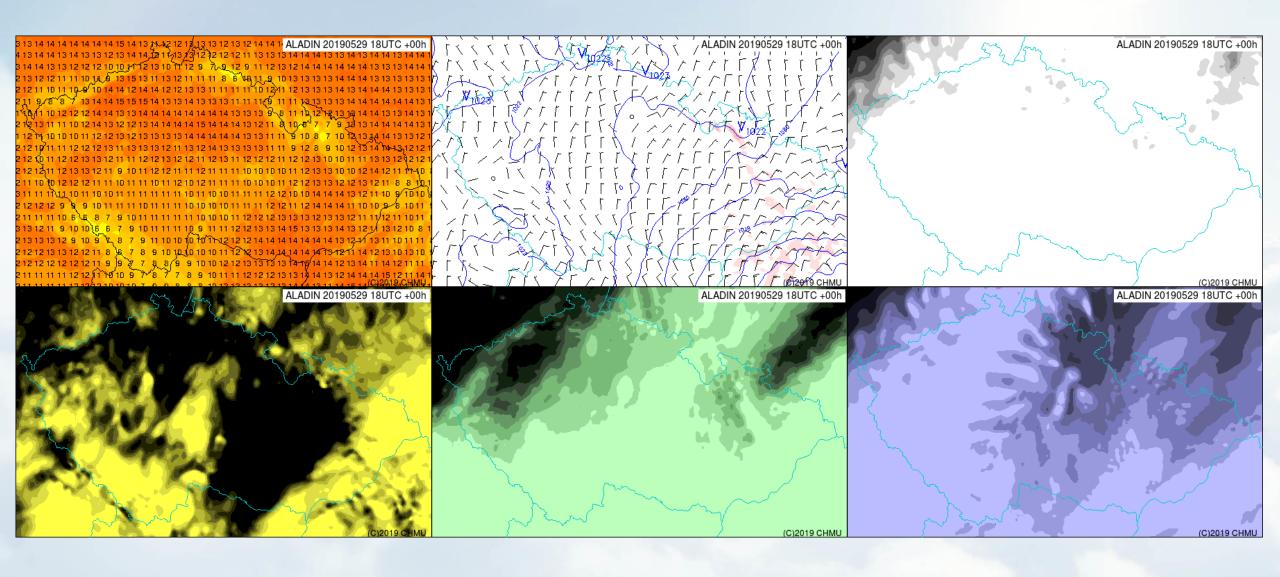
### Input data – tree canopy



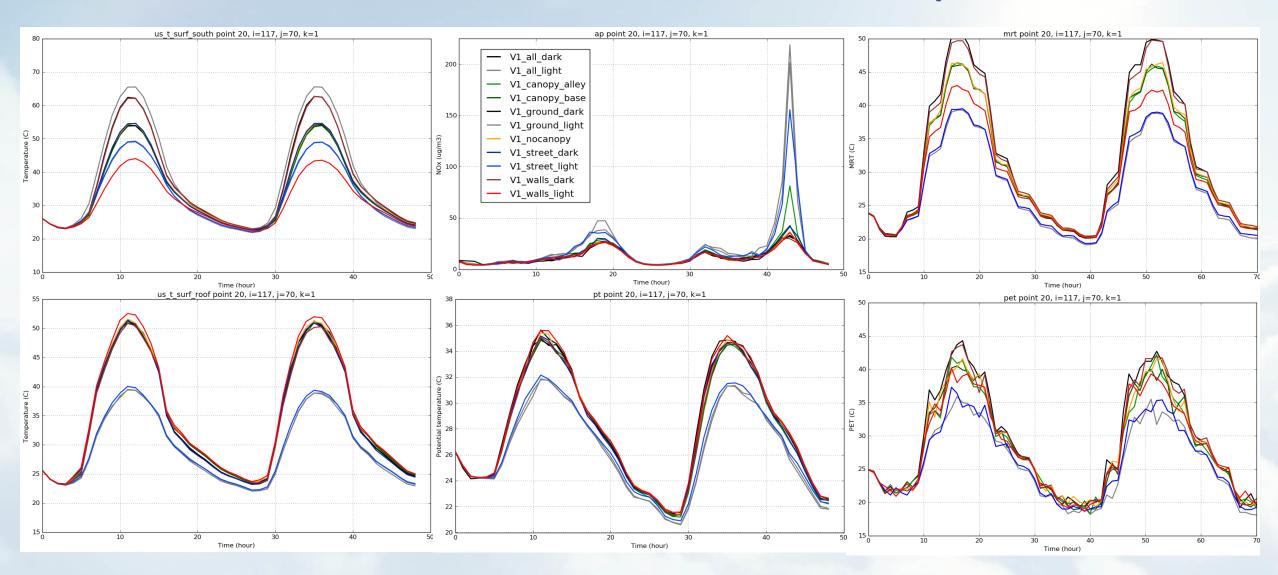
### **Properties:**

- Tree height
- Trunk height
- Trunk radius
- Crown height
- Crown radius
- Crown shape
- Tree type
- -> leaf area density (LAD)

## Input data – meteorology, air pollution



### Pavements – surface albedo sensivity



## If you have any interesting data, we are open for cooperation...

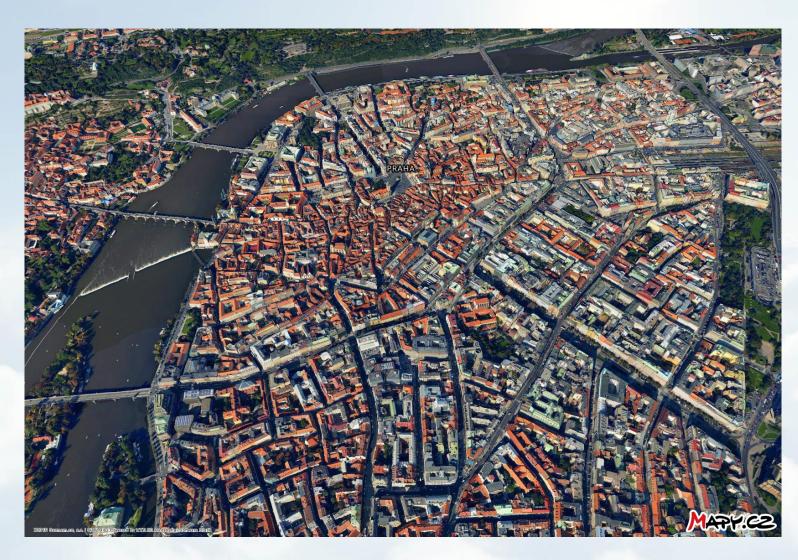
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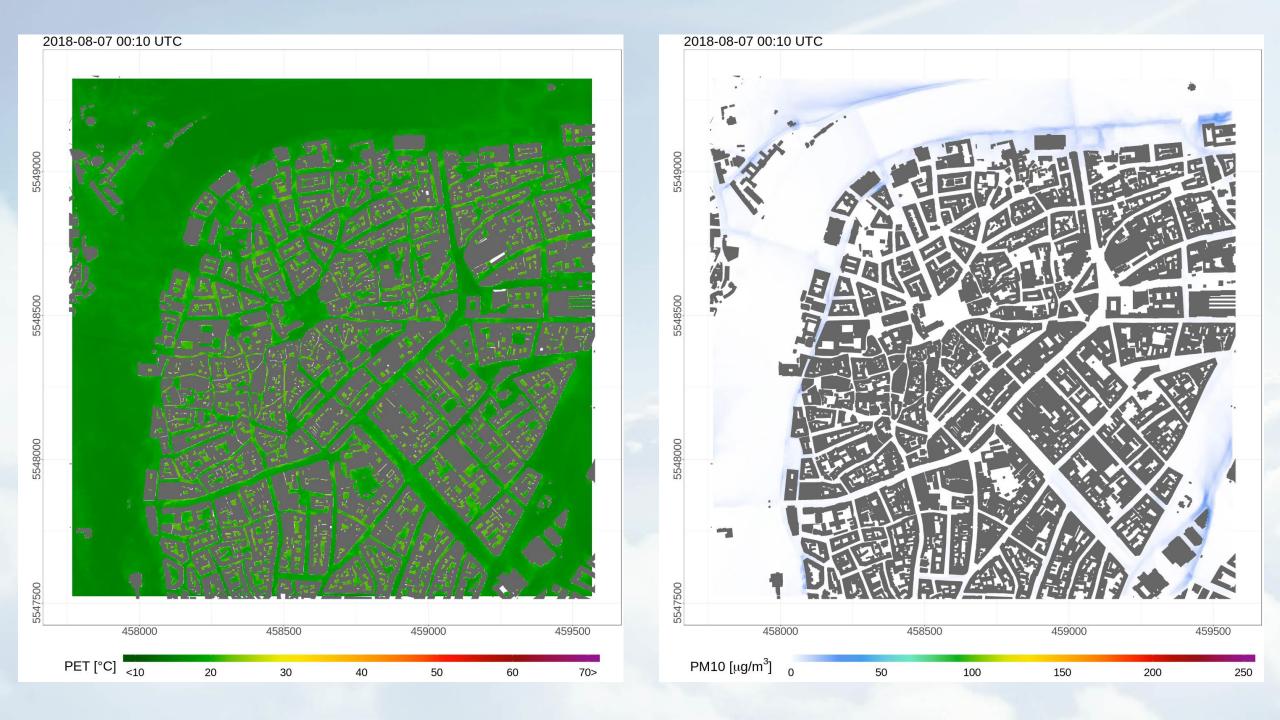
Use cases, scenarios

## A complex urban area

Case study "Hradební korzo"

- Prague historical centre
- 3,2 km<sup>2</sup>
- 2m resolution
- 24 hour simulation
  - Summer scenario (heat-wave)
  - Winter scenario (inversion)
- Cooperation with IPR



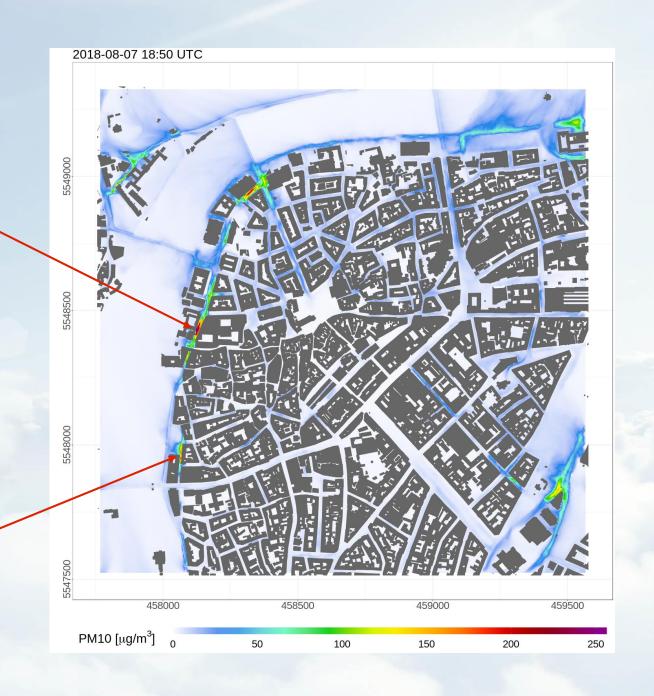




Křížovnické náměstí



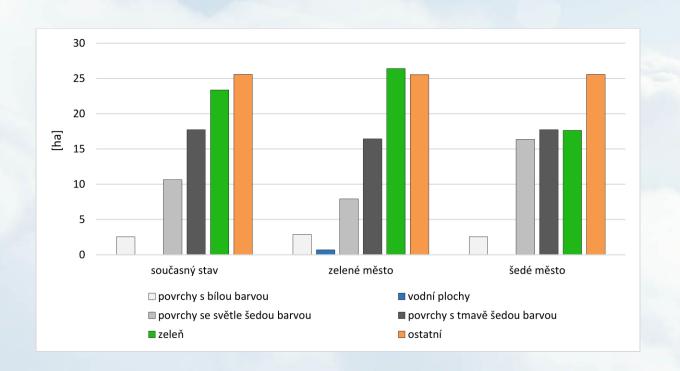
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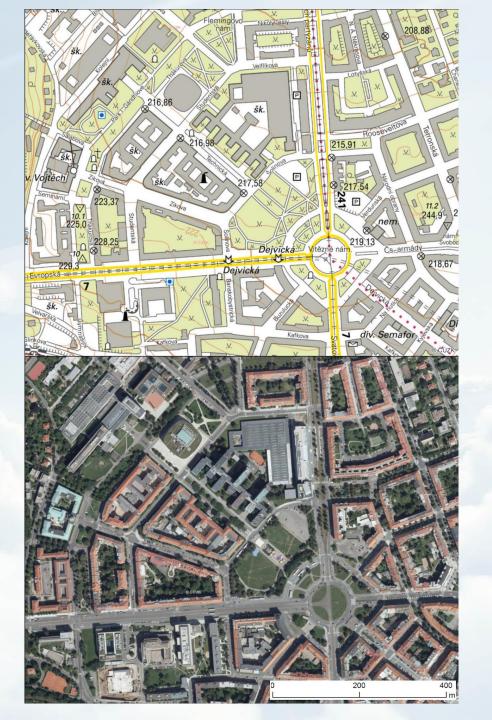


### Particular urban scenarios

### Prague-Dejvice area

- Green city scenario
- Grey city scenario





### Landcover

### **Green city:**

- New grass cover
- New ponds
- Bright pavements
- ~500 extra trees

### **Grey city:**

- Minimal grass cover
- ~500 fewer trees



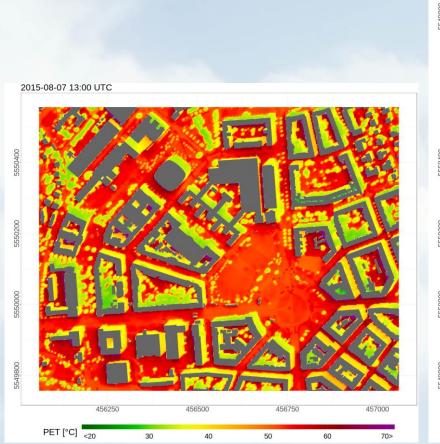


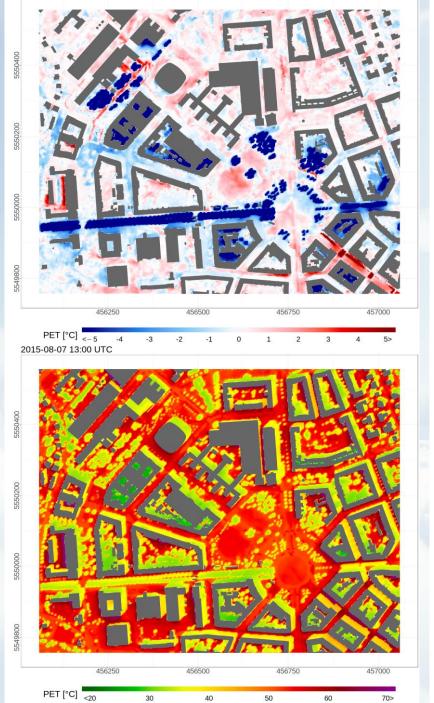




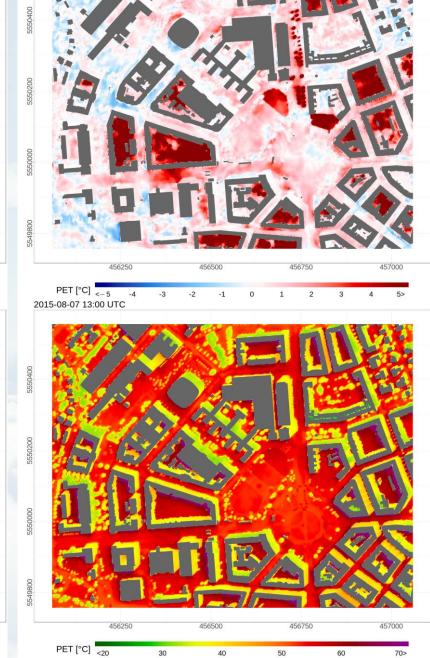
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2 hours after noon





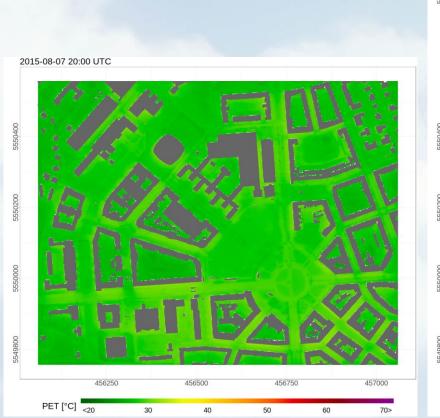
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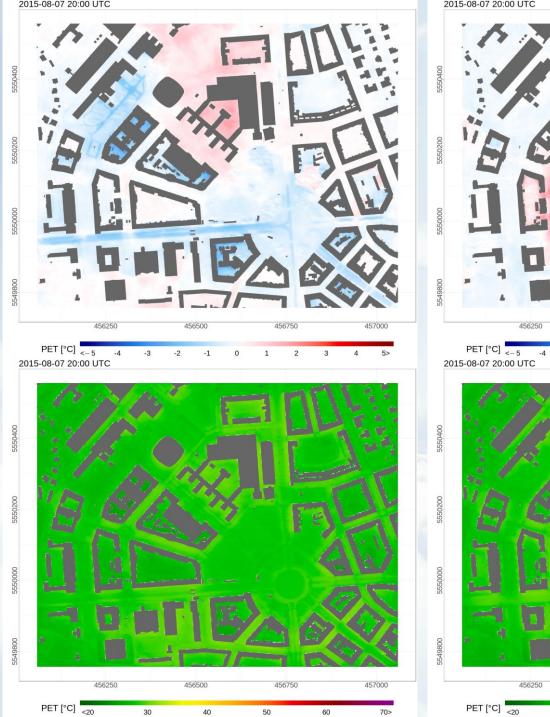


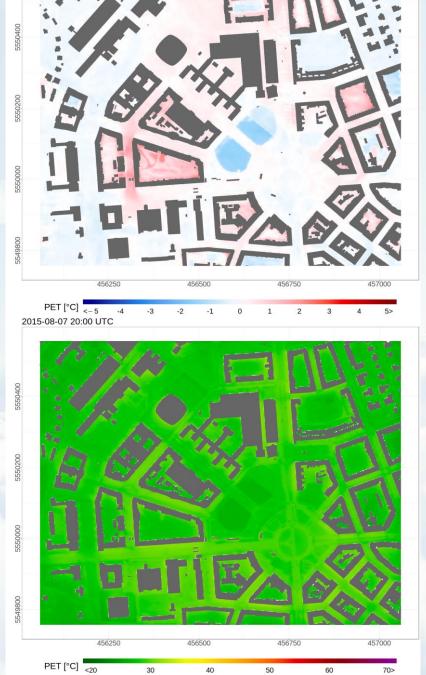
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## 22:00 CEST

~2 hours after sunset





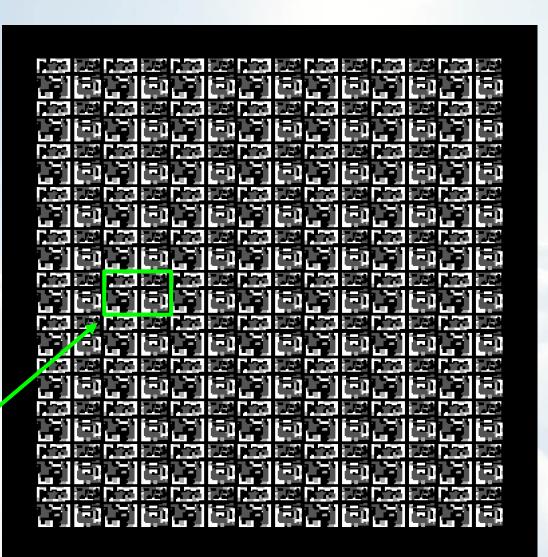


### Generic urban development measures

- Building height (street canyon ratio)
- Pavement surfaces
- Green tram tracks
- Insulated buildings
- Blue infrastructure
- Grey cities
- Green cities

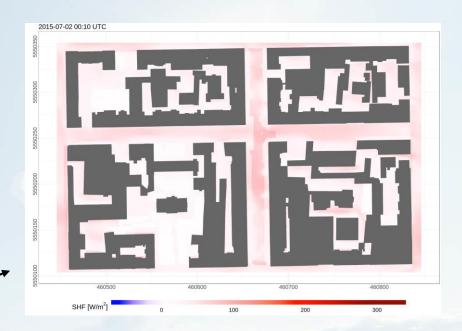
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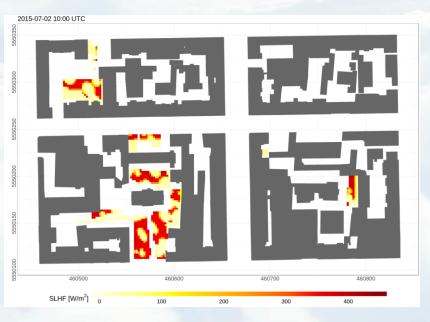




### Data output & evaluation

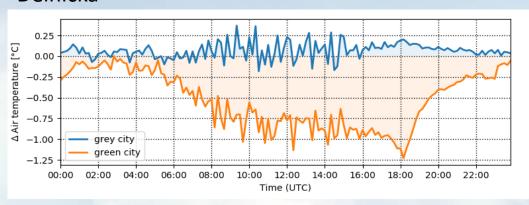
- Air temperature
- Biometeorological indices
  - MRT, PET, UTCI, PercT, wind comfort, ...
- Surface temperature
  - ground, walls
- Surface heat flux
- Latent heat (evapotranspiration)
- Air quality
  - SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, VOC, ...



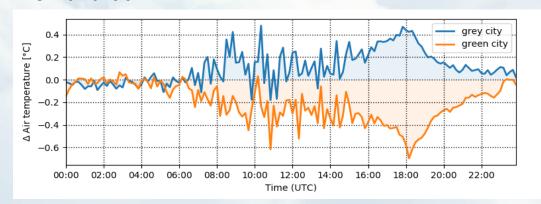


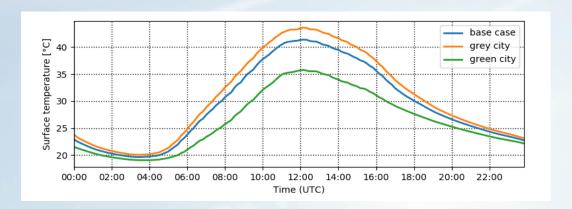
## Green / grey city

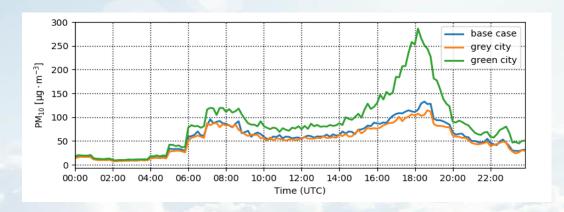
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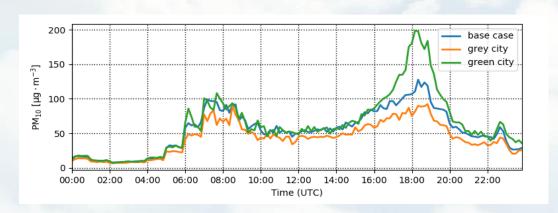


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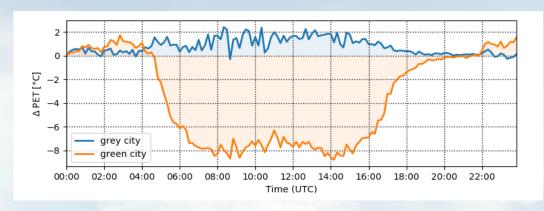




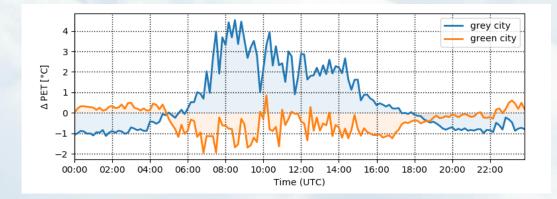


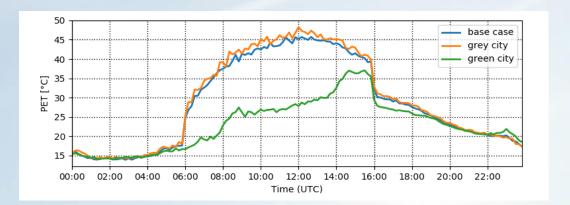
## Green / gray

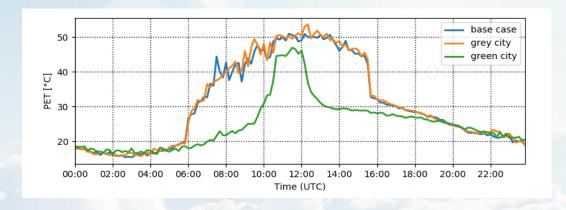
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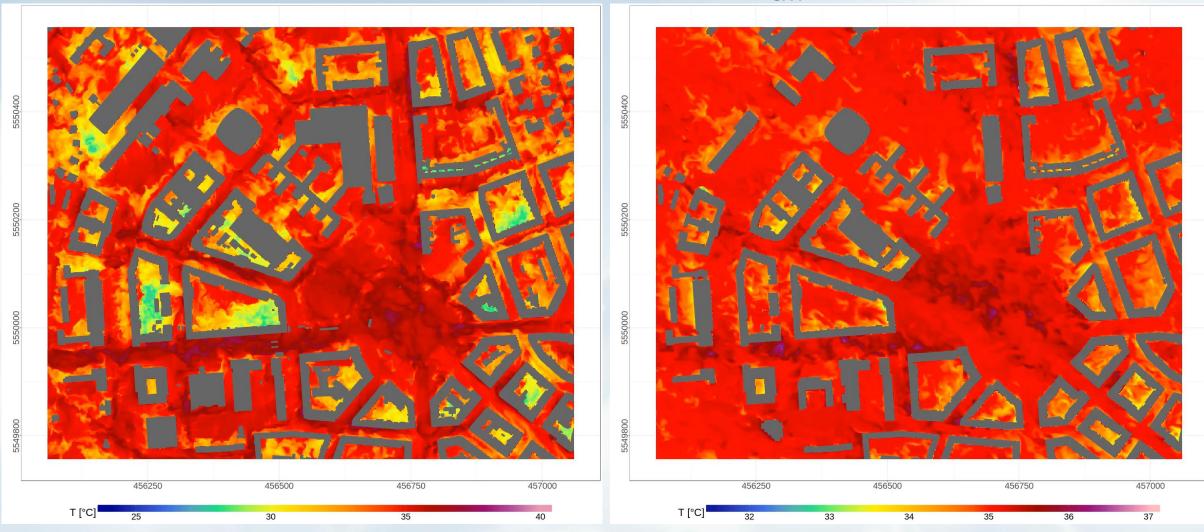
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## Prague-Dejvice – first results (T<sub>air</sub>)



Simulation of air temperature in 1 m (left) and 17 m (right) on 7.8.2015 from 15:00 to 16:00 CET, speeded-up to 30 seconds