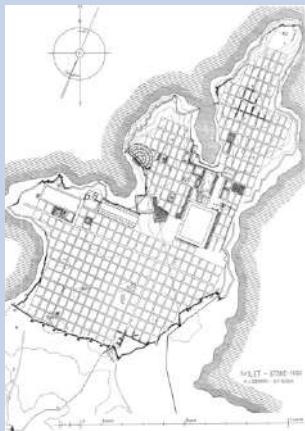
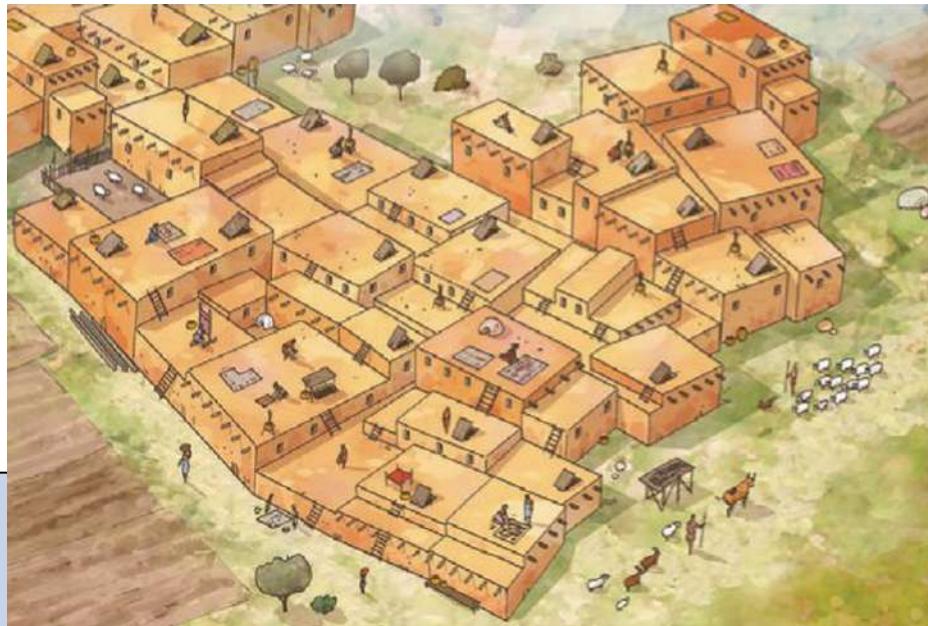


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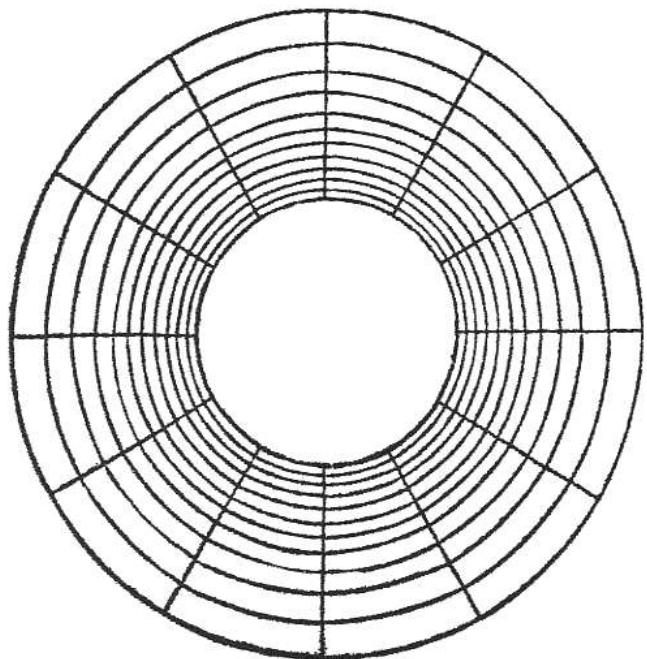
A city has to be Smart, Safe and Sustainable

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# La Città Ideale (attr. to Francesco Laurana)



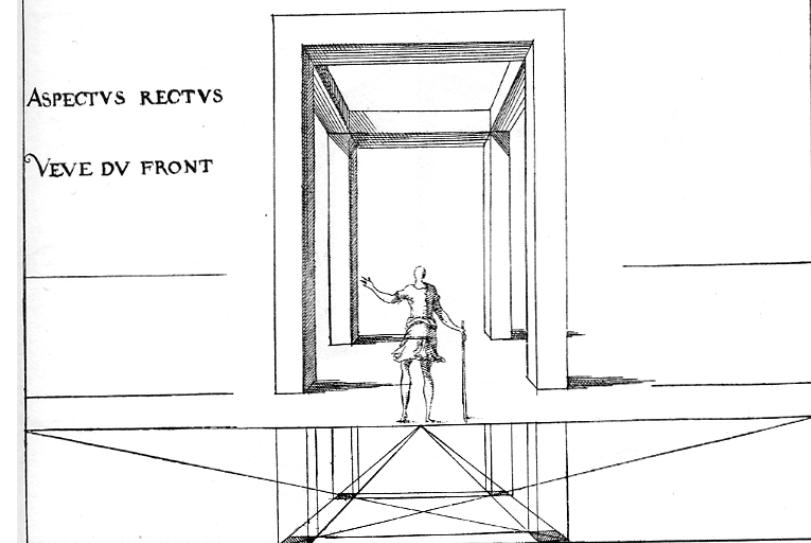
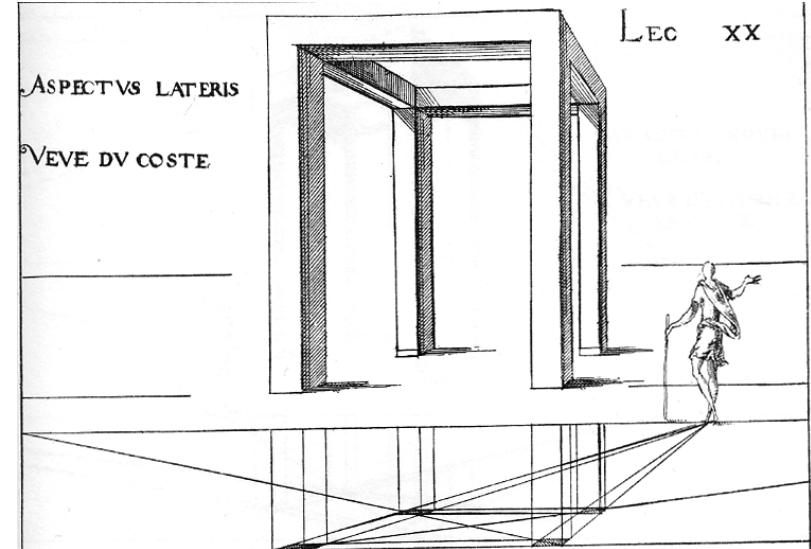
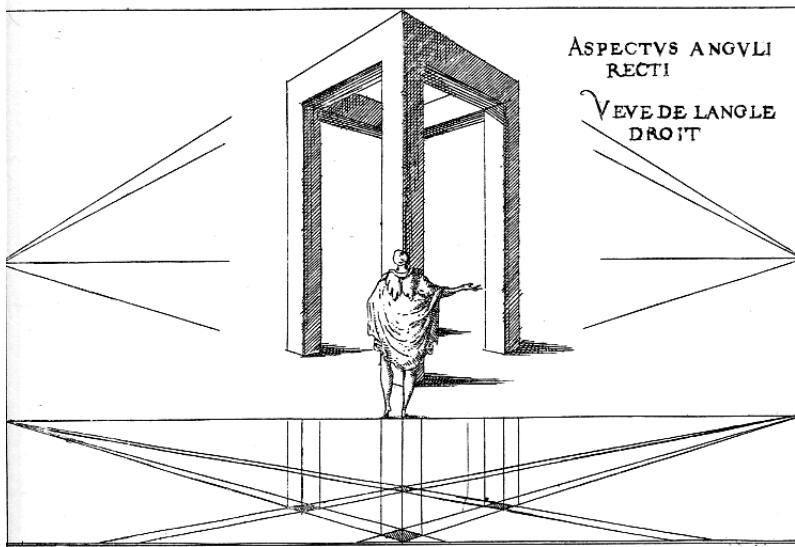
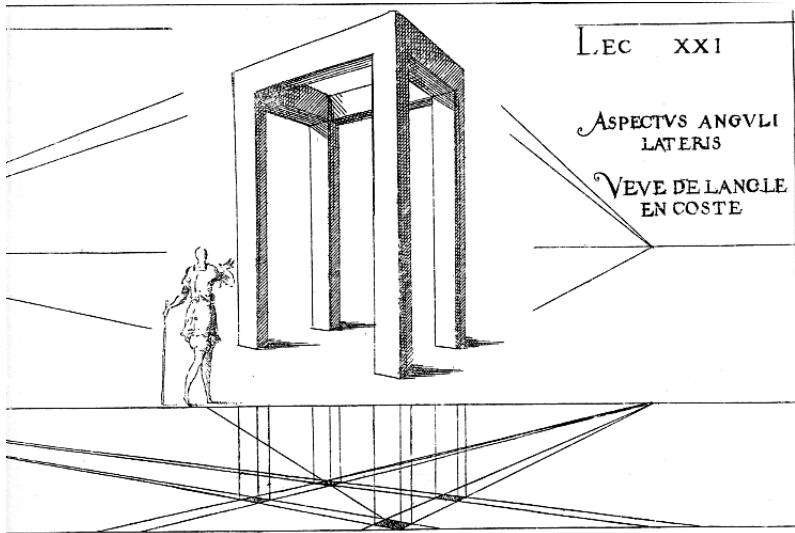
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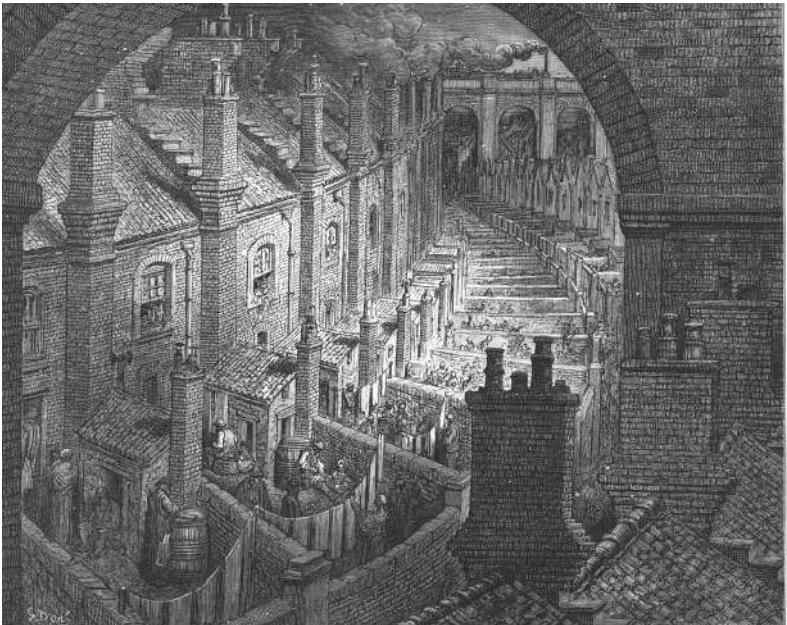


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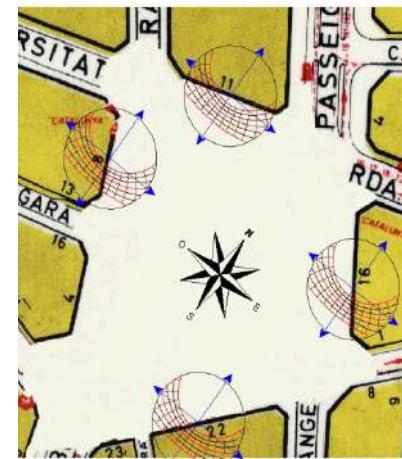


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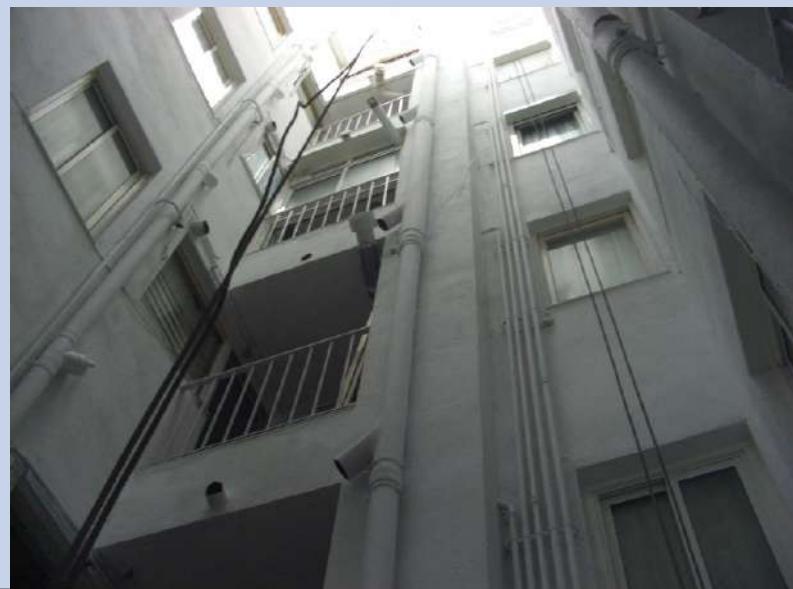




# Urbanism, Urban Planning, Design of the city

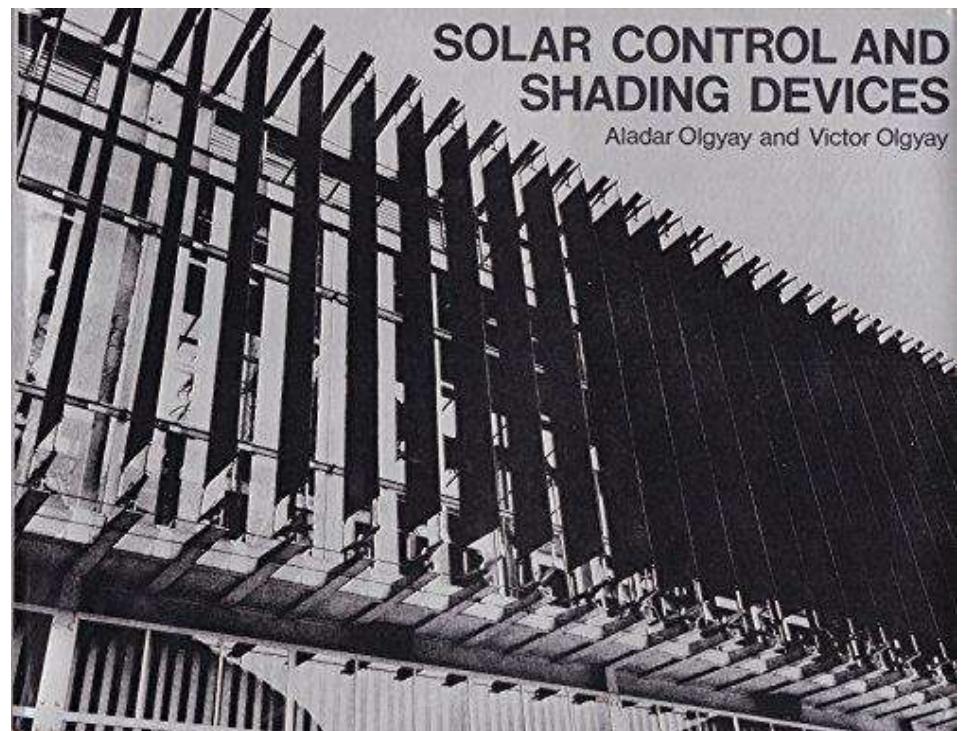
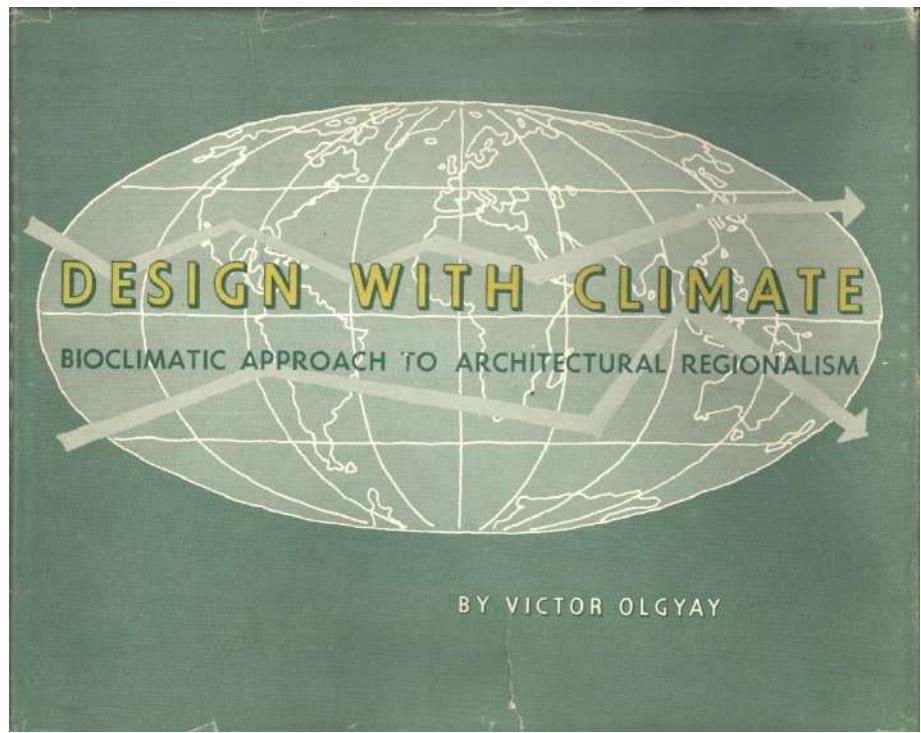


# Light, heat, and noise



# Composition of the city





# Urban sprawl



1970

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2000

“ ... If current trends in population density continue and all areas with high probabilities of urban expansion undergo change, then by 2030, urban land cover will increase by 1.2 million km<sup>2</sup>, nearly tripling the global urban land area circa 2000.”

Seto K. C., Güneralp B. & Hutyra L. R., “Global forecasts of urban expansion to 2030 and direct impacts on biodiversity and carbon pools”, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of USA, 2012 October 2; 109(40): 16083–16088.

# Urban sprawl

“The combination of an increasing number of human beneficiaries of ecosystem services and increasing competition for the land that provides these services is a worldwide phenomenon for which **the policy implications are only now beginning to be considered.**”

Eigenbrod V.F., Bell A., Davies H.N. et al. (2011), “The impact of projected increases in urbanization on ecosystem services”, Proceedings of the Royal Society B. 278:3201-3208.

“The heat generated **by everyday activities in metropolitan areas** [of Northern Asia and North America] has a significant enough warming effect to **influence the character of the jet stream** and other major atmospheric systems during winter months.”

Guang J. Zhang, Ming Cai & Aixue Hu, Energy consumption and the unexplained winter warming over northern Asia and North America, *Nature Climate Change* (January 27, 2013)

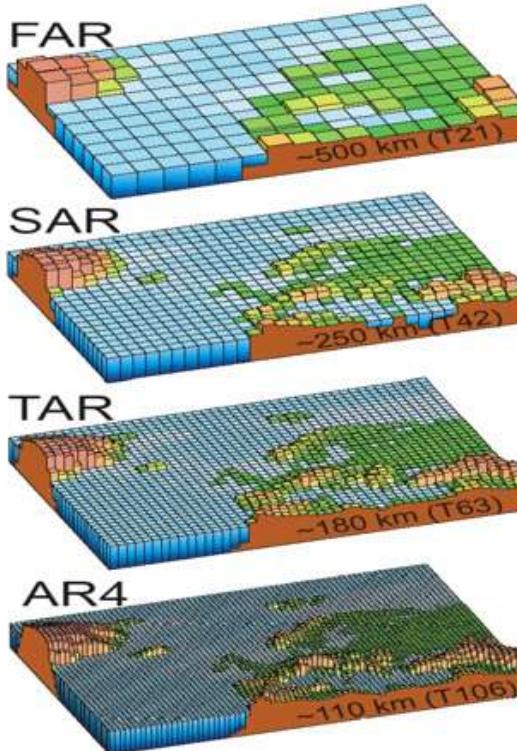
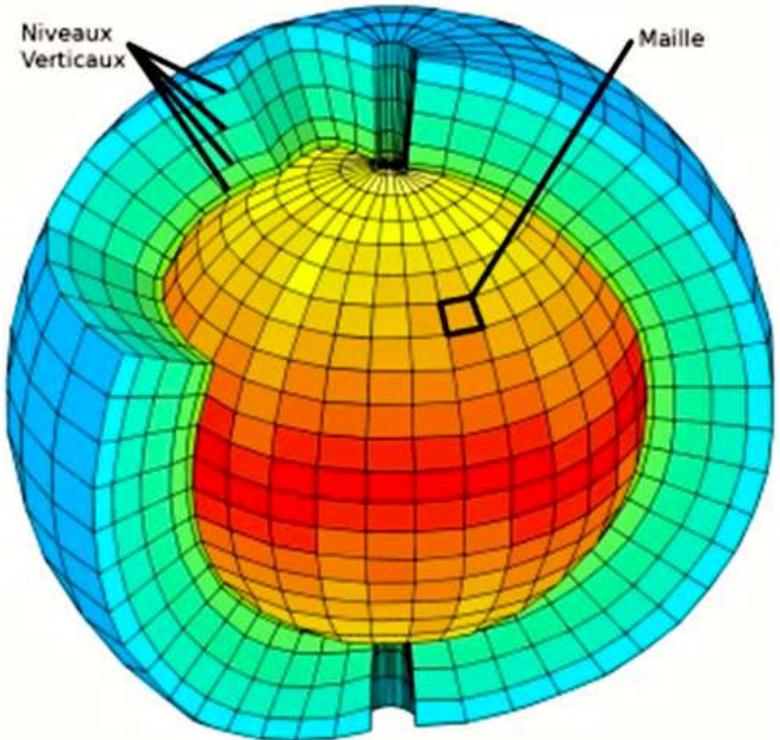
“Urban Physics is a well-established discipline, incorporating relevant branches of physics, environmental chemistry, aero-dynamics, meteorology and statistics. Therefore, **Urban Physics is well positioned to provide key-contributions to the existing urban problems and challenges.**”

Moonen P., Defraeye T., Dorer V., Blocken B., Carmeliet J., “Urban Physics: Effect of the micro-climate on comfort, health and energy demand”, *Frontiers of Architectural Research* (2012) 1, 197–228

The key challenges for Smart Cities and Communities are to significantly increase the overall **energy efficiency of cities**, to exploit better the **local resource** both in terms of energy supply as well as through the demand side measures. This will imply the use of energy efficiency measures optimizing at the level of districts, the use of **renewables**, the sustainability of urban transport and the needed drastic reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in urban areas - within economically acceptable conditions - while ensuring for citizens better life conditions: lower energy bills, swifter transport, job creation and as a consequence a higher degree of resilience to climate impacts (e.g. **urban heat islands effects**) etc.

### **CALL Smart cities and communities**

(<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2148-scc-01-2015.html>)



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# FICUP 2016

First International Conference on Urban Physics

Quito - Galápagos, 25 September - 2 October 2016

The First International Conference on Urban Physics aims to be a founding event for the numerical simulation of cities and megacities, which are facing worldwide critical problems, such as their dual participation - as victims and actors - to the present and upcoming climate changes. The conference will provide an opportunity for scientists from different disciplines (computer graphics, environmental physics, numerical models, renewable energies, urban planning ...) to confront their ideas and methods for the detection and analysis of physical quantities, in order to better manage the development of cities and to meet economic and environmental constraints.

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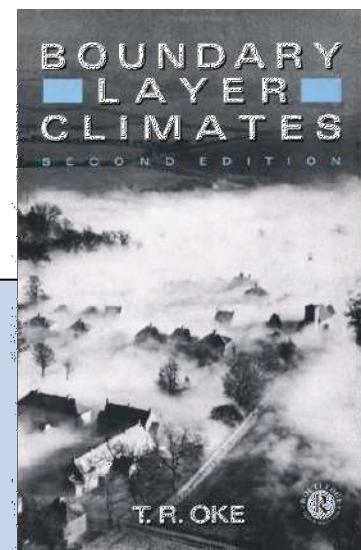
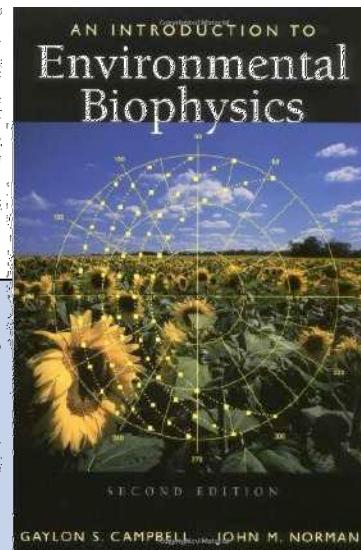
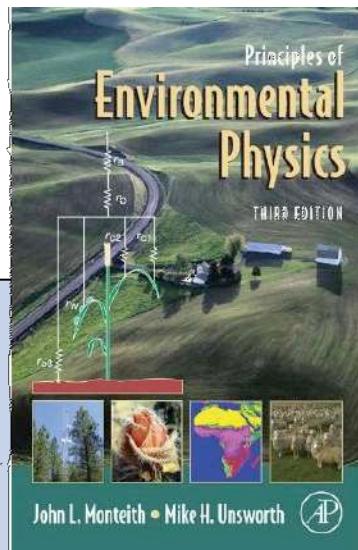
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# La physique urbaine - références

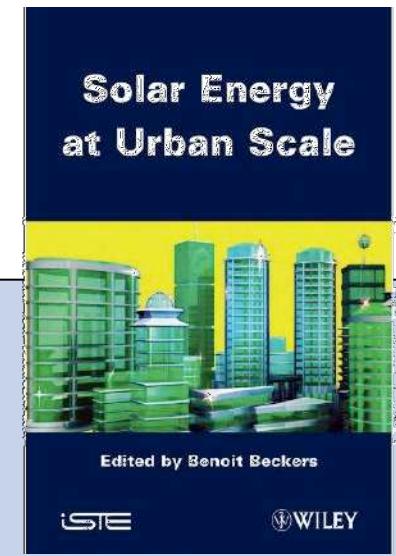
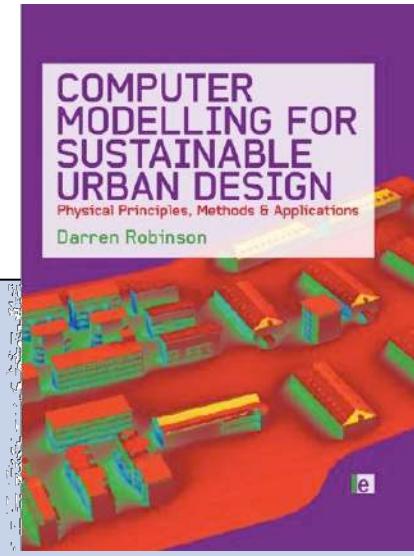
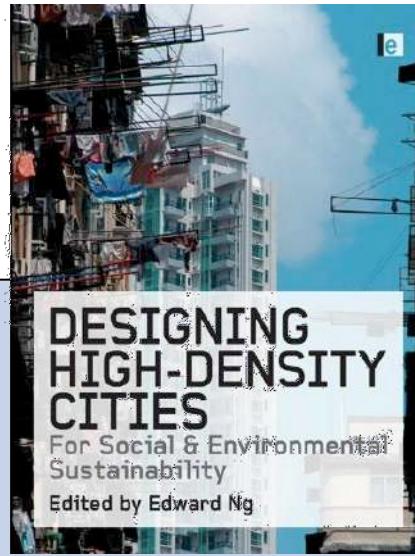
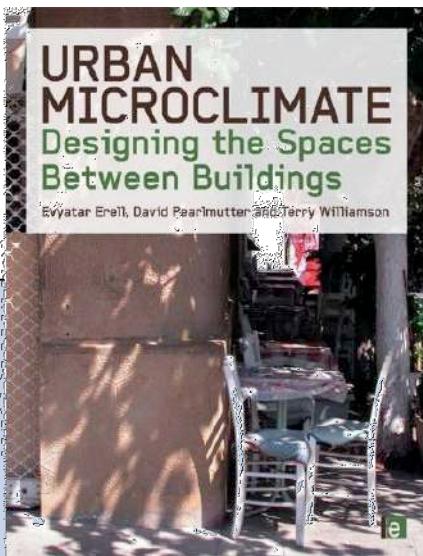
La **Physique Environnementale** se développe dans les années 1970 (rendement des cultures), 1980 (forêts et pluies acides), 1990 (trou dans la couche d'ozone), 2000 (changement climatique). Parmi ses méthodes : le bilan local des flux d'énergie (conductif, radiatif, sensible et latent).



L'application des mêmes méthodes aux structures urbaines est proposée dès les années 1970 par T. R. Oke, autour de la problématique de l'Ilot de Chaleur Urbain. On peut dès lors parler de **Physique Urbaine**.

# La physique urbaine - références

Ces dernières années, des progrès considérables dans plusieurs domaines annexes: systèmes d'information géographique, standardisation du niveau de détail des modèles 3D (BIM et CIM), mesures terrestres et satellitaires, puissance de calcul des ordinateurs,...

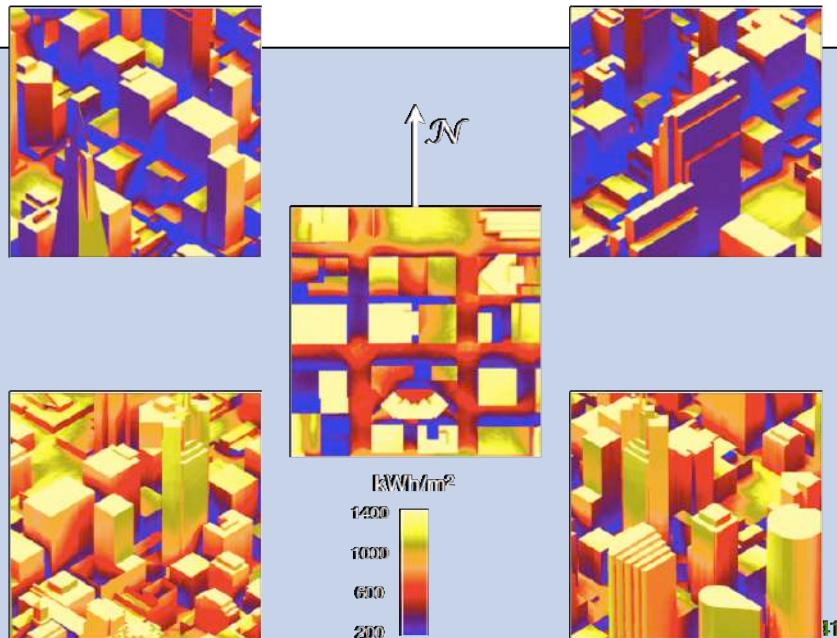


...permettent une première appréhension de la physique urbaine par la simulation numérique.  
Cadre: “smart”, “safe” and “sustainable” city.

Emergence de la **thermique urbaine** (climat urbain, flux thermiques bâtiment-ville-territoire, efficience énergétique, production locale d'énergie renouvelable).

# SOLAR ENERGY AT URBAN SCALE

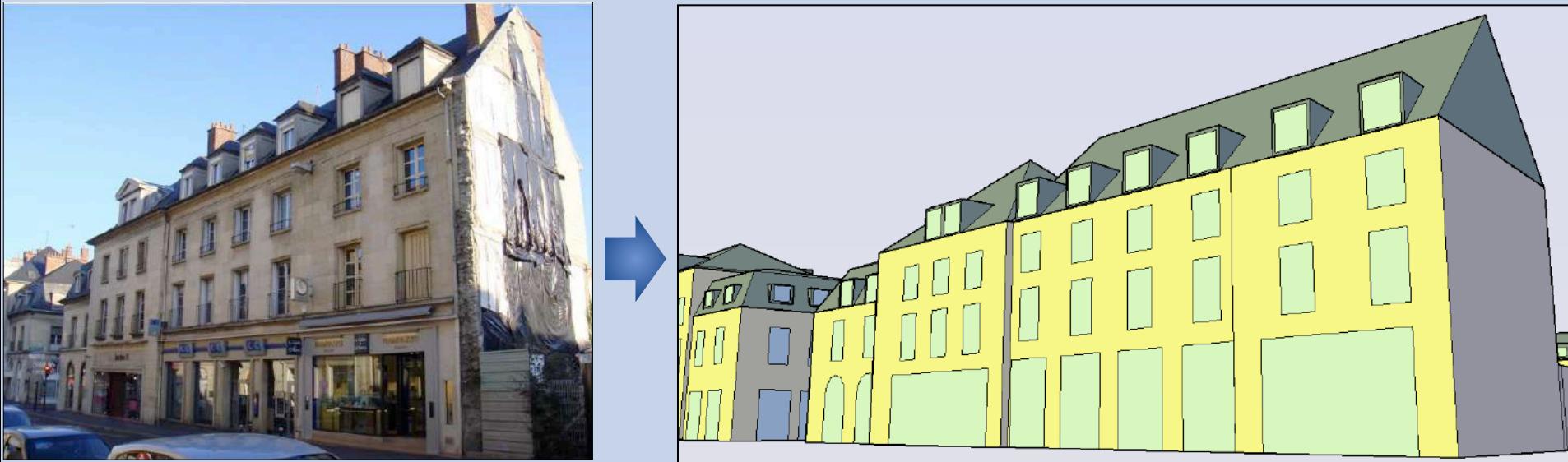
- SOLAR ENERGY AT URBAN SCALE
- 24 /25 may 2010, Compiègne
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# 3D URBAN MODEL

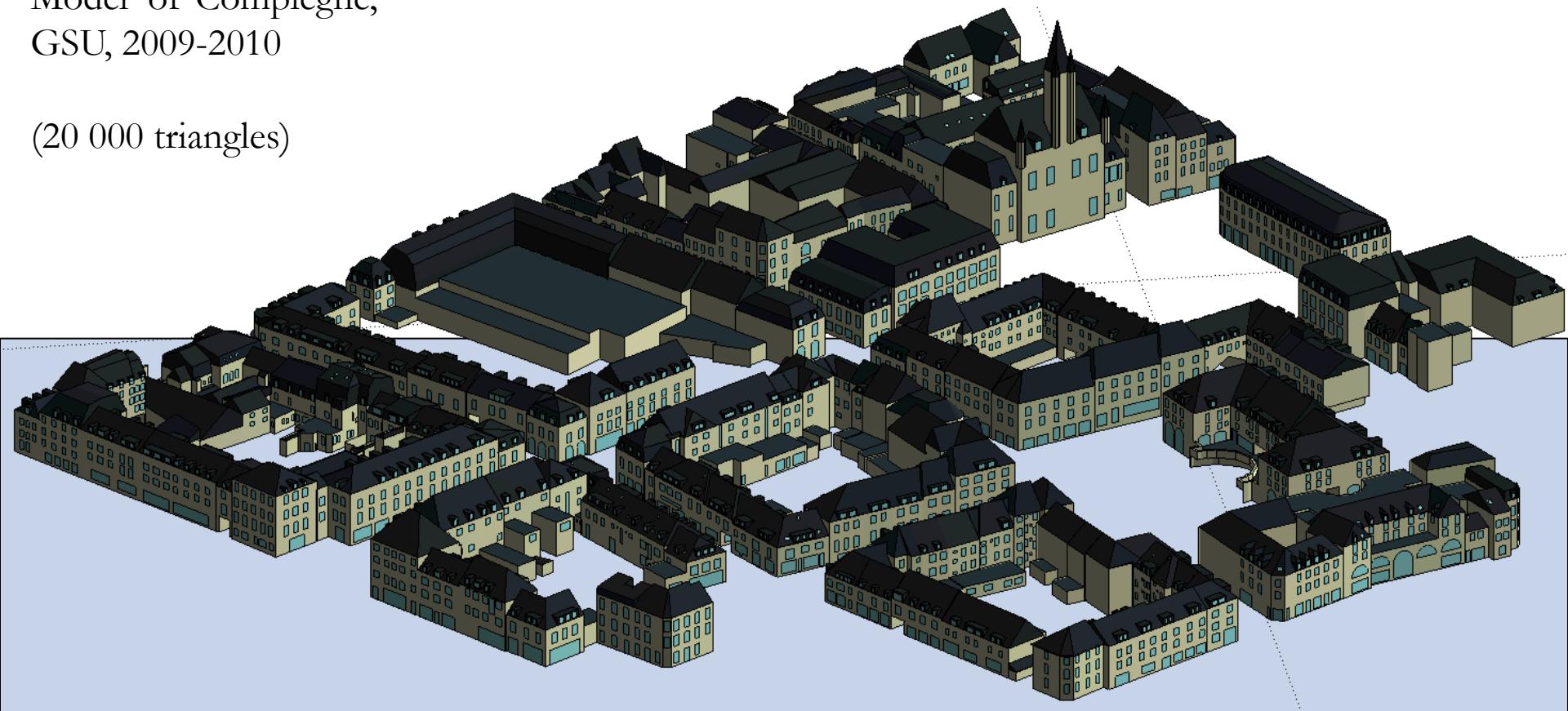
- **3DModel wisely simplified**
- Roofs and façades correctly oriented, tilted
- Windows: rectangles shifted from the façades



# 3D URBAN MODEL

Model of Compiègne,  
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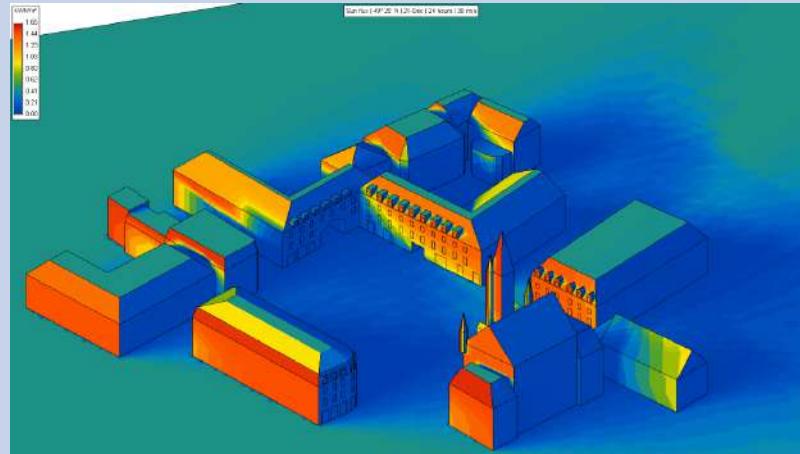
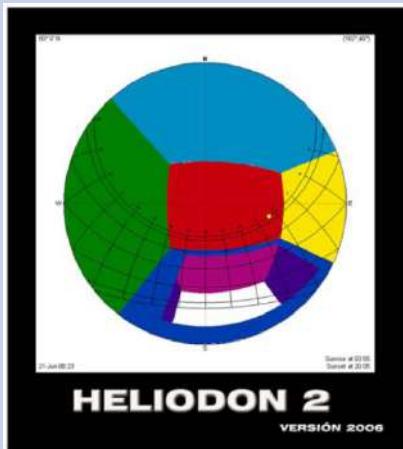
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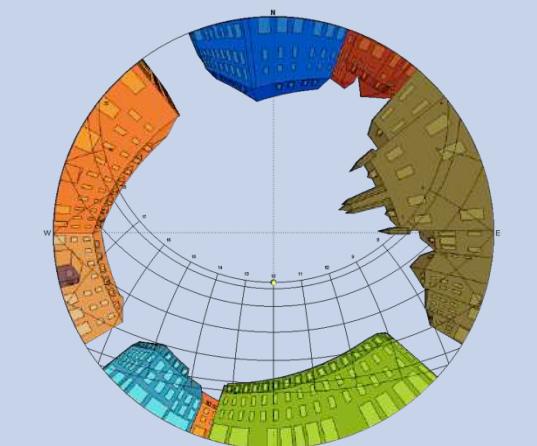


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Compiègne (49° 25' N)

(100° 54' E)

Sunrise at 05:58  
Sunset at 20:02  
21-Jun 12:00  
121 Deg 124 hours 1:30 rms

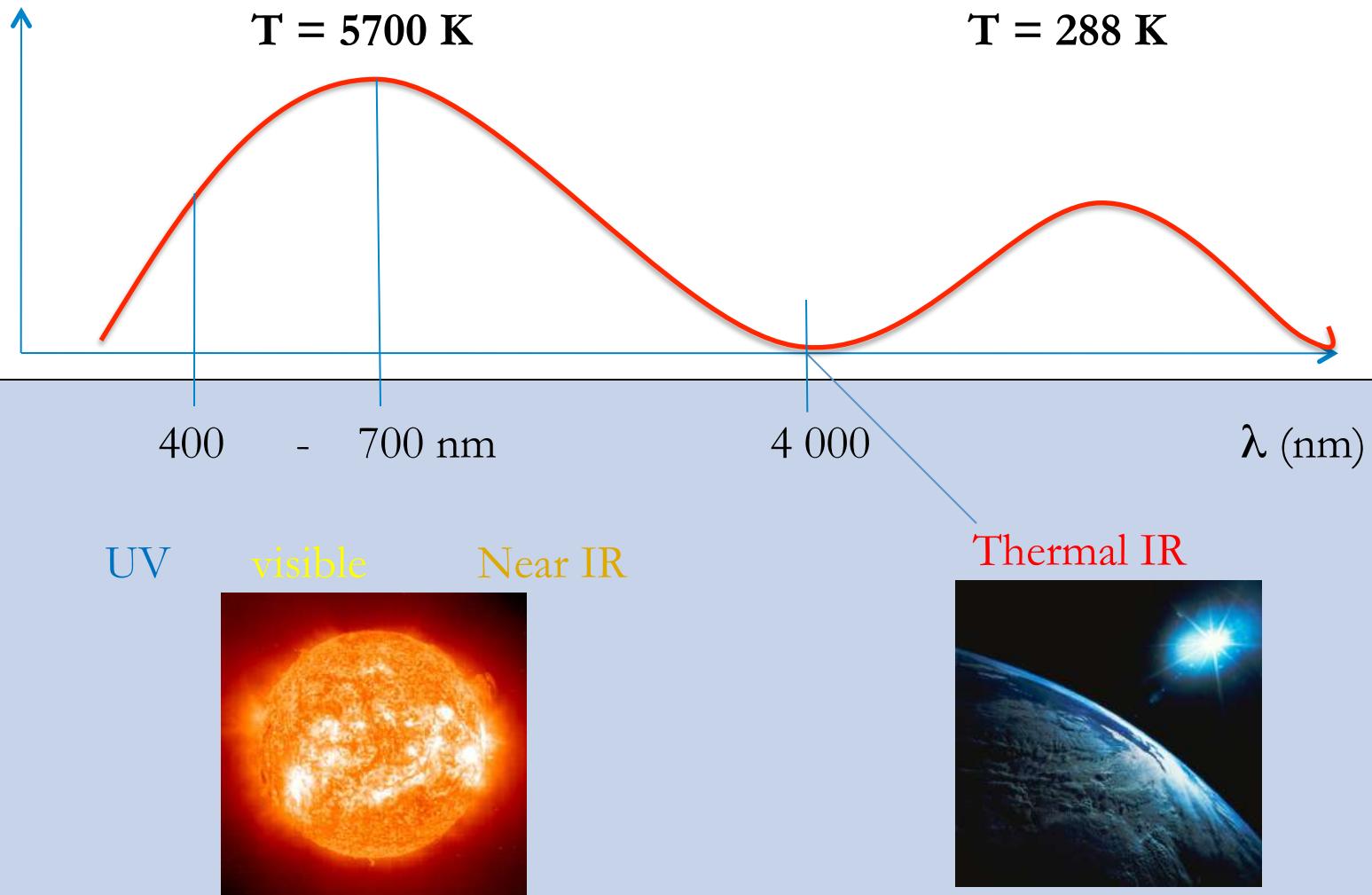


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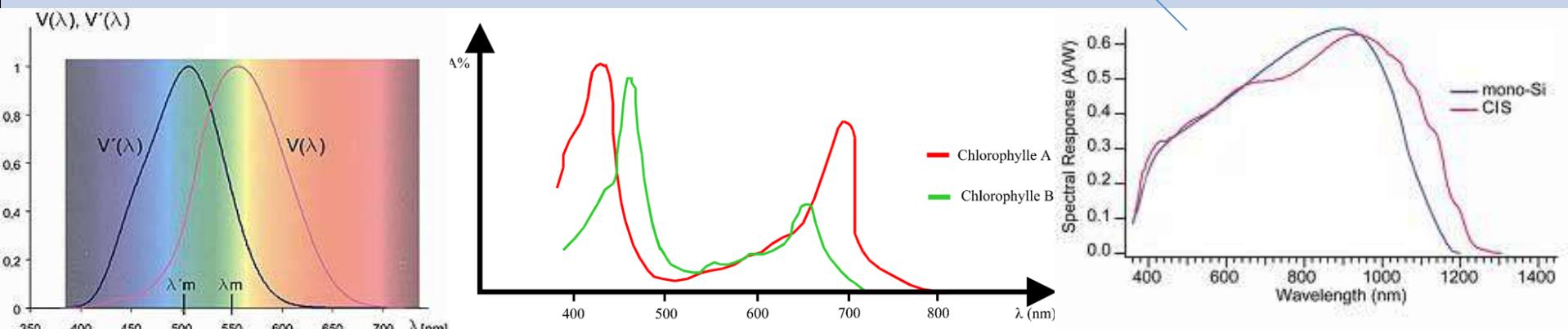
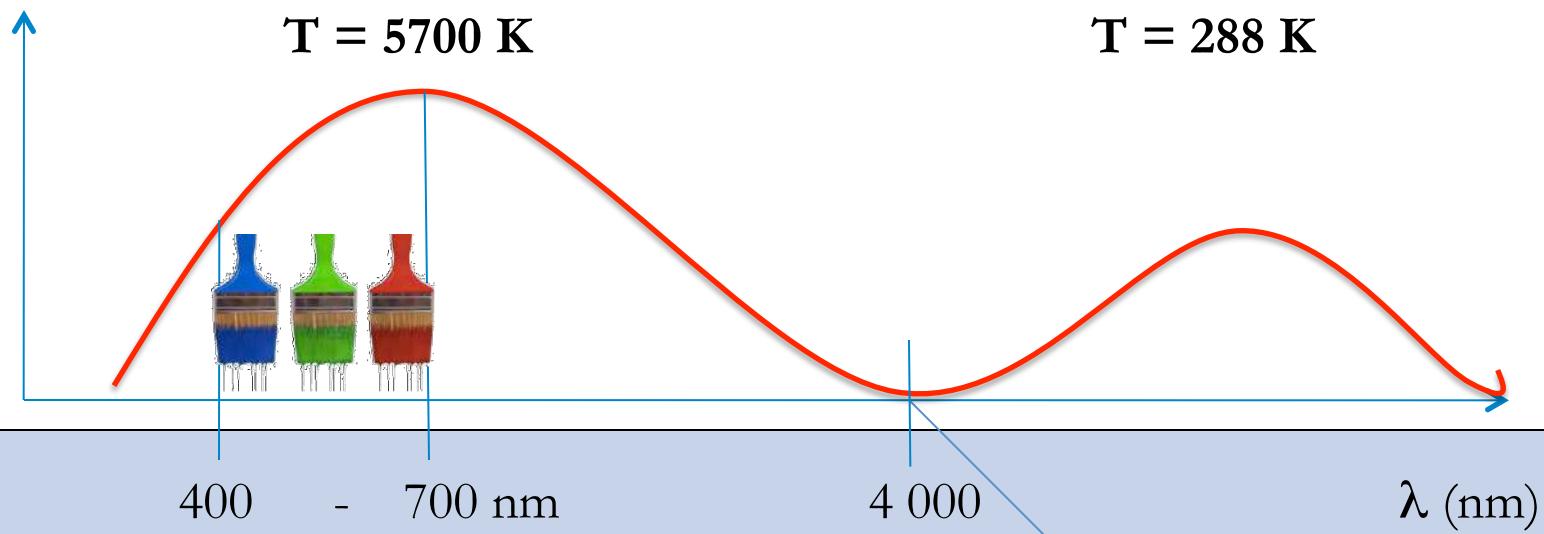
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## Short and long waves



# Spectral sensitivity



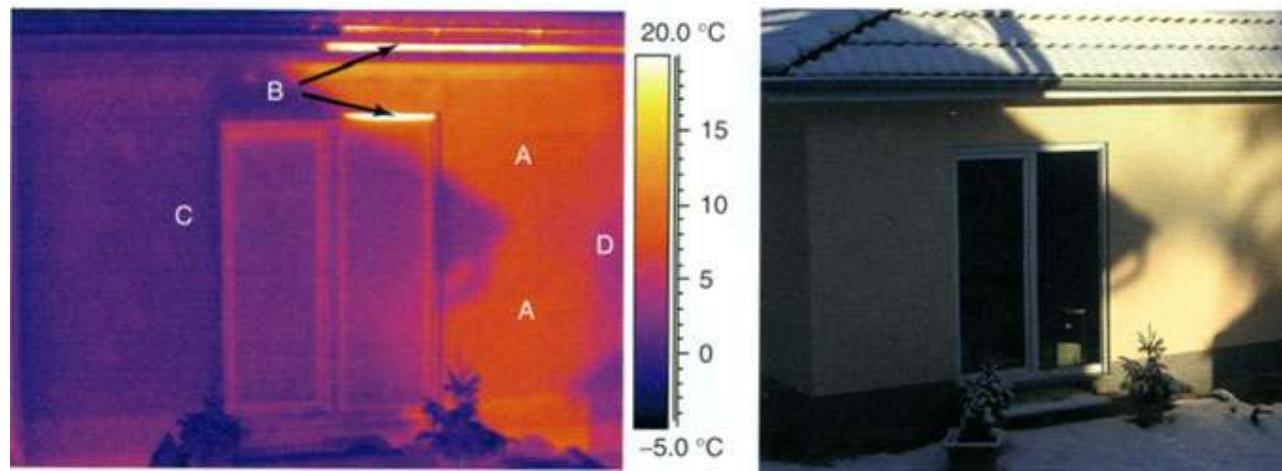
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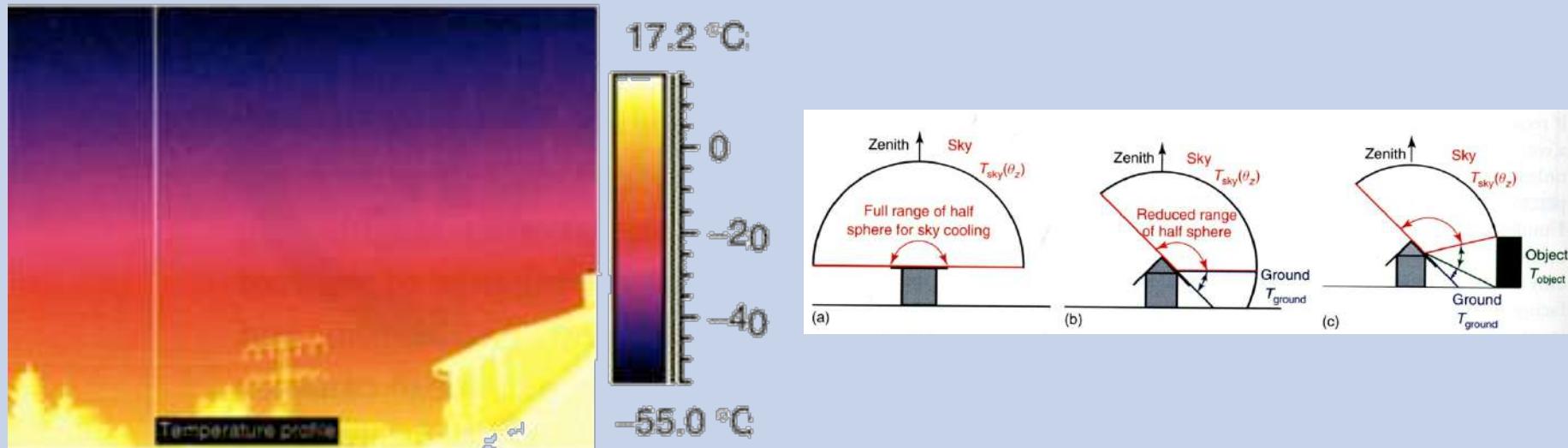
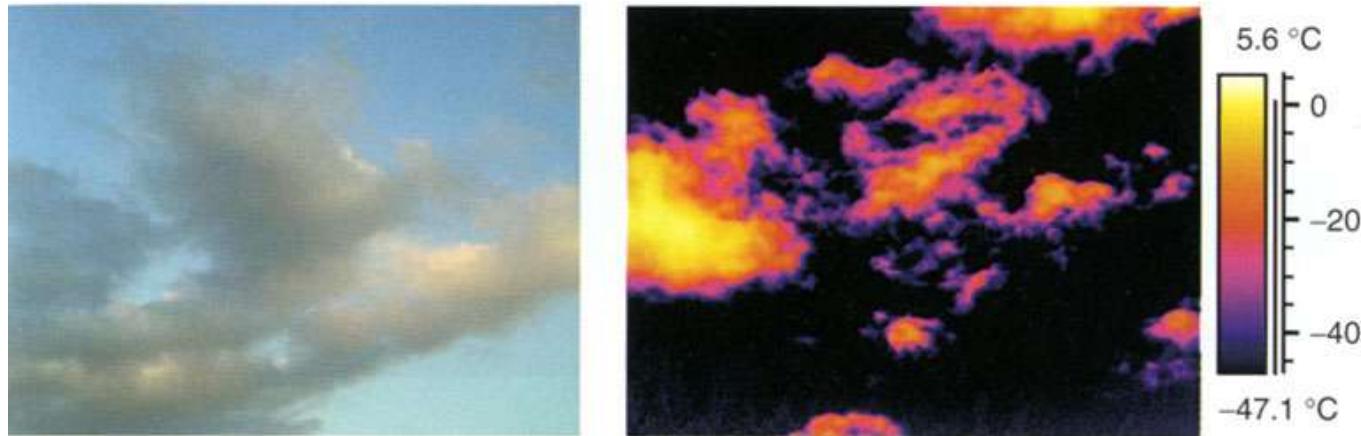
# Long waves



# Thermography



# Thermography



## Thermography of the city

Airborne Hyperspectral Scanner (AHS)

Night temperatures in Madrid

Cold zones in dark blue, hot in red

Zone: "Paseo de la Castellana."

Image: July 1, 2008, night

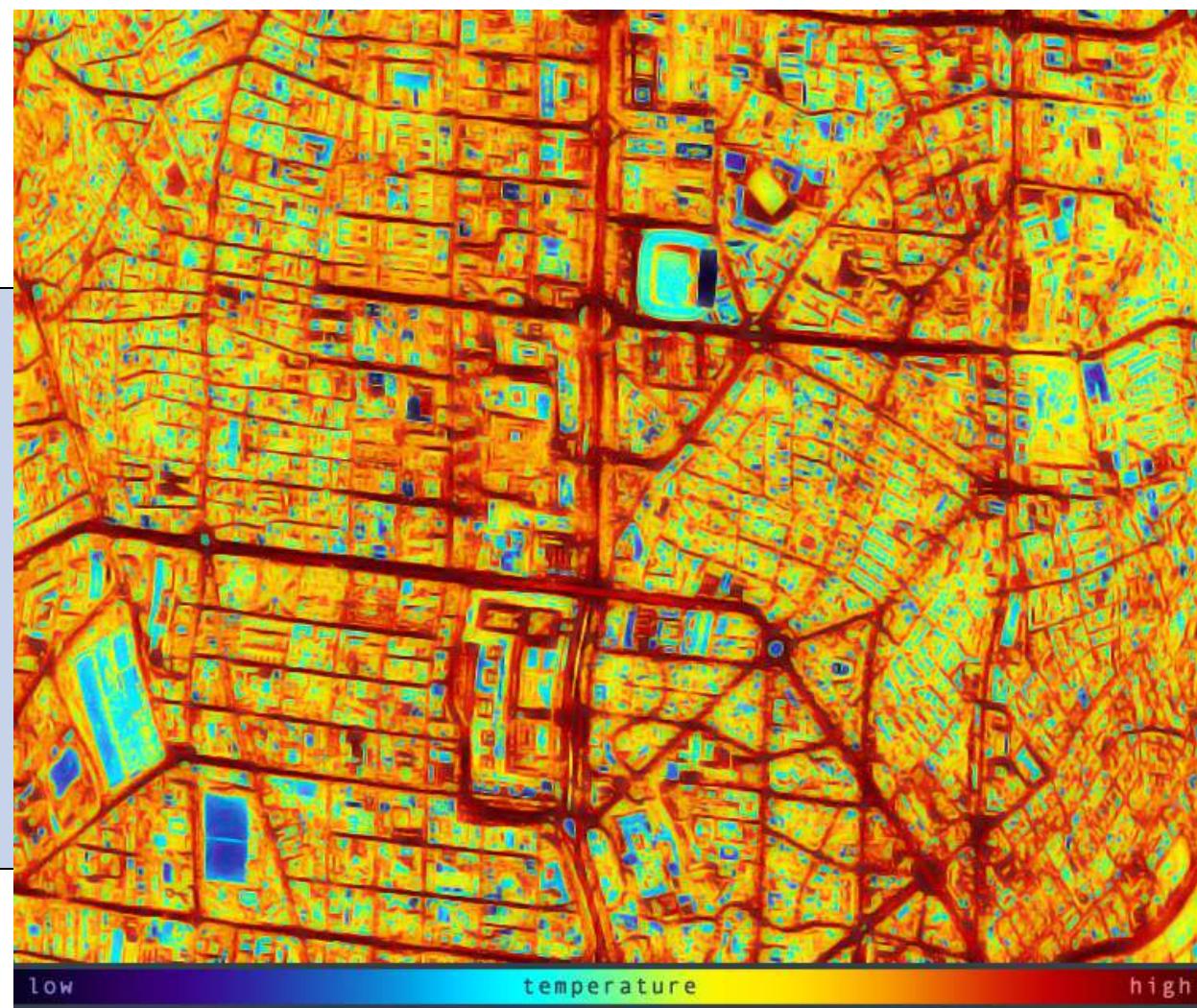
Space resolution : 3 m/ píxel.

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"Dual-use European Security IR Experiment  
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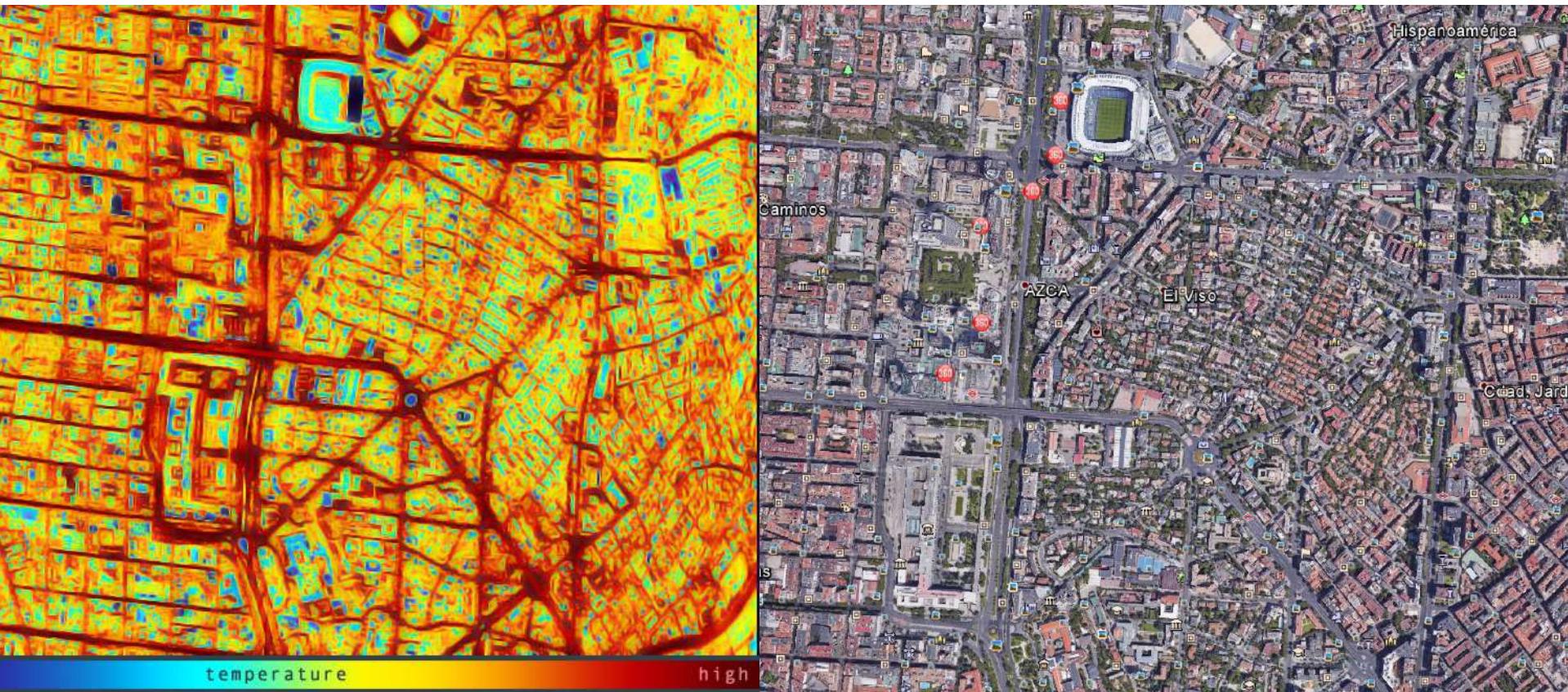
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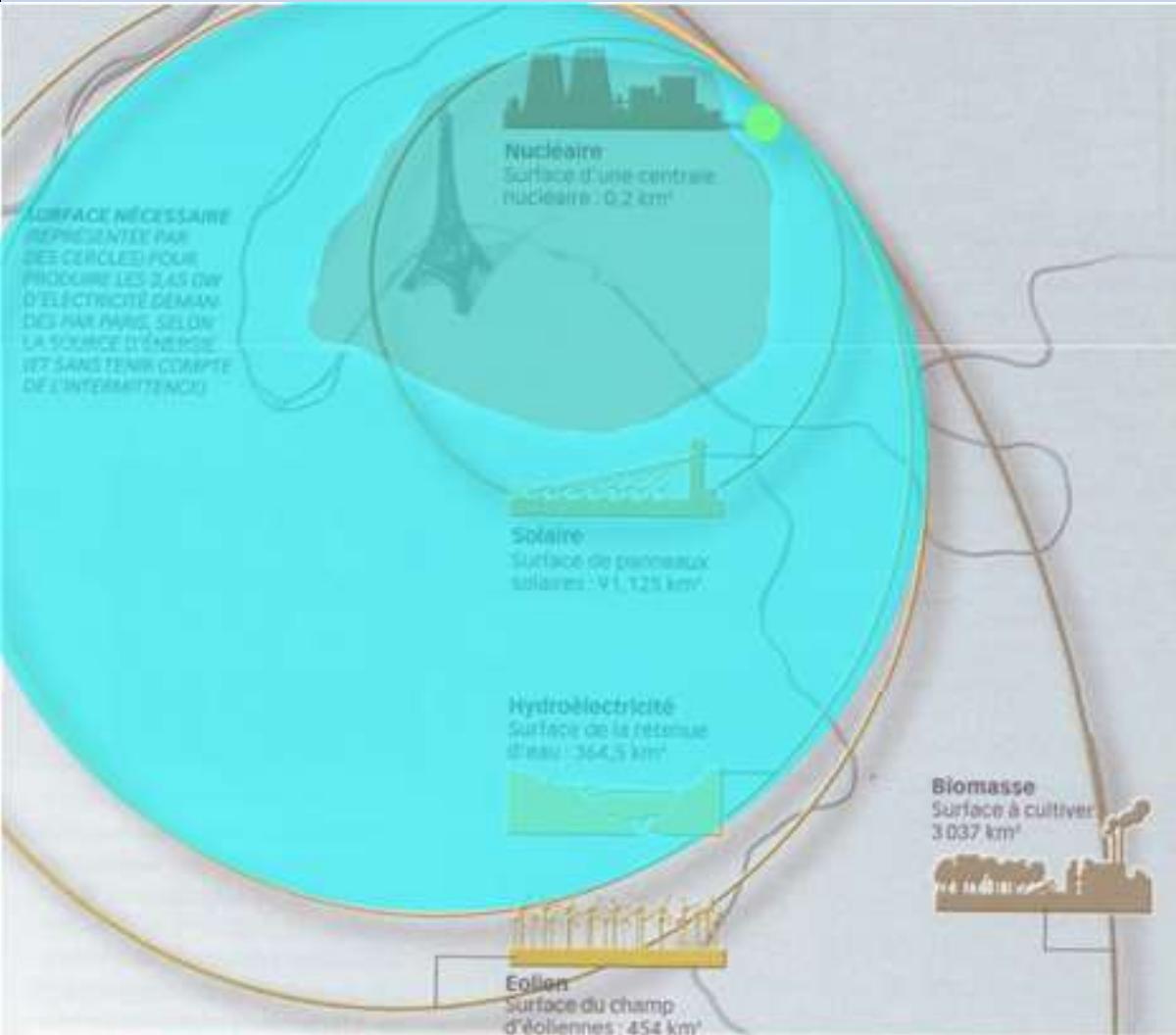
## Madrid: Paseo de la Castellana

The challenge:

To model a city zone, compute the heat exchanges & produce a surface temperature map coherent with the results obtained by image processing of thermographies issued from Airborne Hyperspectral Scanner or satellite instruments....



# Daylight and Solar Energy Simulation at Urban Scale



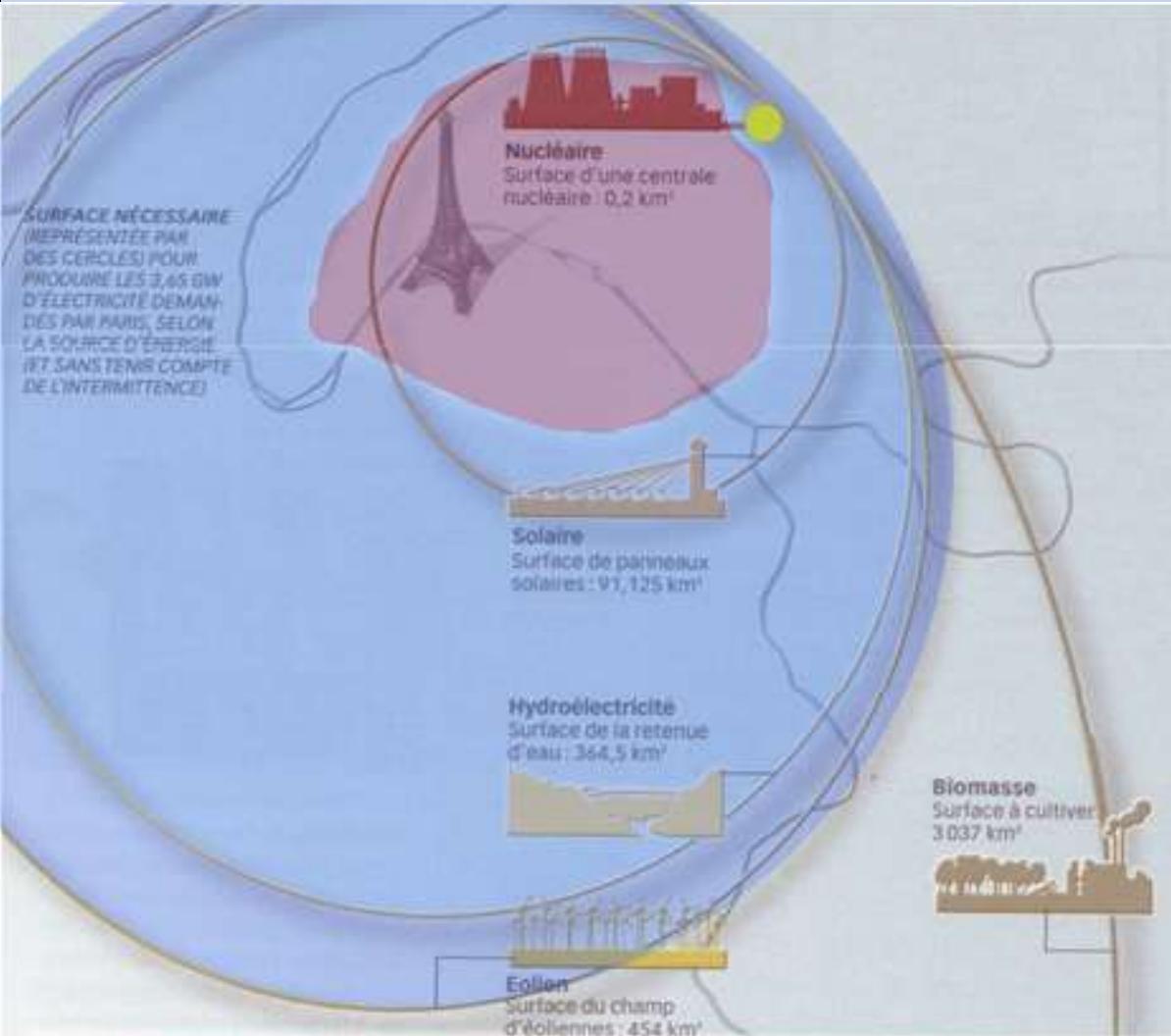
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## Hydropower

260 km<sup>2</sup> to produce 3,65 GW  
(water retention)



# Daylight and Solar Energy Simulation at Urban Scale



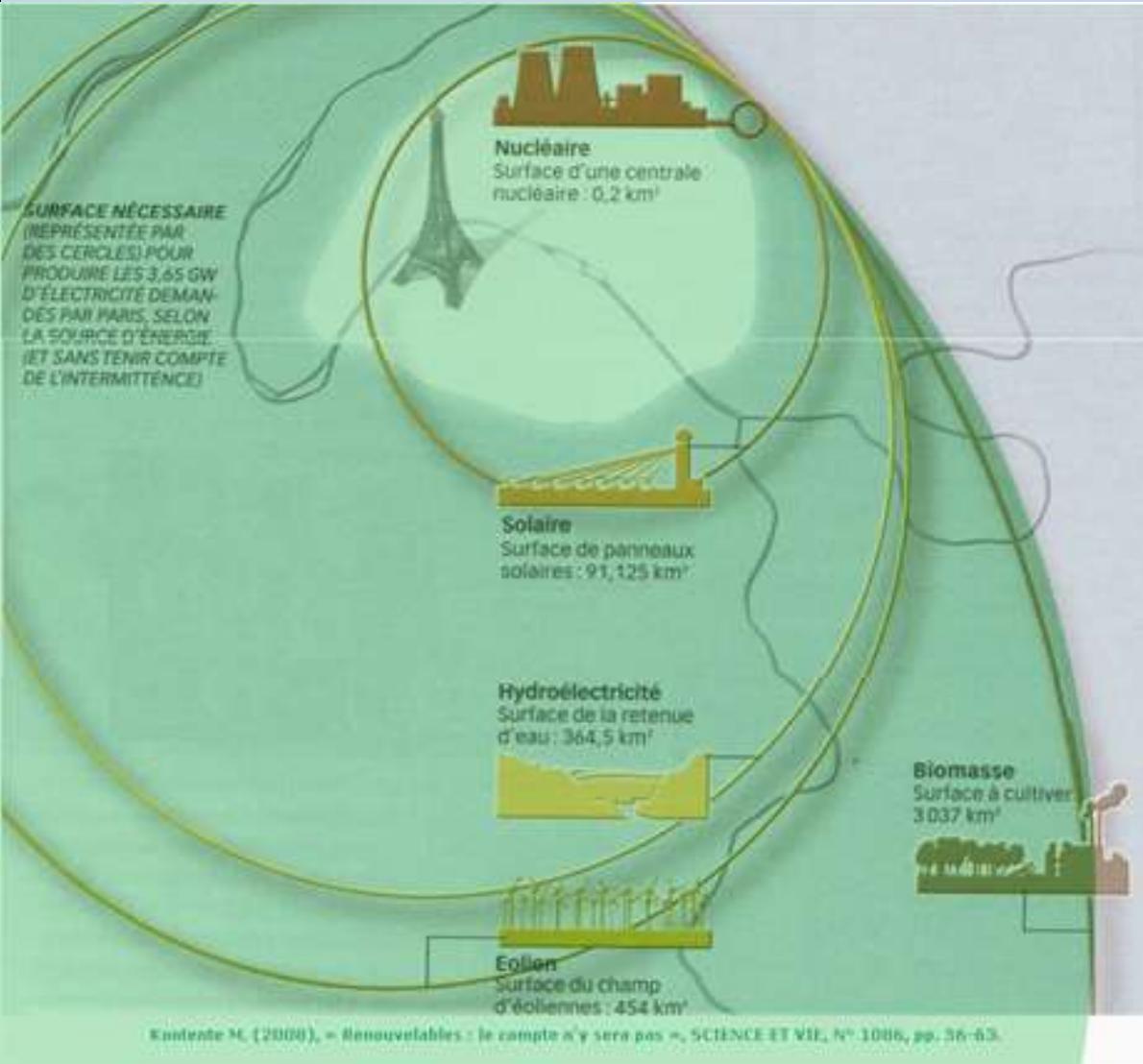
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## Wind energy

450 km<sup>2</sup> to produce 3,65 GW  
(wind farm)



# Daylight and Solar Energy Simulation at Urban Scale

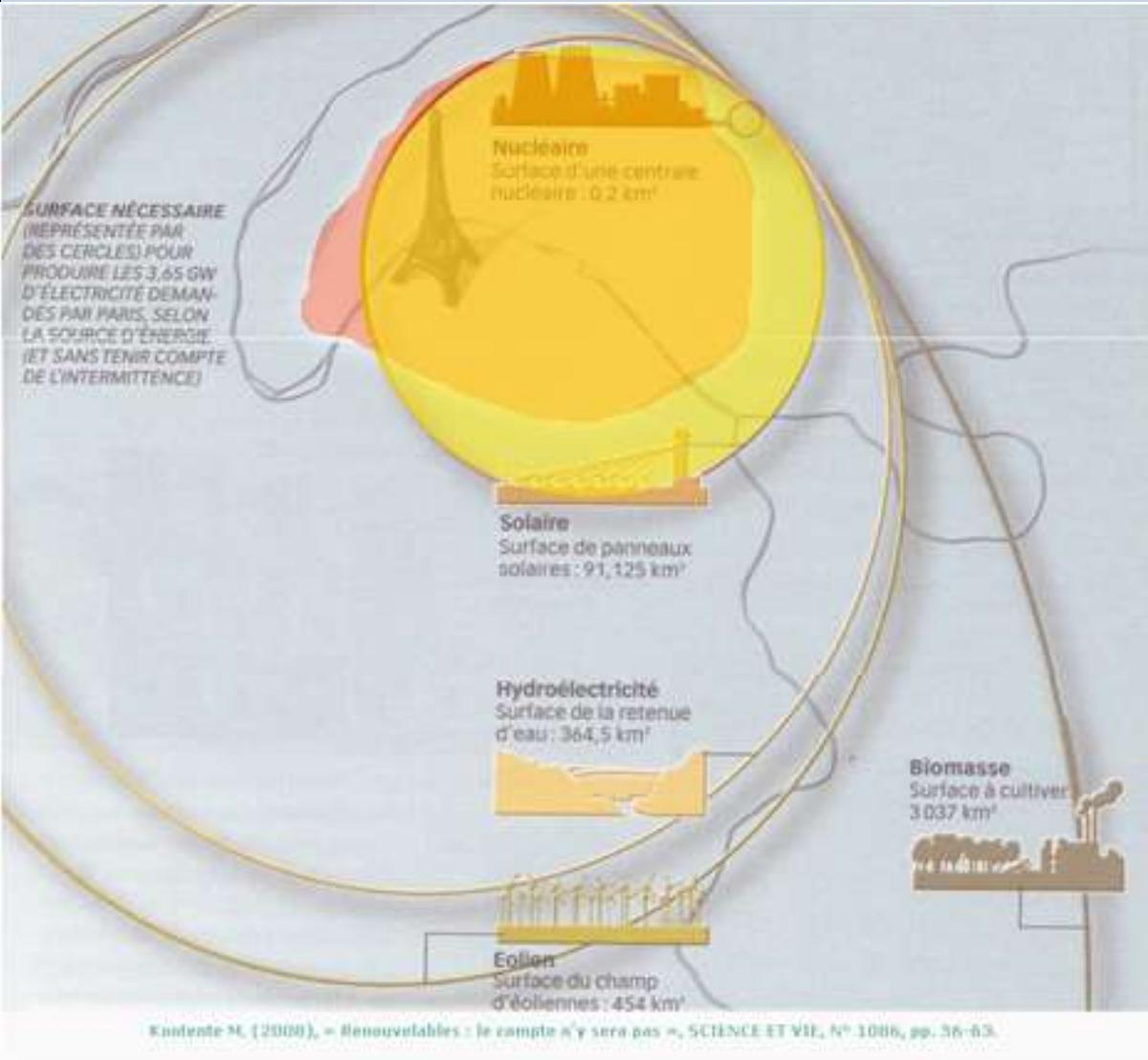


## Biomass

3000 km<sup>2</sup> to produce 3,65 GW  
(surface to cultivate)



# Daylight and Solar Energy Simulation at Urban Scale



## Solar energy

90 km<sup>2</sup> to produce 3,65 GW  
(solar panels)



# General issues

- PhD (2012) : Elie Ghanassia (EDF, dir.: M. Maizia & B. Beckers)



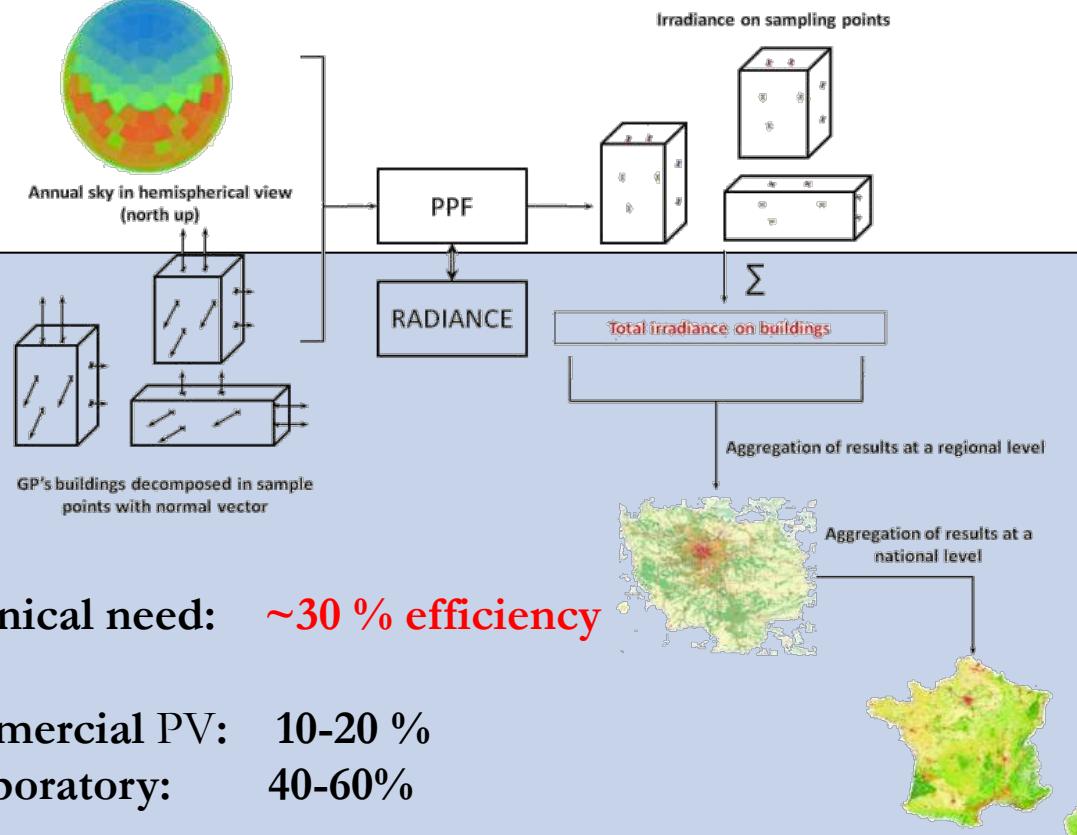
« The sun will provide 100% of our energy needs in twenty years »

Ray Kurzweil – Le Monde Magazine 26/03/2011

Technical need: ~30 % efficiency

Commercial PV: 10-20 %

In laboratory: 40-60%



- PhD (2014) : Thibaut Vermeulen (dir.: B. Beckers & P. Villon )

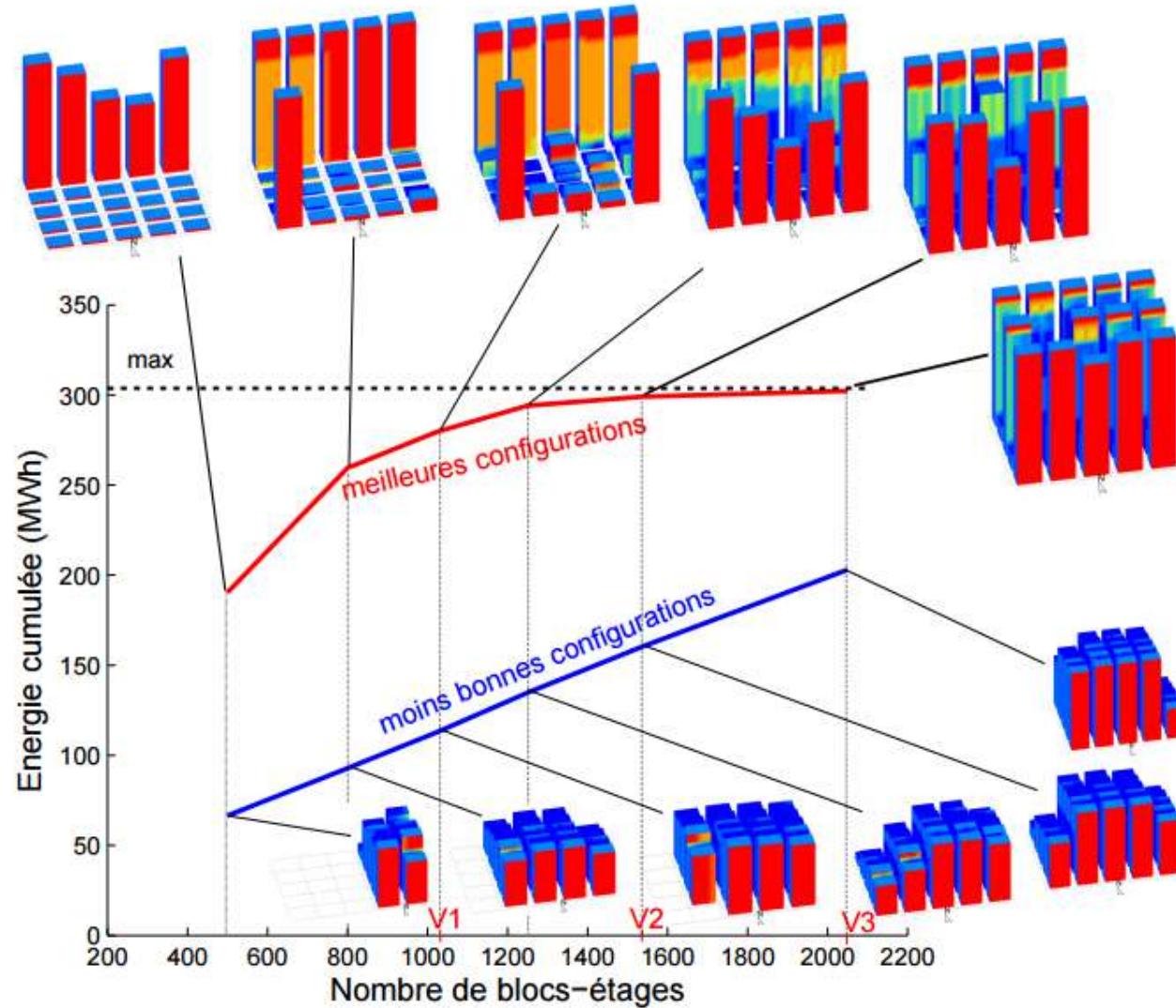


FIGURE 1.10: Evolution de la fonction-objectif avec la densité (21 décembre, 50°N, ciel clair, Liu & Jordan)

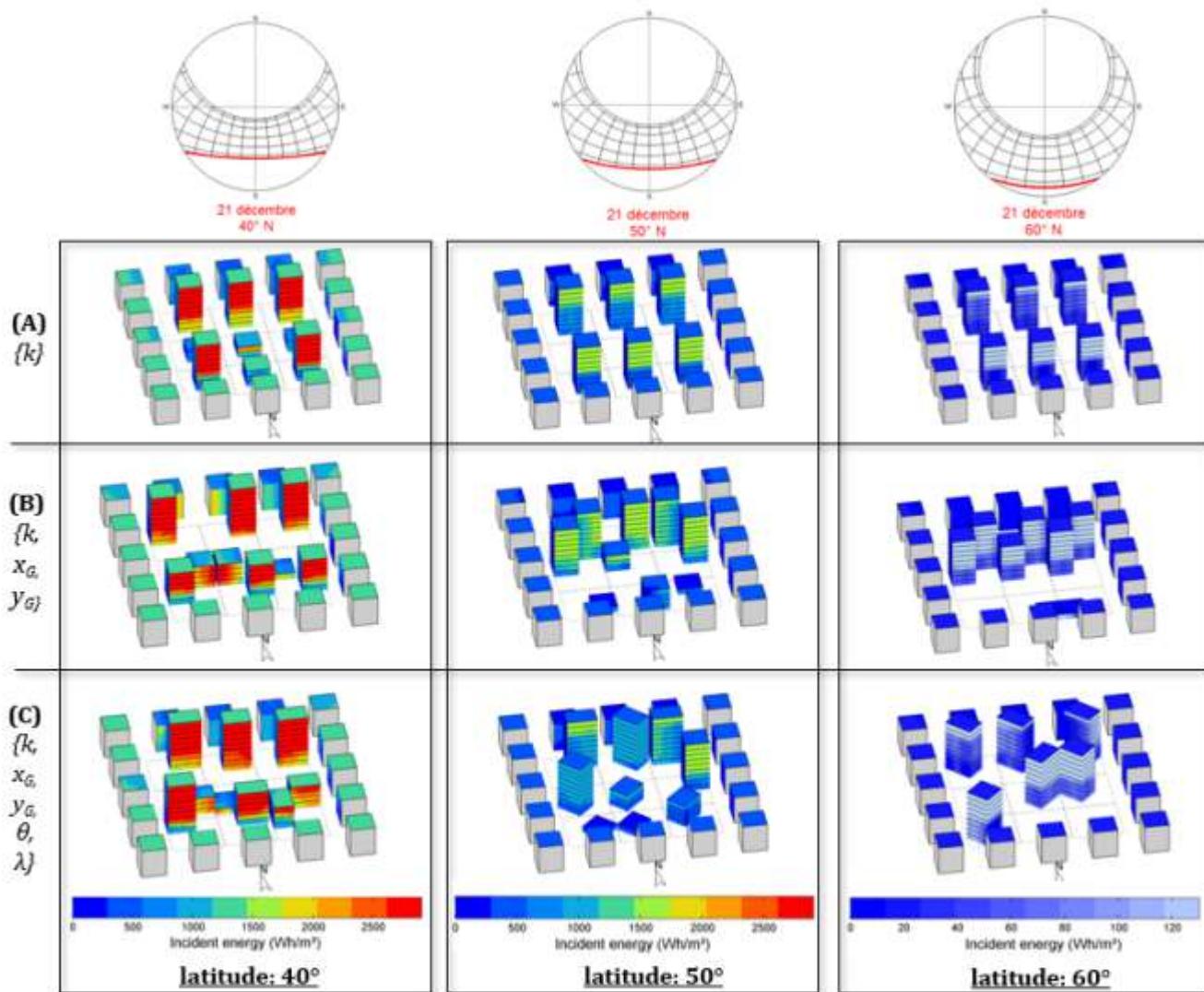


FIGURE 1.17: Formes optimales pour différents ensembles de paramètres et différentes latitudes  
(21 décembre, ciel clair, Liu & Jordan)

# Composition Urbaine

