



Vertical Distribution of Air-conditioning (AC) Load in a Thousand-meter Scale Megatall Building

Presenter: Cao Junliang

Supervisor: Prof. Liu Jing

Harbin Institute of Technology

School of Municipal & Environmental Engineering



Harbin Institute of Technology

Introduction

Methodology

Results

Conclusions



Introduction



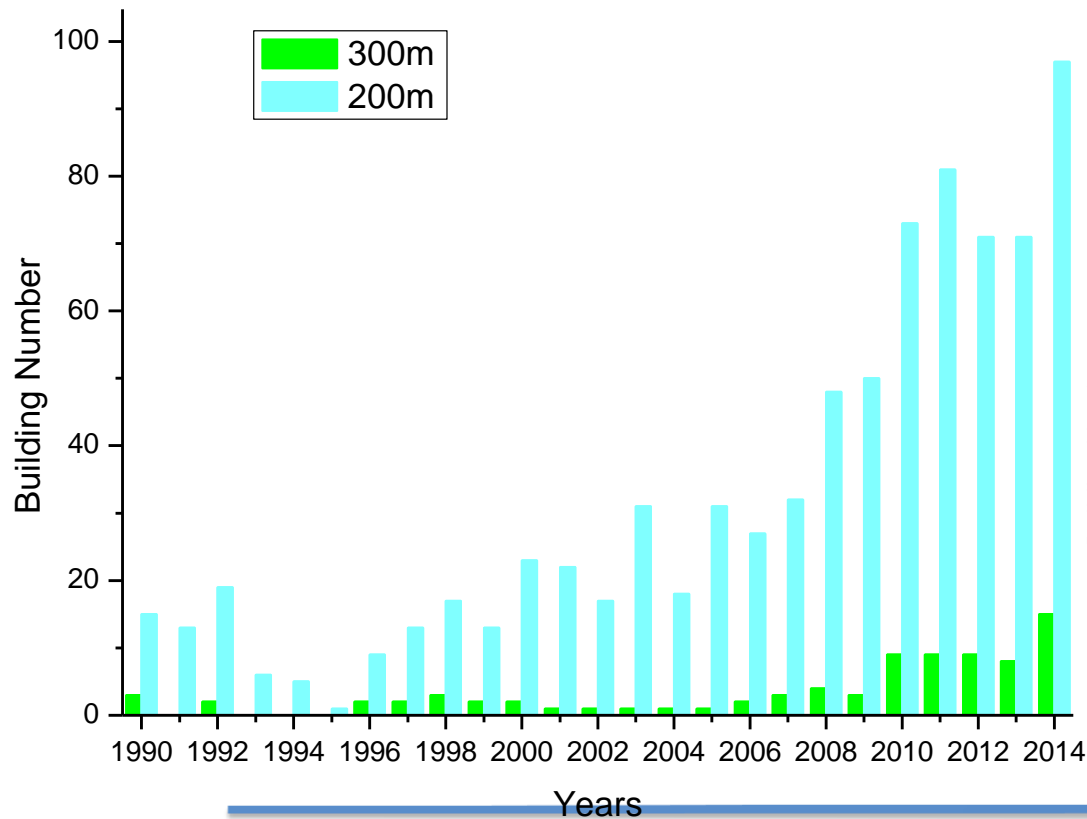
CTBUH (Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat)

Supertall: Buildings over 300m

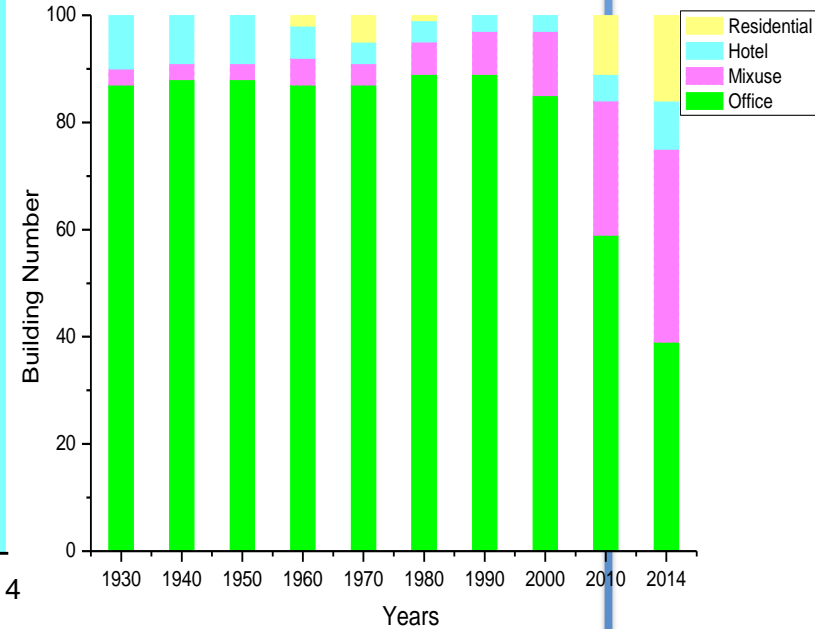
Megatall: Buildings over 600m



Introduction

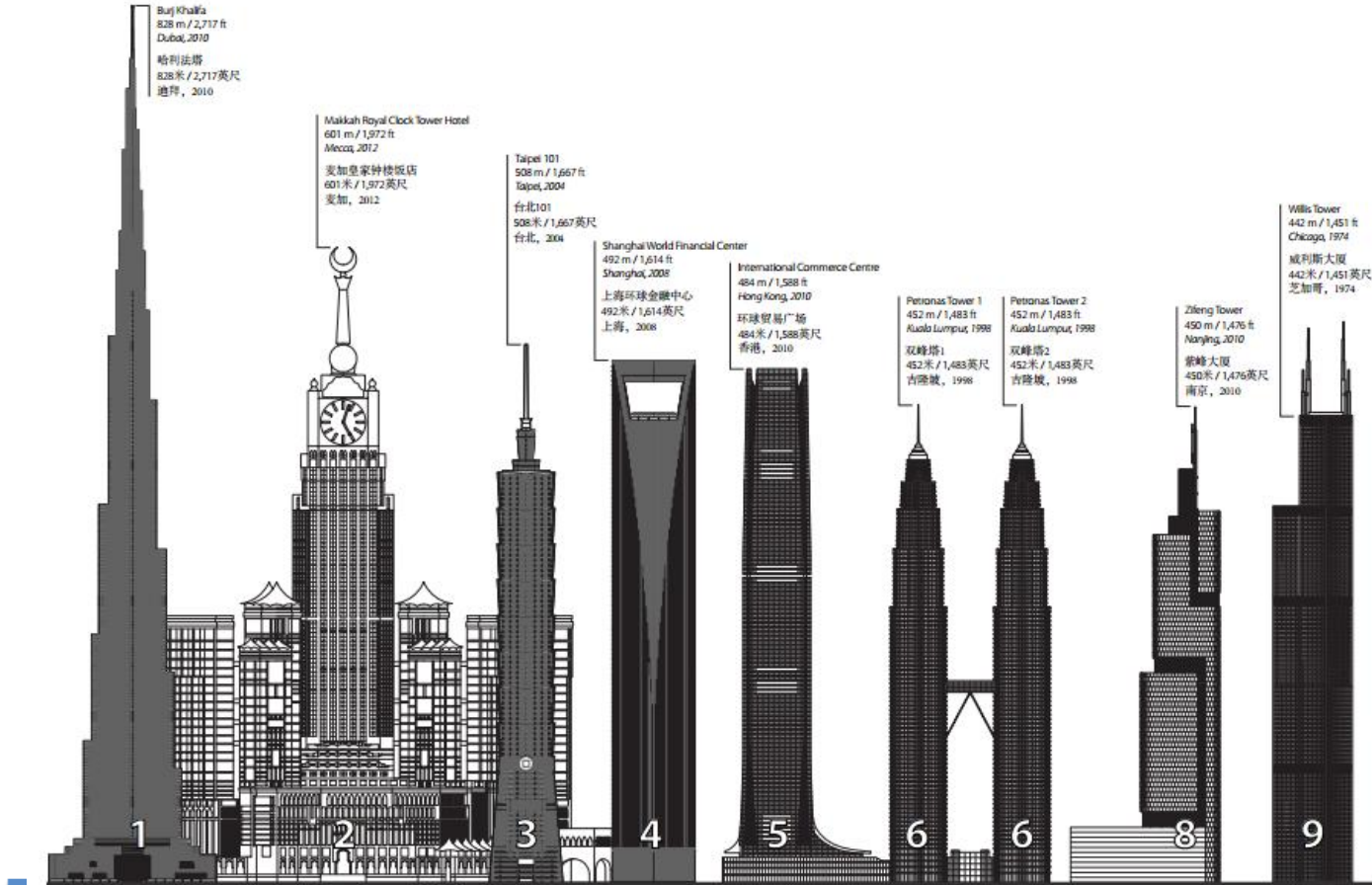


Tall buildings completed in each year



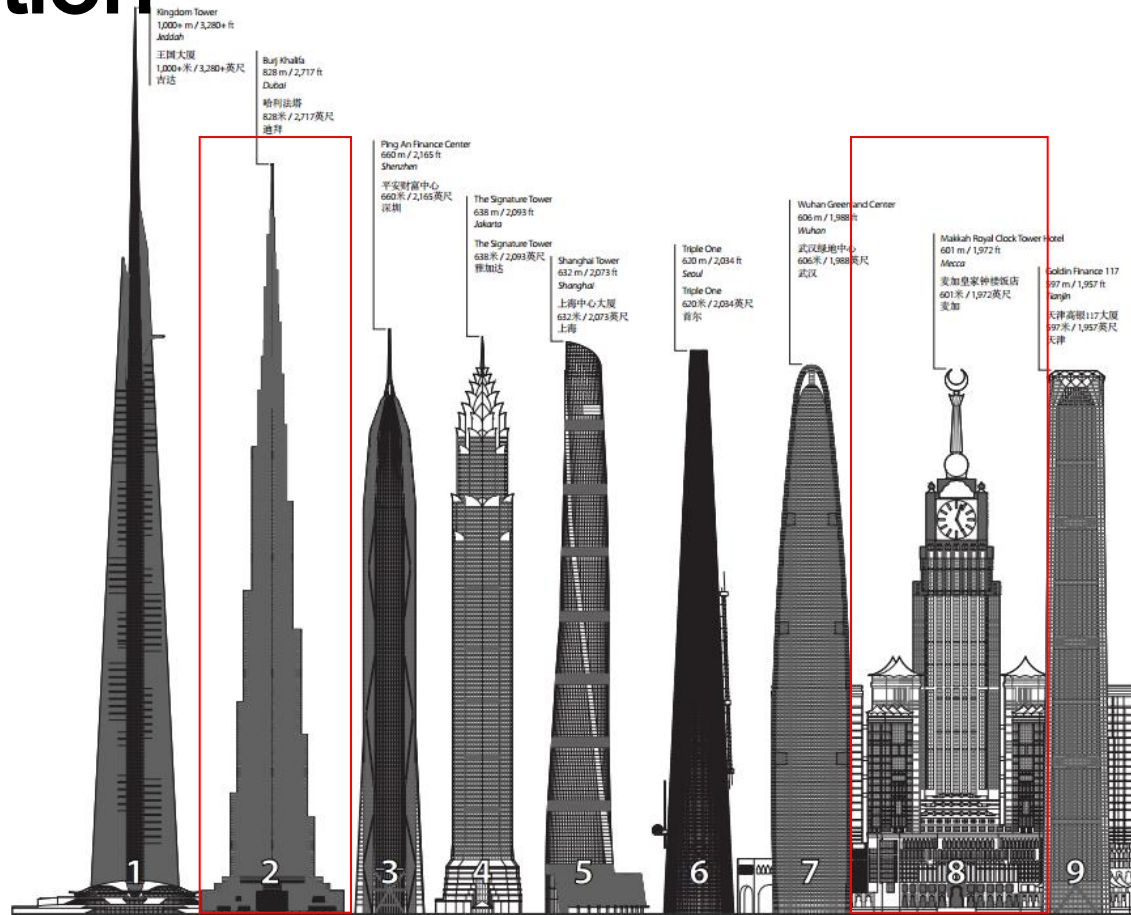
100 tallest buildings by function

Introduction



Top 9 tallest buildings (completed)

Introduction



Top 9 tallest buildings by 2020



Introduction

Troposphere

Atmospheric Boundary Layer

Ground

Air Temperature
Wind Velocity

Heat
Transfer

AC load



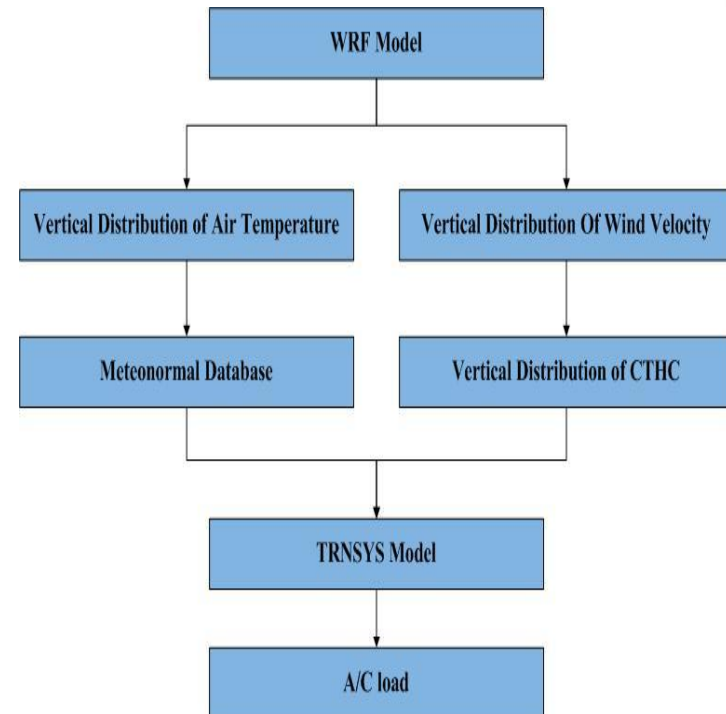


Methodology

Integrated WRF/TRNSYS system

WRF (Weather Research&Forecasting Model)

TRNSYS16 (Transient System Simulation Program)



Concise information of WRF/TRNSYS system



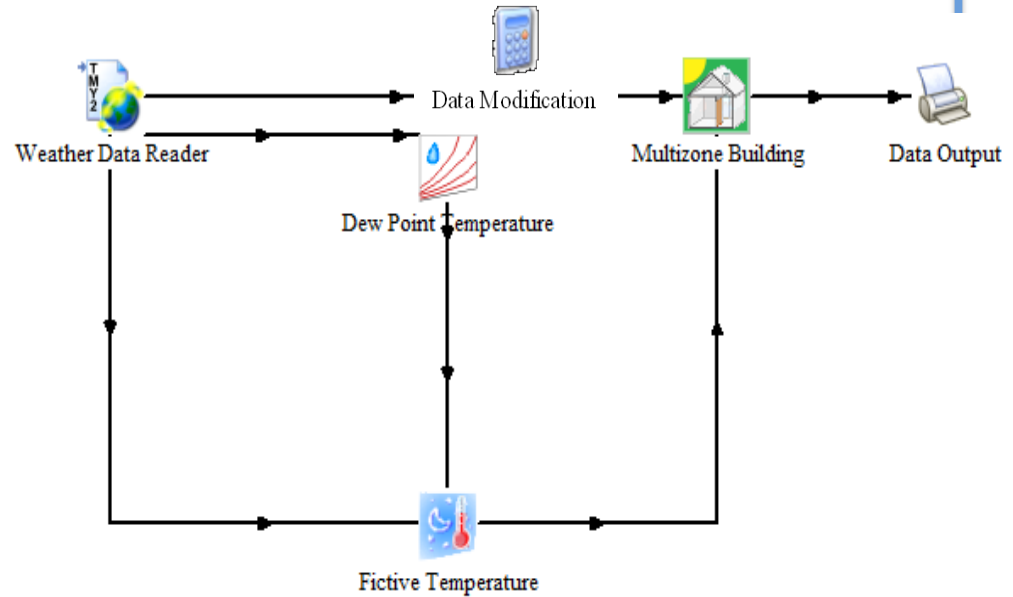
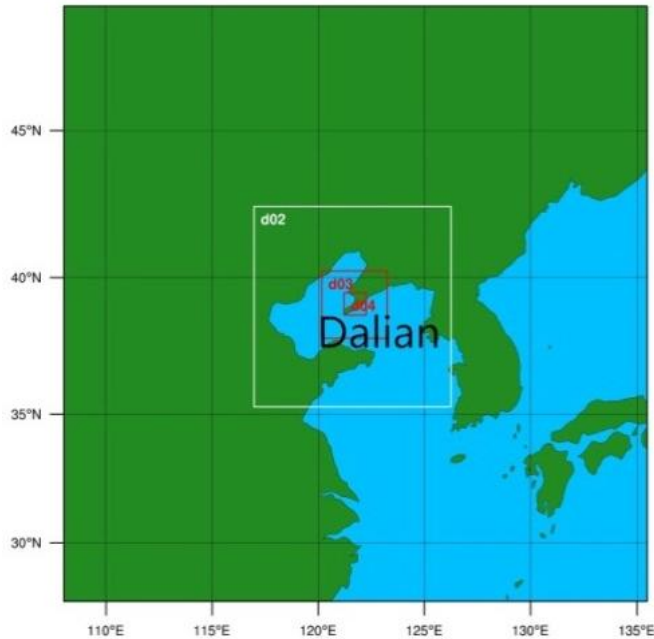
Methodology



- Building Location: Dalian, China;
- Building Height: 1000m;
- Building Function: office.



Methodology



● WRF model

● TRNSYS Model

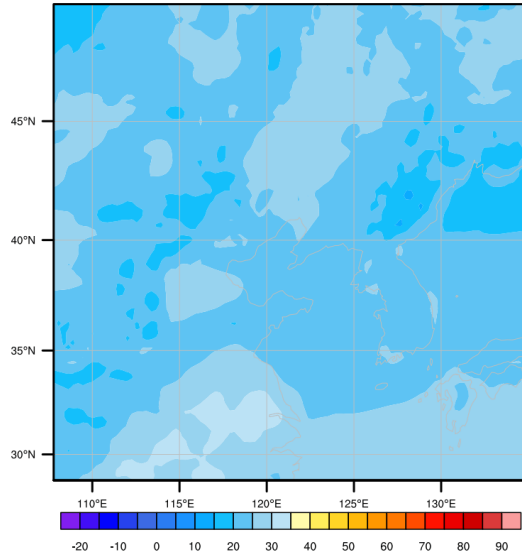
➤ Period: 2012.01-2012.12



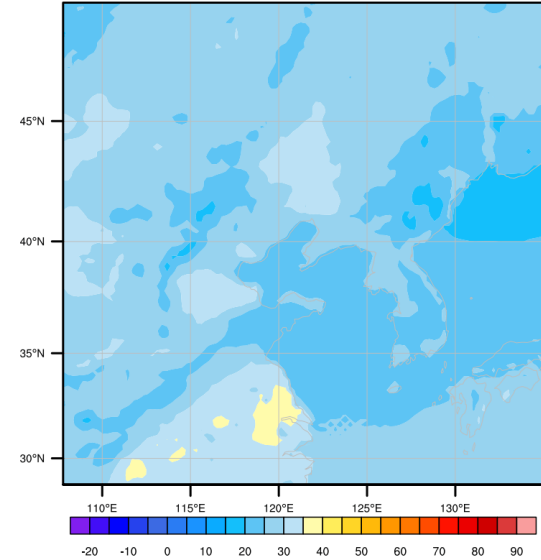
Results

Contour of temperature from WRF

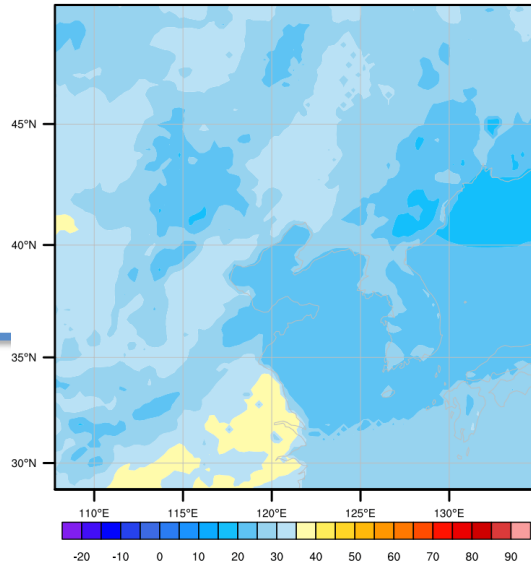
0701_00:00



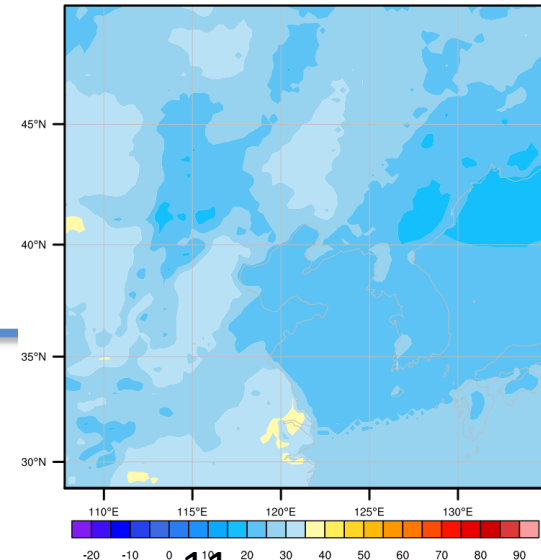
0701_03:00



0701_06:00



0701_09:00

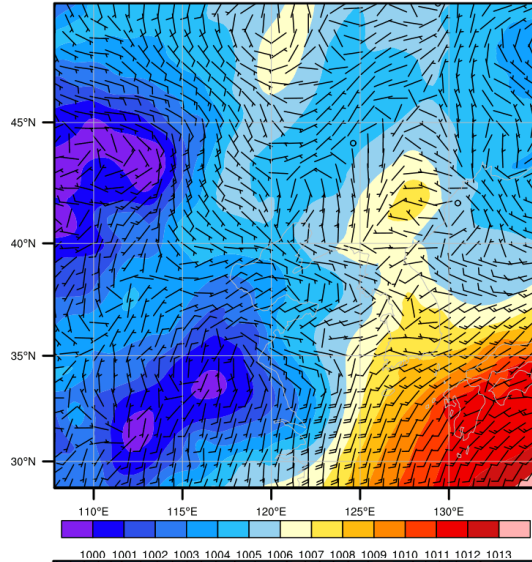




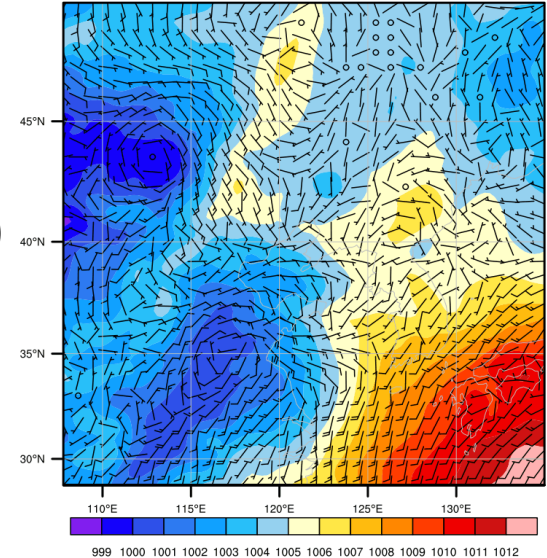
Results

Wind vector from WRF

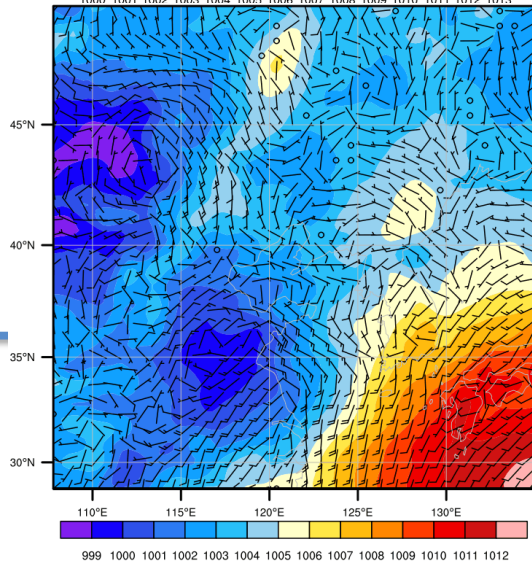
0701_00:00



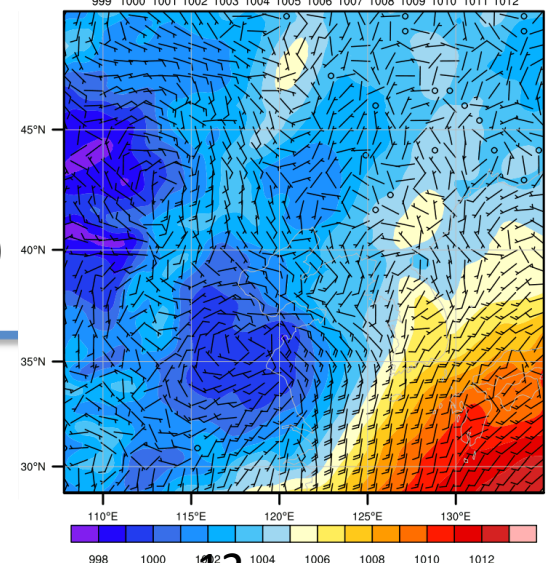
0701_03:00



0701_06:00



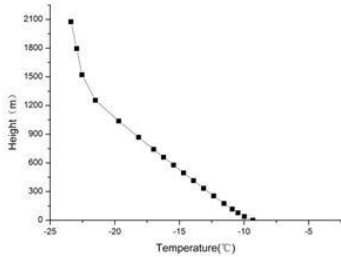
0701_09:00



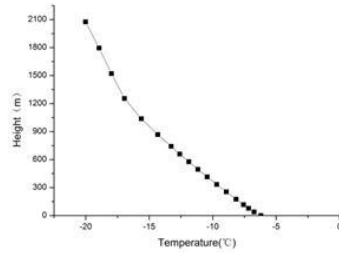


Results

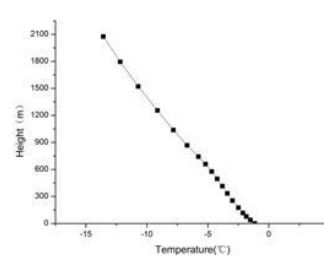
Monthly Average Temperature Profile



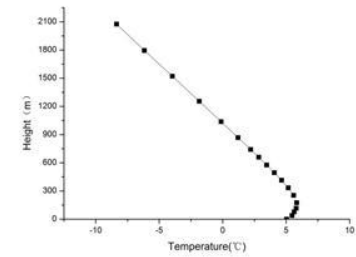
January



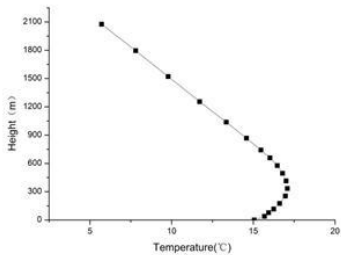
February



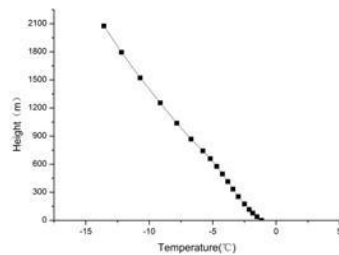
March



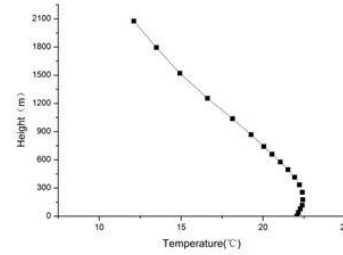
April



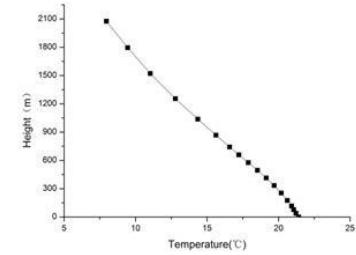
May



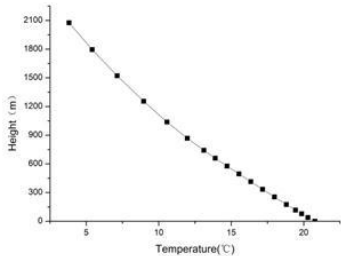
June



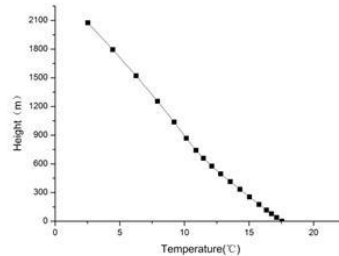
July



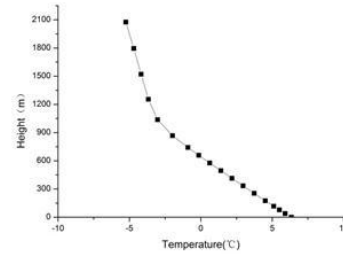
August



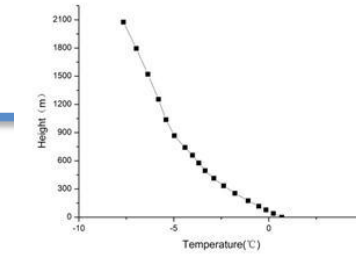
September



October



November



December



Results

$$T_{x,1} = T_b - 0.0056x - 0.3149 \quad (R^2=0.95)$$

$$T_{x,4} = T_b - 0.0057x - 0.1074 \quad (R^2=0.92)$$

$$T_{x,8} = T_b - 0.0058x - 0.3837 \quad (R^2=0.96)$$

$$T_{x,10} = T_b - 0.0057x - 0.3013 \quad (R^2=0.94)$$

T_x ——The air temperature at the height of x meters above the ground (°C) ,the subscript means the month;

T_b ——The air temperature at the bottom of atmosphere (°C) .

x ——the height of room above the ground (m).

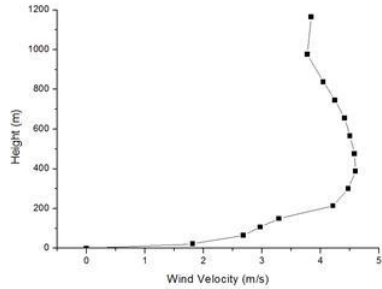
Modified temperature of the AC design code

	Height	2m(Design code)	300m	500m	800m	1000m
Summer	Temperature (°C)	29	26.9	25.7	24.0	22.8
Winter	Temperature (°C)	-9.8	-11.8	-13	-14.6	-15.7

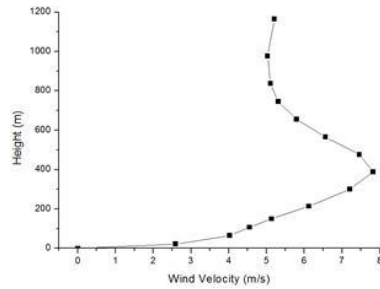


Monthly Average Wind Profile

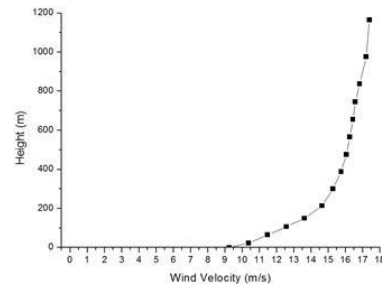
Results



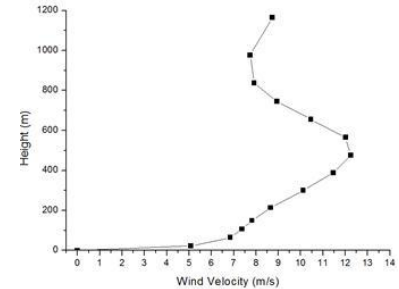
January



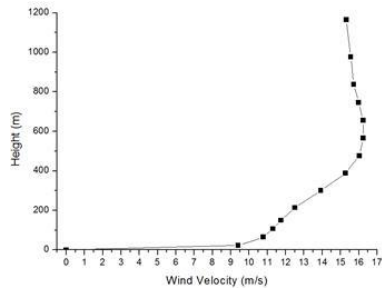
February



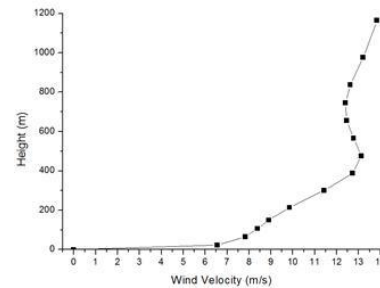
March



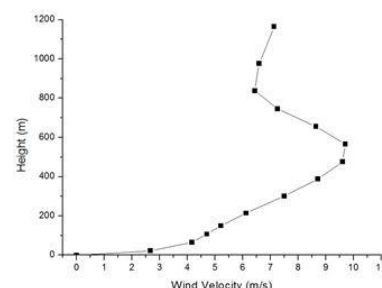
April



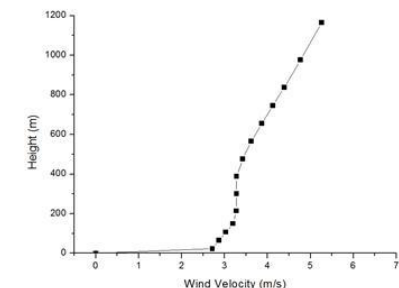
May



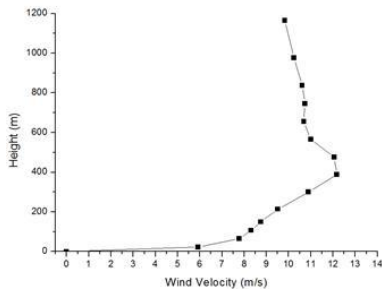
June



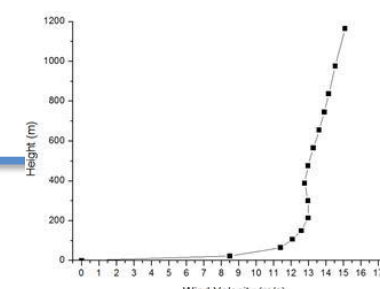
July



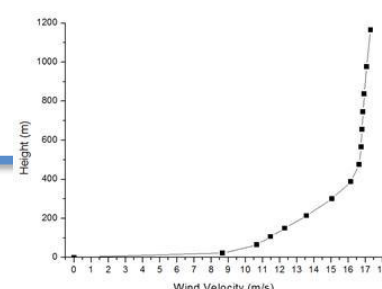
August



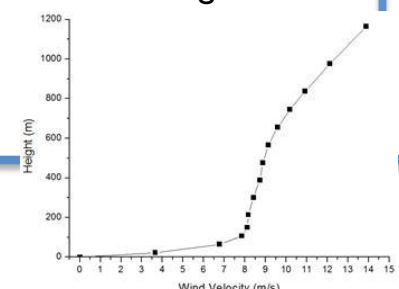
September



October



November



December
15



Results

Relationship between wind velocity, outdoor convective heat transfer coefficient (CHTC) and heat transfer coefficient(HTC)

$$\alpha_w = 4.21v_s + 6.01$$

$$k = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha_w} + R_0 + \frac{1}{\alpha_n}}$$

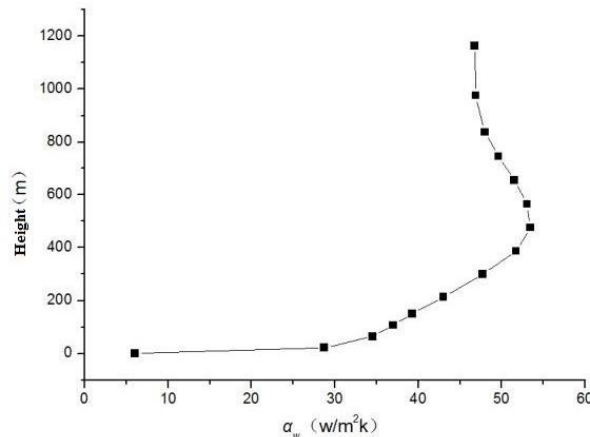
α_w — convective heat transfer coefficient (CHTC) of outdoor surface (w/k m²);

v_s — the wind velocity (m/s) ;

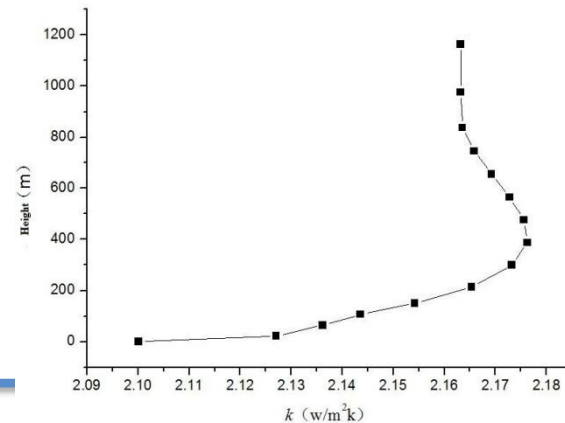
k — heat transfer coefficient(HTC))(w/k m²);

α_w — convective heat transfer coefficient (CHTC) of indoor surface (w/k m²);

R_0 — heat resistance of glass curtain wall.



CHTC profile ranging from 0m to 1000m



HTC profile ranging from 0m to 1000m

Wind velocity: 5m/s-----11m/s
HTC: 2.1 w/k·m²-----2.17w/k·m²
Increase: 3.3%

Ignorable!

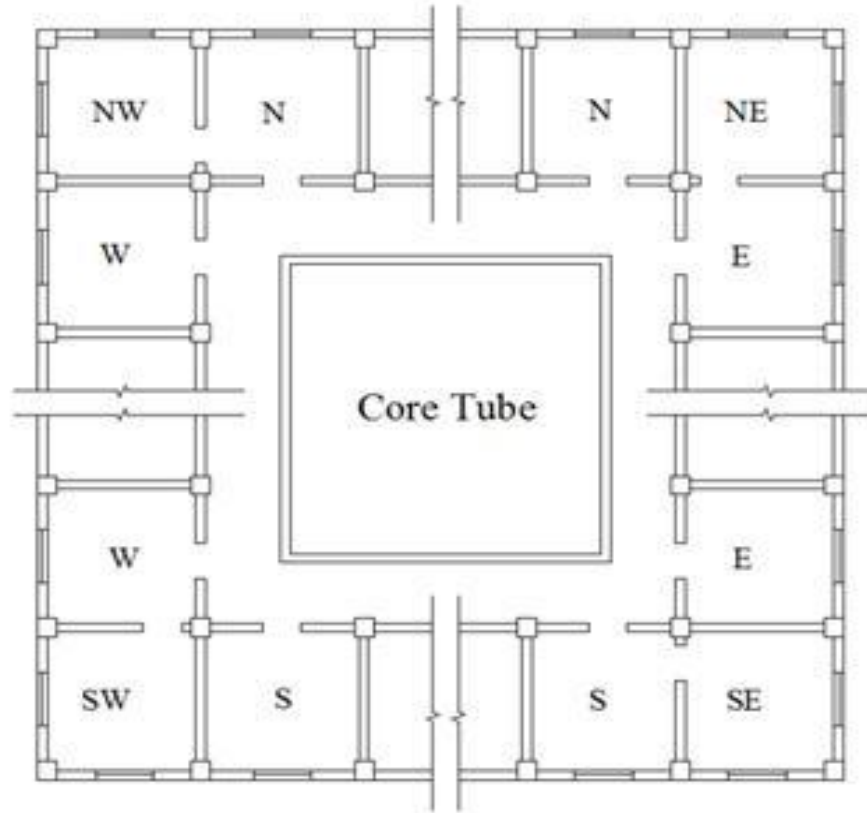


Results

Model of building

Function :office

Area :70m²





Results

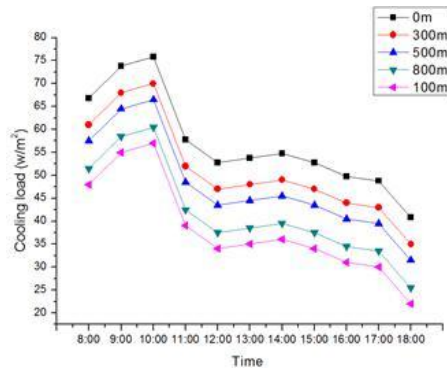
Parameters setting for AC Load calculation

Parameter [↗]	Value [↗]
Heat transfer coefficient of glass curtain wall [↗]	$2.1 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})^{\text{↗}}$
Window-wall ratio [↗]	$0.7^{\text{↗}}$
Indoor air set temperature [↗]	$25^{\circ}\text{C}^{\text{↗}}$
Indoor air set relative humidity [↗]	$60\%^{\text{↗}}$
Occupant density [↗]	$5 \text{ m}^2/\text{person}^{\text{↗}}$
Equipment power [↗]	$40 \text{ w}/\text{m}^2^{\text{↗}}$
Activity [↗]	Very light [↗]

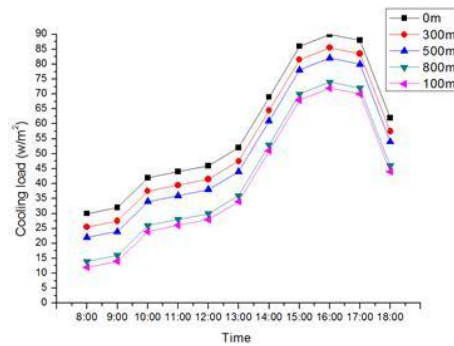


Hourly cooling load

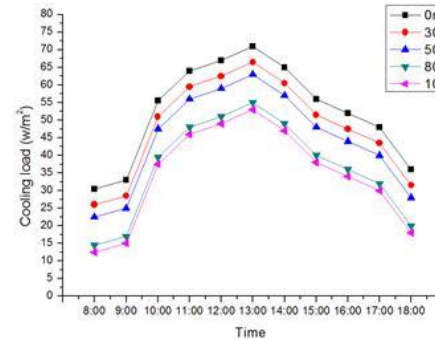
Results



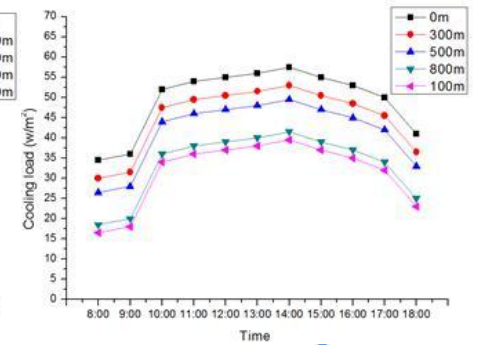
East



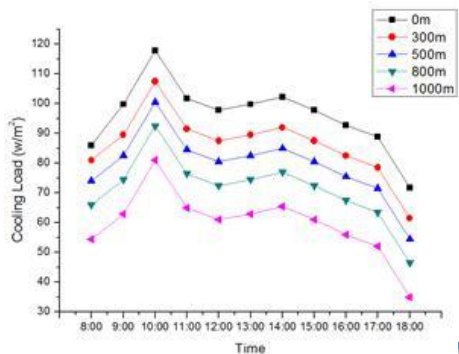
West



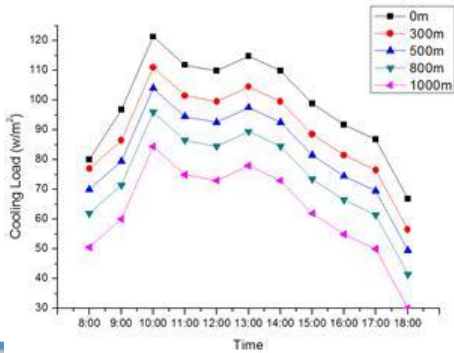
South



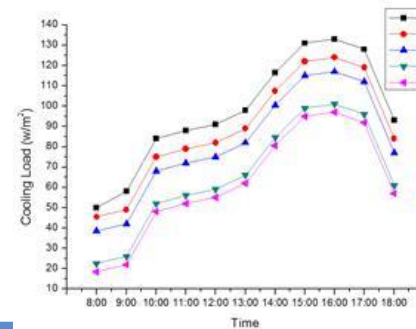
North



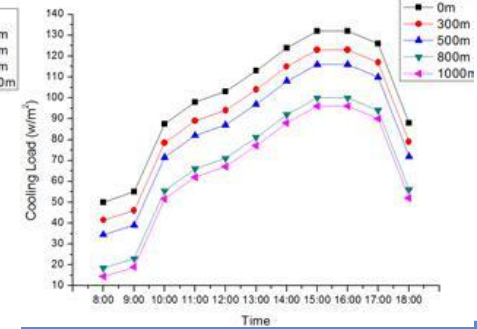
Southeast



Northeast



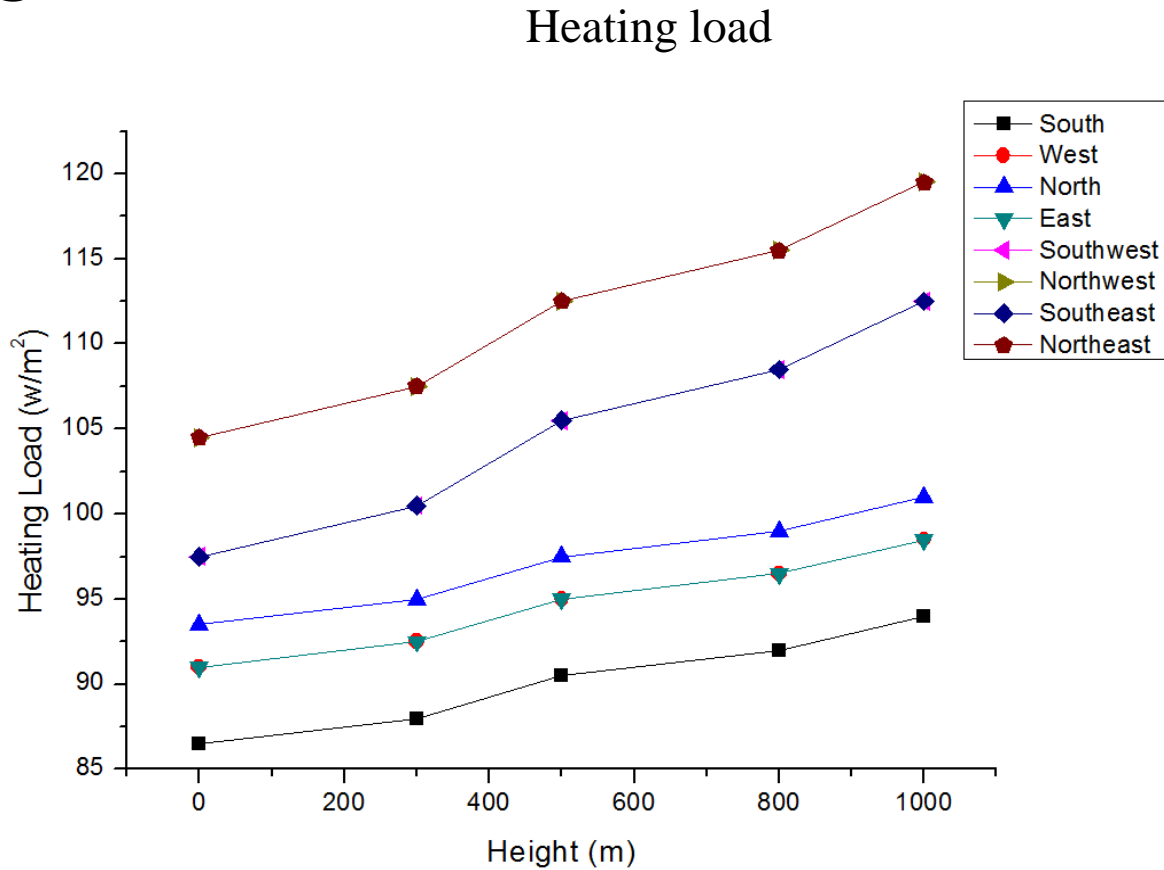
Southwest



Southeast



Results





Conclusions

- The air temperature decreases linearly with increasing height; When the building height increases 100m, the ambient air temperature decreases about 0.57 °C in Dalian site.
- The influence of wind velocity for CHTC can be ignored when the AC system design is concerned.
- The cooling load decreases about 2w/m^2 , and the heating load increases 1.2w/m^2 with the height increasing 100m in Dalian site under the previous condition.



Conclusions

- Under the design condition, the cooling load of rooms at the height of 1000m decreased about 30%~40%.the heating load increased about 10%~15%.
- When the AC system design of megatall building is concerned, the vertical variation of meteorological condition should be taken into consideration.
- The coupled systems, such as WRF/TRNSYS system, are in a unique position for cross-scale study.



Conclusions

- Further researches on the use of wind profile for the energy conservation and emission reduction would be carried out in the future.
- Considering that the air temperature decreases linearly with the increasing height, we can make full use the upper cold air as fresh air for the AC system.



Question Time



Harbin Institute of Technology



Thank You!

E-mail: caojunliang@126.com