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Modelling anthropogenic heat flux in urban climate models: capturing agency

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Anthropogenic Heat Flux

Waste heat discharged by human activities



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Sources

 Q_R - short & long wave radiation received internally

- Q_{F,M} metabolism
- Q_{F,T} transport
- $Q_{\rm F\!,B}-buildings$

Sinks

- Sensible heat
- Latent heat
- Waste water

Timing of heat release

- Instantaneous
- Lagged

Location of heat release

- Building openings: vents, windows
- Building materials: walls, roof
- Vehicles

City/ Country Goals



- Reduce carbon emissions
 - City design
 - Travel to work can be reduced
 - Solar access
 - Building materials/standards
 - Sources of energy
 - Distance energy is transported (source/usage)
- Renewable energy
 - Requires rapid feedback
 - What can be stored
 - When is the peak demand
 - Modify energy peaks change some behaviours

BACKGROUND



- Anthropogenic heat flux
 - Energy released from human activities
 - Buildings
 - Transportation
 - People

Decreasing importance/size



Total Anthropogenic Heat Flux



- Can vary wildly across a large city at peak hours/days
 - From < 10 W m⁻² residential area
 - To > 1000 W m⁻² in the dense central business district area
- If we consider these values with other surface energy balance (SEB) fluxes
 - Measurements (errors, uncertainty, measurable terms)
 - Modelling (errors, uncertainty)
- Can be insignificant to the most significant term
 - Summer residential vs winter time high latitude business district



Decisions

- Individual millions made every day
 - Impact: wide range of areas

Daily operations:

- Building operations
 - e.g. closing of the conference centre
 - i.e. Work hours
 - Acceptable temperature range
- Transport
- **Building** design decisions (can open windows? insulation? Encourage use of stairs?)
- **Planning** decisions (e.g. what is within the vicinity, transport networks)
- **City** (e.g. resilient systems? Energy infrastructure, Business/Industries)
- **Country** (e.g. Carbon neutral, energy infrastructure, natural resources)
- International (e.g. EU requirements, international agreements)

Intersection of wide range of decisions – made over a large range of time scales – influencing wide range of spatial scales



London: Anthropogenic Heat (W m⁻²) 2005-2008





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Modelling of Decisions



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+Comfort and activity as drivers by population type

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Dynamic nature of Q_F



• When residential use start to increases

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Urban Energy – Water - Carbon

How to observe Q_F - model comparison?





Swindon: Estimate of anthropogenic emissions



M Human metabolism

B Building energy use

V Vehicles

Population data¹ Per capita emissions^{2,3} UK fuel Consumption⁵ Emission factors² Diurnal profile⁴ Vehicle km in UK⁶ Emission factors^{2,3,5} Diurnal/weekly profiles⁶



¹ONS; ²Moriwaki & Kanda (2004) JAM; ³Sailor & Lu (2004) AE; ⁴Hamilton et al. (2009) B&E; ⁵DECC; ⁶DfT; ⁷Schmid et al. (2000) AFM; ⁸Flanagan et al. (2002) GCB

Ward et al. ACP 2013

Emissions Workdays/non-Workdays







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Carbon Dioxide Fluxes and Emissions Central London – Residential Swindon - Forest 😵 Reading Nov Mar Sep May July lan Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Jan Feb Mar 100



Ward et al. (2015) Env. Pollution

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Building Sources Summer/Winter

Occupancy: High/Low High/Low $\Delta[CO_2]$ = Building vent - Tower top London





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