

Taking into account building environment in the energy consumption evaluation

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Context

Reduction of building energy consumption

- 44% of the energy consumption in France
- Thermal regulation more and more exigent

Tools to evaluate energy consumption in a accurate way

- Improvements to take into account building environment
- Keep operational tools with acceptable time computation

Objectives of the study

- Evaluation of the influence of the building environment on the energy consumption.
- Variation of this influence with the urban density.

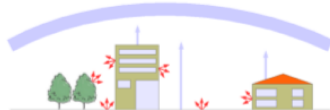
Preliminary findings...

- When is it (or not) necessary to take into account the influence of the urban environment in dynamic thermal simulation models?
- How to efficiently take urban environment into account?

The building environment : physical phenomenon



Direct solar radiation, solar masks



Surface temperatures, infrared radiation



Diffuse solar radiation



Aerodynamic phenomena, convective transfers, air temperatures



Solar inter-reflections

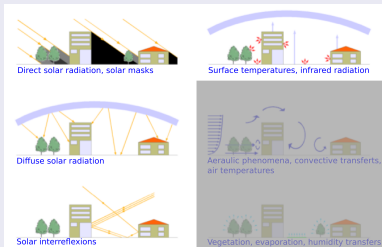


Vegetation, evaporation, humidity transfers

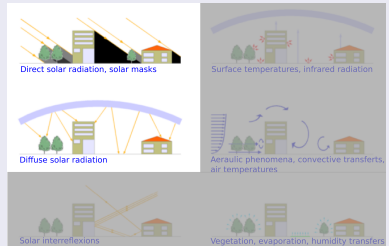
Thermal building environment

- Focus on the radiative exchanges
- Comparison with building energy consumption computed by commercial tools

In this study



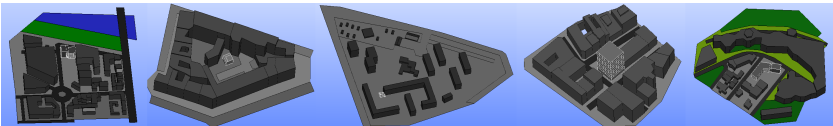
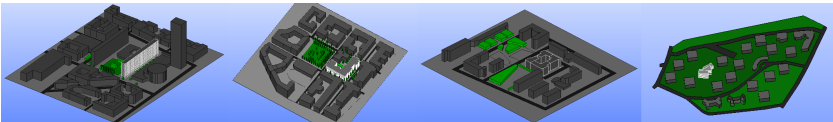
Commercial tools



Methodology

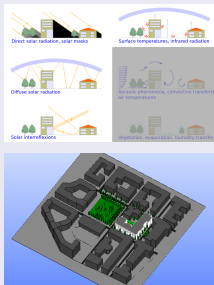
9 districts with various densities

- Lyon (3)
- Nantes (2)
- Strasbourg (2)
- Paris (2)

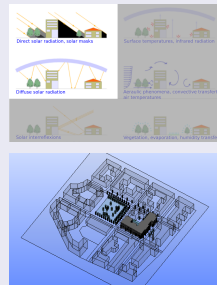


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With environment



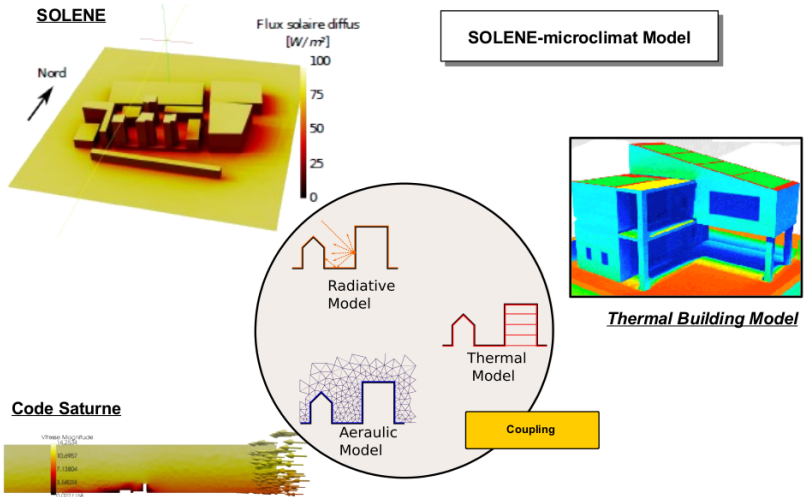
Without environment



Simulation period

- Winter season : December 21th
- Summer season : June 21th
- Initialisation : 14 days

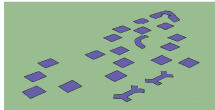
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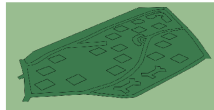
Density indicators

Building density

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(2) *Total ground surface*

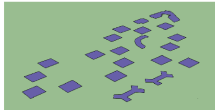


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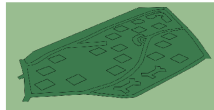
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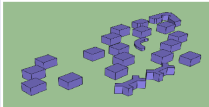
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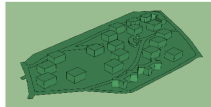
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Facade density

(1) *Facade building surface*

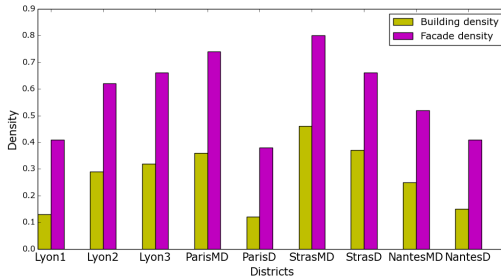


(2) *Total ground and facade building surface*



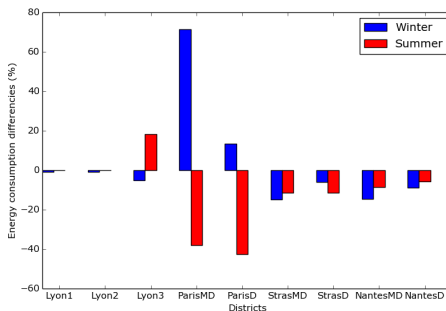
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Densities of the selected districts



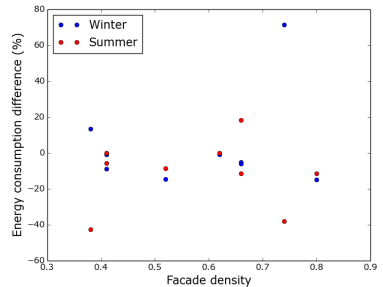
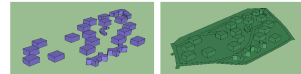
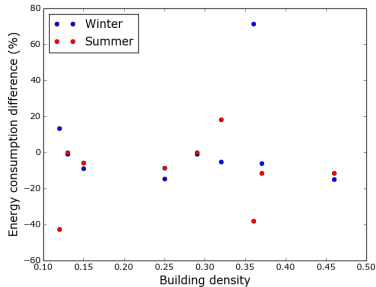
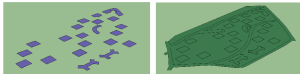
- Good heterogeneity of the district densities
- The higher the building density, the higher the facade density

Energy consumption differences



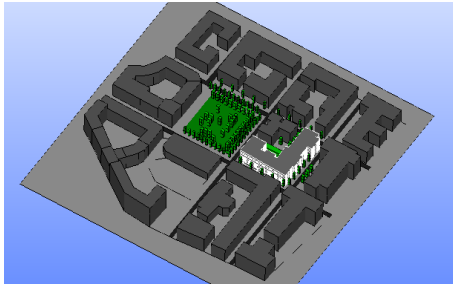
- Buildings slightly impacted in winter are also slightly impacted in summer
- Surprising results for some cases.

Energy consumption linked with the density

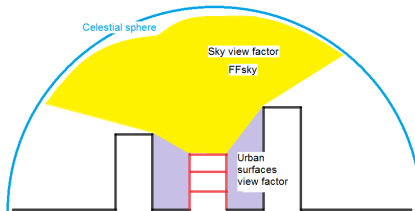
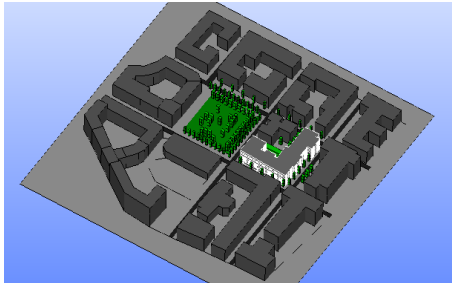


- No obvious dependency with building density
- No obvious dependency with facade density

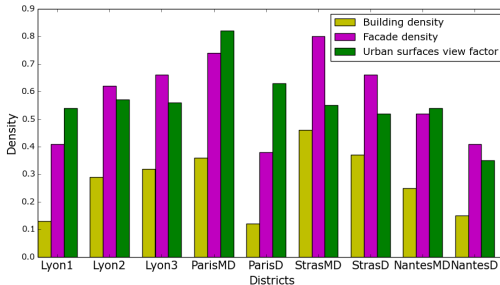
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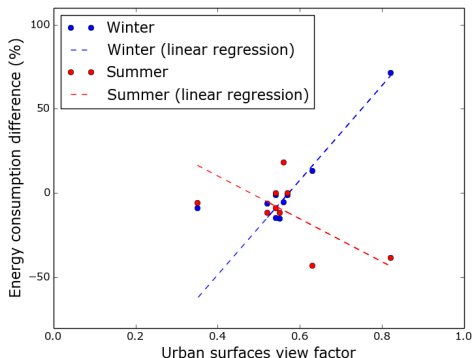


Urban surfaces view factor



- New density indicator without correlation with the two first ones.

Energy consumption Vs urban surfaces view factor



- Uncertainty on the correlation
- The study requires buildings presenting heterogeneity in their urban surface view factor

Conclusion

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- No correlation with building density and facade density
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Thank you for your attention!!!