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« New developments on the radiative scheme, energetic balance and air flow in TEB canyons with trees »

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Downscaling : representation of the urban landscape heterogeneity

UHI migitation : urban planning strategies assessment

Cooling power of greening strategies ? Associated water resources ? Thermal comfort of inhabitants ?



Context – **TEB with trees** – Radiative balance – Results – Energy balance – Air flow

Concept of TEB (Lemonsu et al., 2012)

Cover fraction approach (Masson, 2000)

« Big Leaf » approach: one composite layer of urban vegetation



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No differentiated strata:

- no shading effect of trees

H and LE fluxes from urban vegetation assigned to the surface:

- no impact on the vertical gradients of T, Q
- no impact on the air flow

Levels in TEB multi-layer



New definitions / parameters required for urban trees representation in TEB

Real tree layer : high vegetation can overlay and exceed natural ground fractions



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Input parameters related to the high vegetation

- cover fraction
- tree height
- trunk height
- crown width



Resolving radiative balance by urban surface in TEB : identifying involved processes

1 Direct solar radiation received by each surface

=> geometric approach function of zenith angle and canyon geometry

2 Diffuse solar radiation received by each surface and infinite reflections

=> geometric approach based on Form Factors method (a unique form factor per interaction)



Resolving radiative balance by urban surface in TEB : identifying involved processes

1 Direct solar radiation received by HIGH VEGETATION => geometric approach function of zenith angle, canyon geometry and top of tree crown

2 Part of direct solar radiation transmitted by HIGH VEGETATION to WALLS and GROUND => Beer – Lambert attenuation

3 Diffuse solar radiation received by each surface and infinite reflections => geometric approach based on Form Factors method and transmissivity terms



Resolving radiative balance by urban surface in TEB : illustrated examples

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Resolving radiative balance by urban surface in TEB : illustrated examples

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Shading of high vegetation on walls and ground

Transmissivity term τ (from Lee & Park, 2008) :

 $\tau_{\text{HIGH VEG / GROUND OR WALL}} = \exp(-k \times LAI)$

Extinction coefficient k (= 0,5 in TEB) Homogeneous foliage distribution

Leaf Area Index (m² m⁻²) from sky to ground : all foliage crossed by solar rays



Resolving radiative balance by urban surface in TEB : illustrated examples

Part of direct solar radiation - received and transmitted by HIGH VEGETATION - received by ROAD

- reflected from ROAD to WALL1

Adequate HV transmissivity, function of involved surfaces

Transmissivity term τ (from Lee & Park, 2008) :

 $\tau_{\text{ROAD/WALL 1}} = \exp(-k \times \text{LAD})$

Extinction coefficient k (= 0,5 in TEB)

Leaf Area Density (m³ m⁻²) from ground to wall : foliage density crossed by rays included in 0 – 0,5 building height zone



Evaluation of TEB with trees : radiative budget

<u>Objectives :</u>

How to appreciate quality of radiation absorption simulation in TEB ? How to identify configurations for which TEB assumptions can be applied or not ?

<u>Main issue :</u> Complete experimental data for various urban configurations

<u> Strategy :</u>

Fine scale model of enlightenment **SOLENE** (CERMA lab., Nantes, France) as reference model

=> control of configurations

=> numerous ideal cases tested



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Simulations design of one day (24 hours) :

4 seasons : winter – spring – summer- autumn

3 aspect ratios h/w : 0,5 - 1 - 2

4 canyon orientations : 0° - 45° - 90° - 135°

13 extreme vegetation layouts (+ control cases without vegetation) :







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Extremely vegetated canyon



h/w = 1 - orientation 0° - summer day



Infra-Red exchanges

Based on a linear approximation of the Stefan-Boltzmann law

High vegetation can interact with all other facets of the canyon

IR exchanges are constrained by validated parameters of the solar radiative transfer:

- same view factors
- same transmissivity terms



Energy budget and microclimate

- "Big Leaf" approach with aggregated S and L fluxes
- Disaggregation of computed H and LE fluxes between GARDEN and HVEG

Contributions from HVEG are vertically distributed according to the % of LAD profile

and levels of the TEB Multi-Layer (Hamdi & Masson, 2008; Masson & Seity, 2009)

Alteration of the microclimate by trees at realistic levels

CANOPY levels



Impact of trees on air flow:

A frontal area density profile derived from the LAD profile (adapted from Aumond et al., 2013)

A specific drag coefficient for high vegetation (default value of 0.20)

Change in the height of inflection point



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Conclusions :

Radiative transfer (interception, shading effects) and IR exchanges with trees

Turbulence and microclimate altered by trees at realistic levels

Aerodynamic effect of trees

Experimental case at Sde Boker, Israël











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Sensible and latent heat fluxes distributed with respect to their vertical gradient



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Canyon without vegetation (control case)

Redon et al., 2017

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Surface / Abs SR flux	Mean Absolute Difference	Mean Absolute Percentage Difference	Bias
	W m ⁻²	%	W m ⁻²
Road	8.59	4	4.84
Walls	3.29	3	2.83

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- This value is homogeneously applied on canyon width (without spatialization)

Real configuration

TEB input

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Interactions within urban canopy between impervious surfaces (TEB) and vegetation (ISBA)

ISBA : Soil – Biosphere – Atmosphere Interactions (SVAT type)

TEB : Town Energy Balance, a urban canopy model

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Before new implementations concerning urban trees :

'Garden' fraction includes 3 sub-fractions :

bare soil - low vegetation (herbaceous) - high vegetation (trees)

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Physiological parameters averaged on garden fraction

(ex : stomatal conductance, ...)

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All sub-fractions in only one composite surface layer (no differentiated strata)

