

# Cool Cities – Clean Cities ?

## Secondary impacts of urban heat island mitigation strategies on urban air quality

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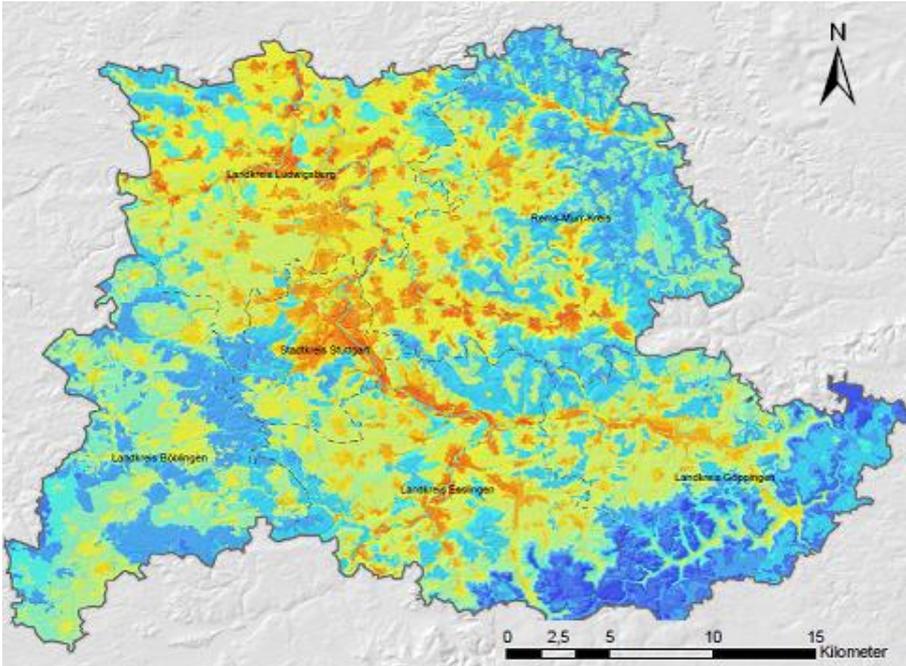


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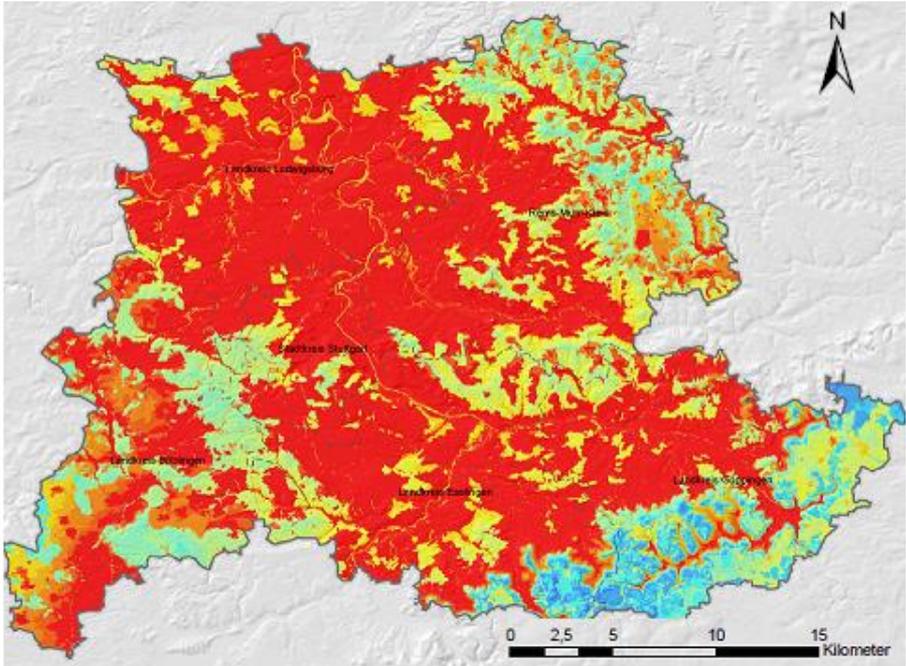


## „Heat stress days‘ per year (greater Stuttgart area)

**1971-2000**



**2071-2100**

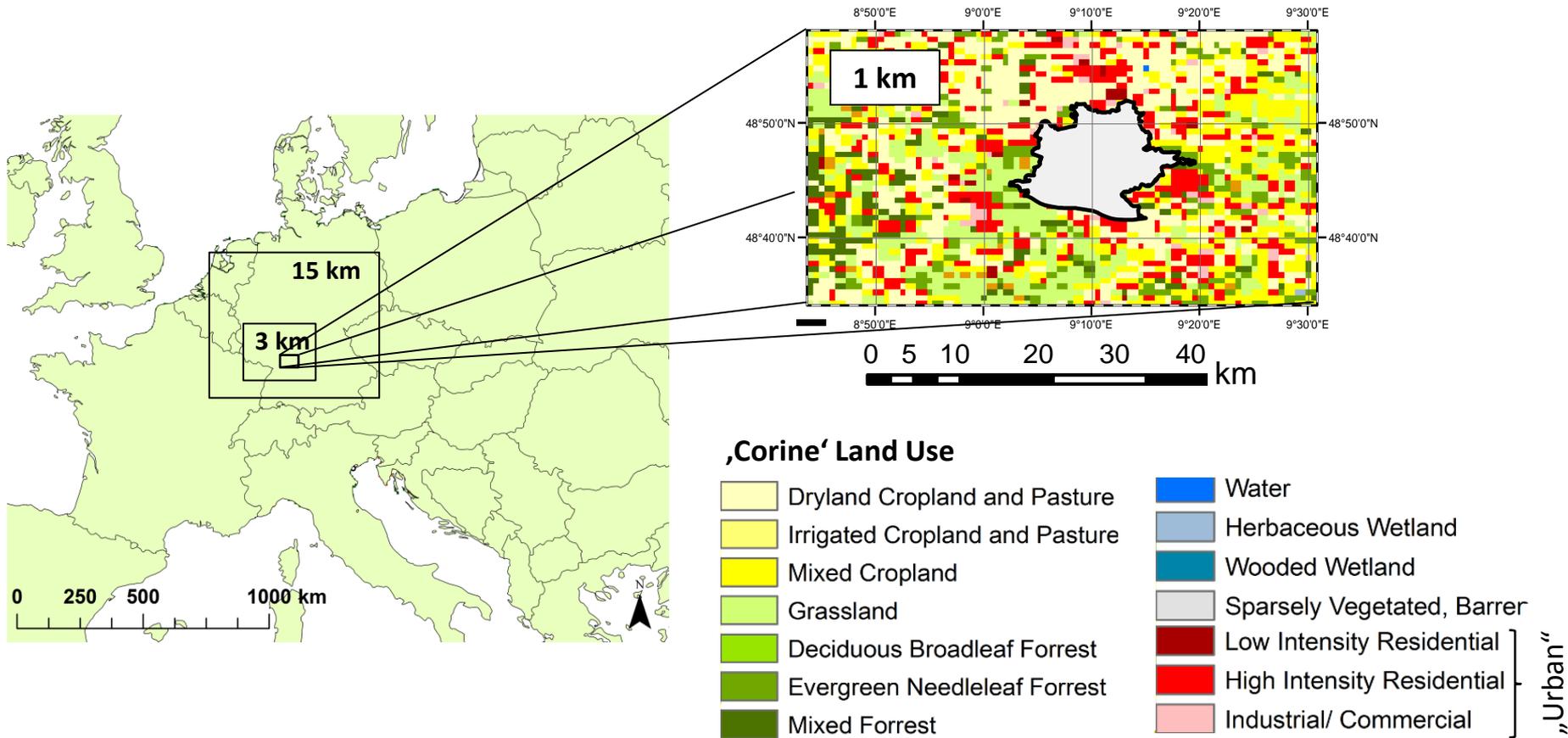


Source: Klimaatlas Region Stuttgart

➔ UHI mitigation strategies ?



# 1. Step: Modelling of the Urban Heat Island (WRF)



- Initial- und dynamical boundary conditions: **ERA-Interim 0.5°** Reanalysis
- Land surface processes: **NOAH LSM**
- Parametrization of sub-grid scale processes: **BEP Urban Canopy Model**
- Modelling time frame: **Aug 8 – Aug 18 2003**

Evaluation: Fallmann et al. 2014

# Urban areas in mesoscale models

## Urban Parameter

ZR: Roof level (building height) [ m ]

SIGMA\_ZED: Standard Deviation of building height [ m ]

ROOF\_WIDTH: Roof (i.e., building) width [ m ]

ROAD\_WIDTH: road width [ m ]

AH: Anthropogenic heat [ W m/m<sup>2</sup> ]

FRC\_URB: Fraction of the urban landscape which does not have natural vegetation [ Fraction ]

CAPR: Heat capacity of roof [ J m<sup>3</sup>/ K ]

CAPB: Heat capacity of building wall [ J m<sup>3</sup>/ K ]

CAPG: Heat capacity of ground (road) [ J m<sup>3</sup>/ K ]

AKSR: Thermal conductivity of roof [ W/m/K ]

AKSB: Thermal conductivity of building wall [ W/m/K ]

AKSG: Thermal conductivity of ground (road) [ W/m/K ]

ALBR: Surface albedo of roof [ fraction ]

ALBB: Surface albedo of building wall [ fraction ]

ALBG: Surface albedo of ground (road) [ fraction ]

EPSR: Surface emissivity of roof [ - ]

### Street Parameters

Urban Category [index]	Direction [°]	street width [m]	building width [m]
33	0	19	25
33	90	19	25
32	0	13	13
32	90	13	13
31	0	18	10
31	90	18	10

Road network

## 33 32 31

8.5	9.7	6.4
6.8	6.4	4.5
27.5	13.3	10
19	16.2	9.8
90	50	20
0.95	0.85	0.5
1.00E+06	1.00E+06	1.00E+06
1.00E+06	1.00E+06	1.00E+06
1.40E+06	1.40E+06	1.40E+06
0.67	0.67	0.67
0.67	0.67	0.67
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### Building Heights

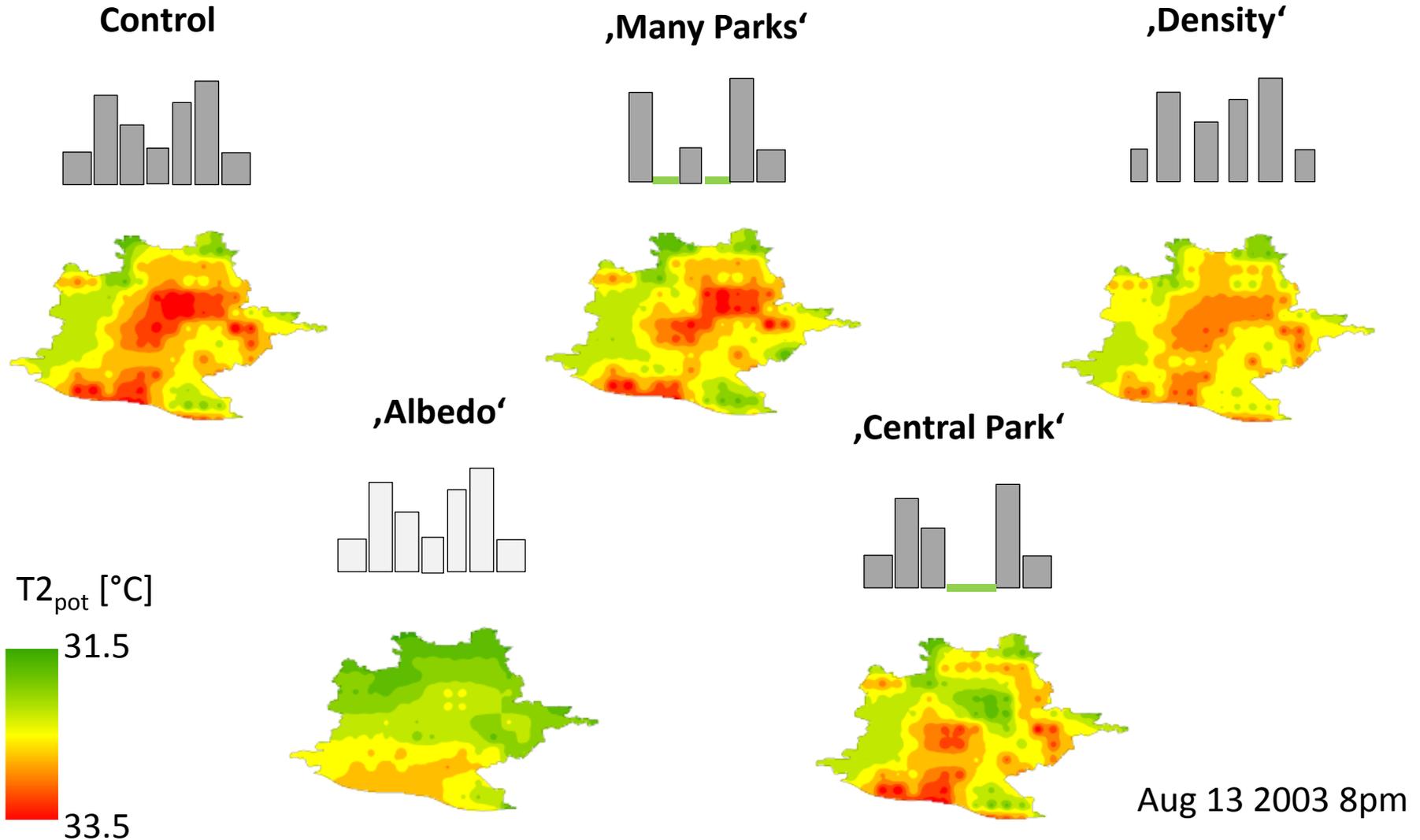
height [m]	33 Percentage [%]	32 Percentage [%]	31 Percentage [%]
5	33	33	48
10	28	20	37
15	14	23	11
20	8	10	3
25	4	3	1
30	2	2	
35	2		

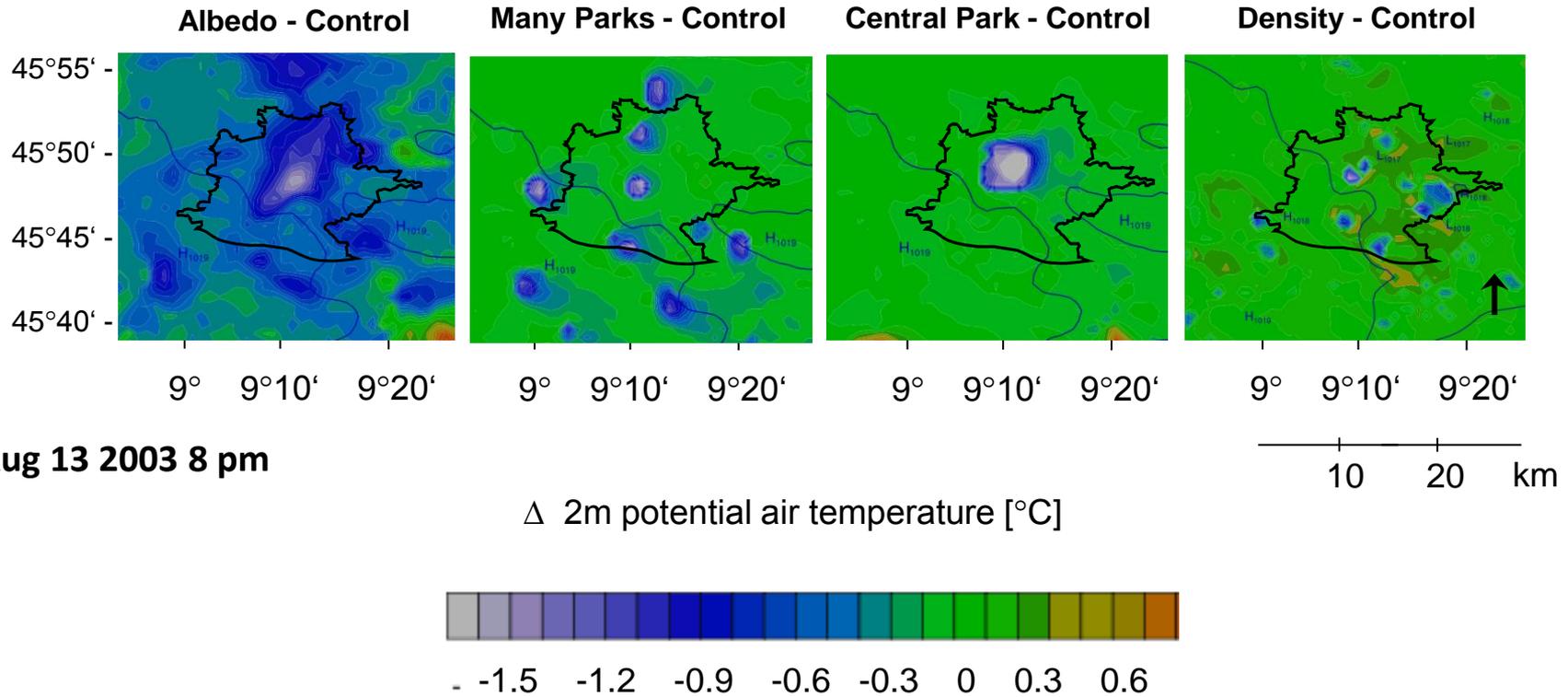
Building properties

‘Morphology’

‘Material characteristics’

Albedo





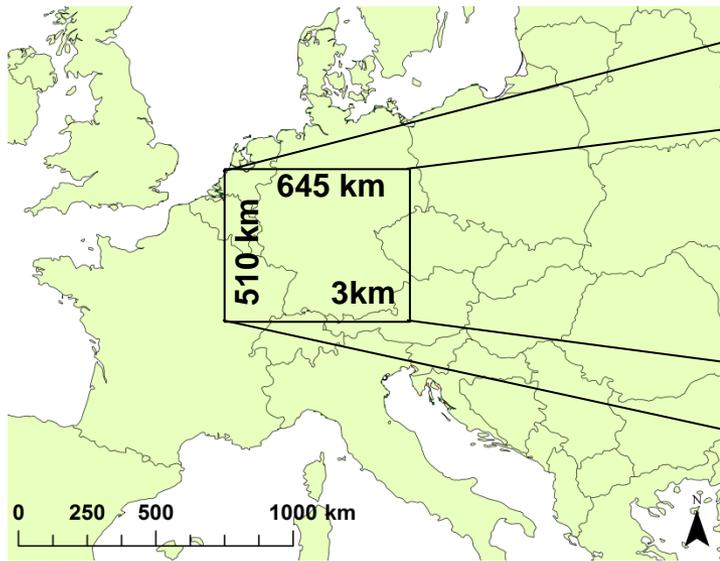
(Fallmann et al. 2014)

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, showing a grid of streets and green spaces. The image is hazy, with a clear blue sky above and a light-colored haze or smog below. In the center of the image, there is a white rectangular box with a black border containing the text "And now?".

And now?

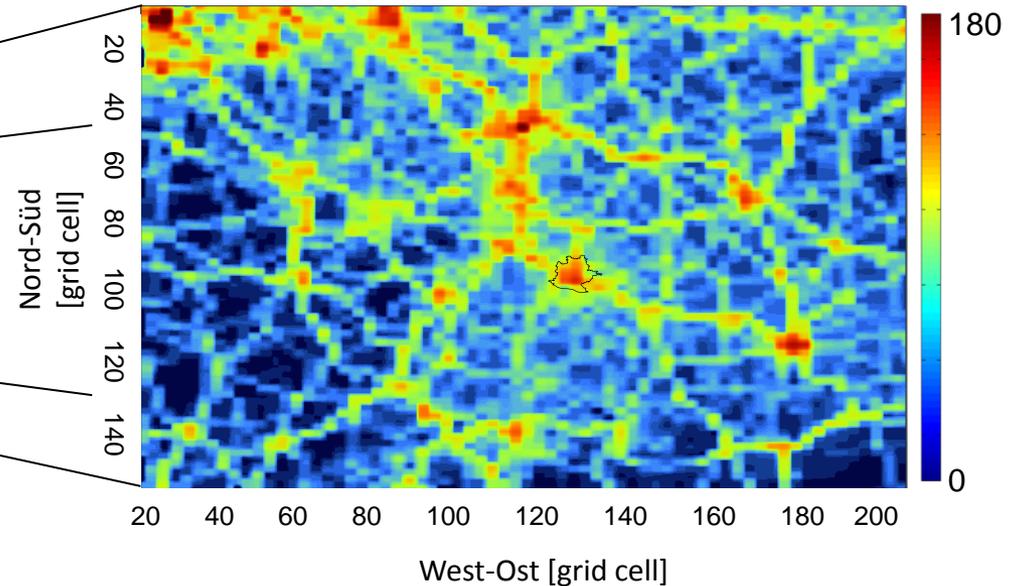
## 2. Step: Air Quality modelling (WRF-Chem)

### WRF-Chem Domain



### NO- Emissions (8 am)

NO [ $\text{mol km}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ]



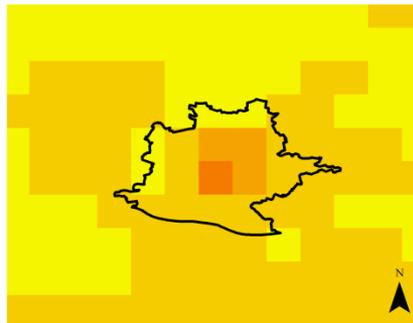
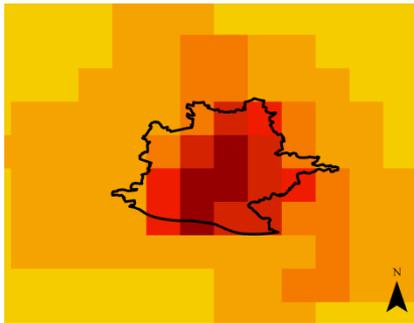
- Initial- and dynamical boundary conditions from global model **MOZART** (*anthropogenic*) und **MEGAN** (*biogenic*)
- Lower boundary conditions **MACC Emissions 2003-2007**
- Modelled time frame: Aug 9 – Aug 18 2003

Evaluation: Fallmann et al. 2015

## Primary pollutants (e.g. CO)

„Albedo-Control“

„Park-Control“



0 7.5 15 km

Delta CO [ppb]

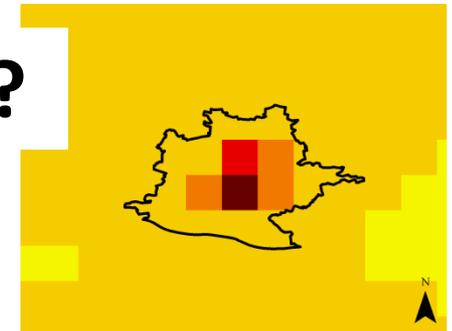
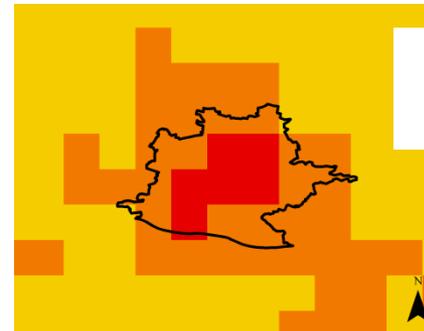


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## Secondary pollutants (e.g. O3)

„Albedo-Control“

„Park-Control“

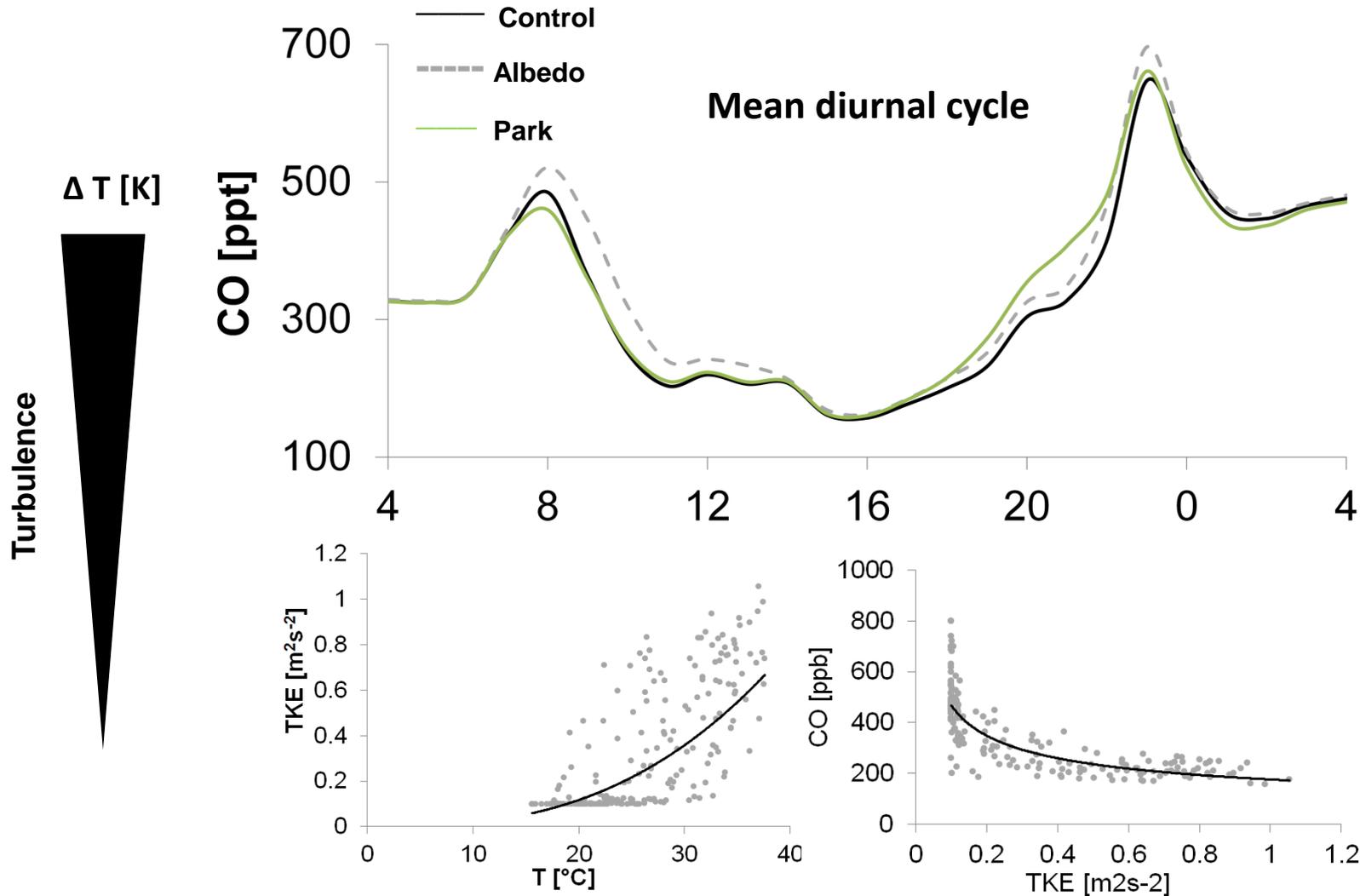


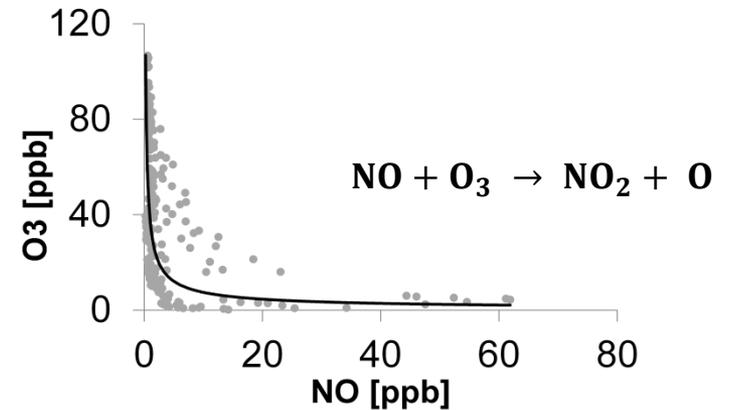
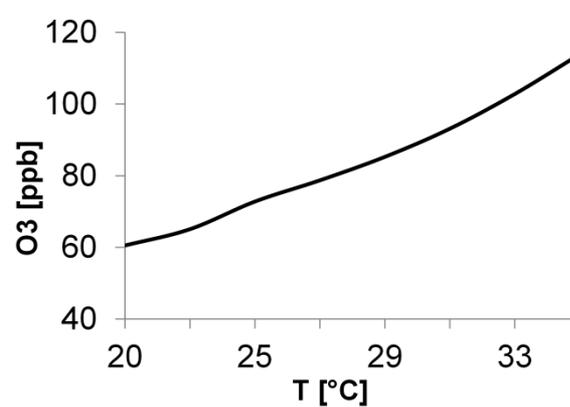
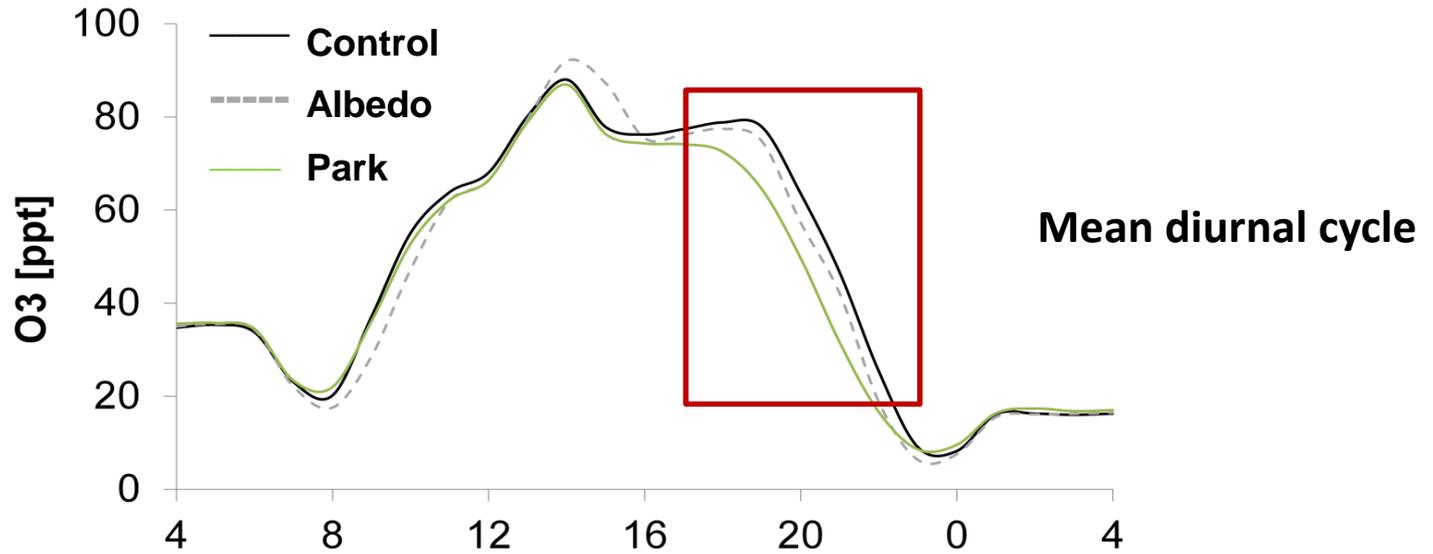
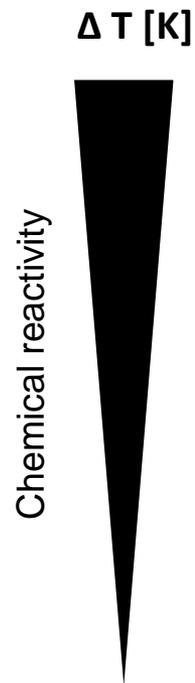
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Delta O3 [ppb]



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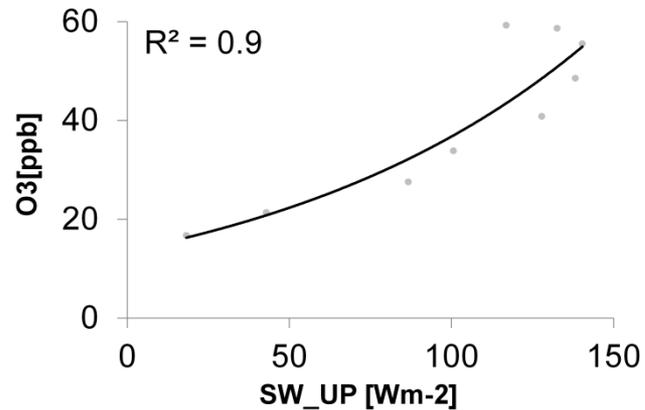
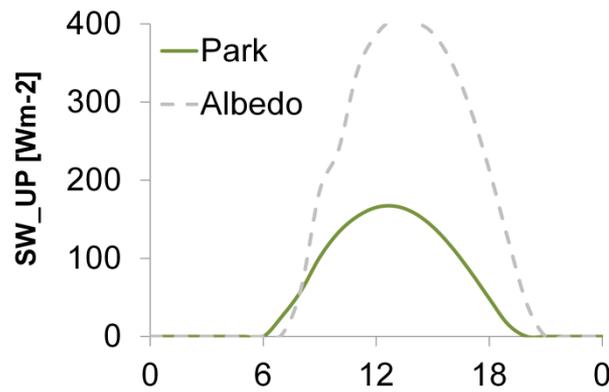
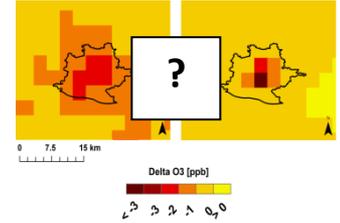
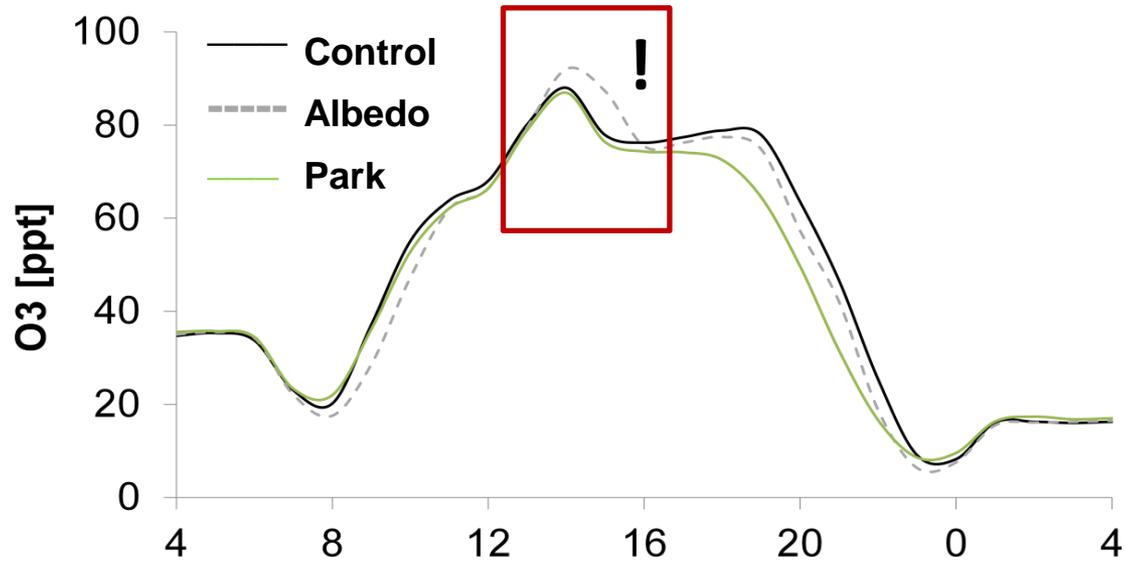


RADM boxmodel  
(Stockwell 1988)

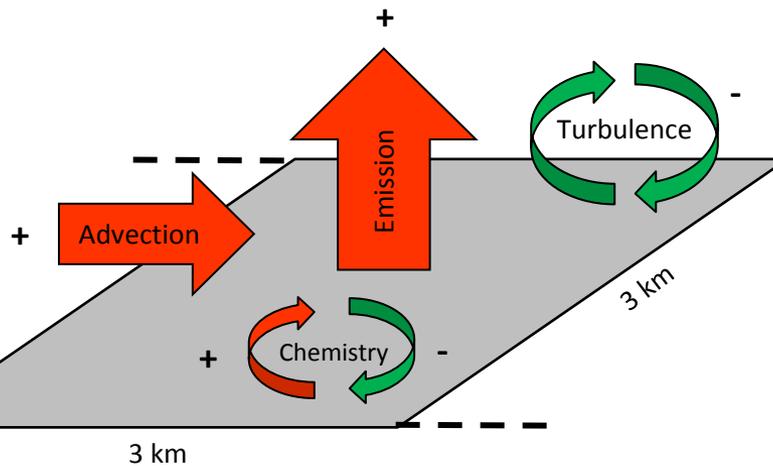
# Secondary pollutants (Ozone) - Photolysis

SW\_UP [Wm-2]

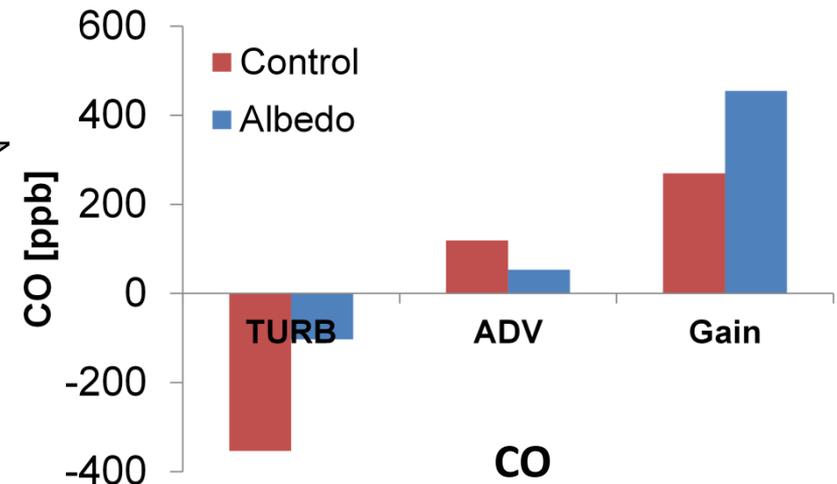
Photolysis rate



- Impact of chemistry and dynamics on concentration of pollutants on the basis of hourly budgets (7 - 8 am) [ppb h<sup>-1</sup>]
- **'Tendency terms':**
  - chemical production/loss tendency (CHEM)
  - Turbulent vertical mixing (TURB)
  - Advection (ADV)
  - Emission (EMIS)

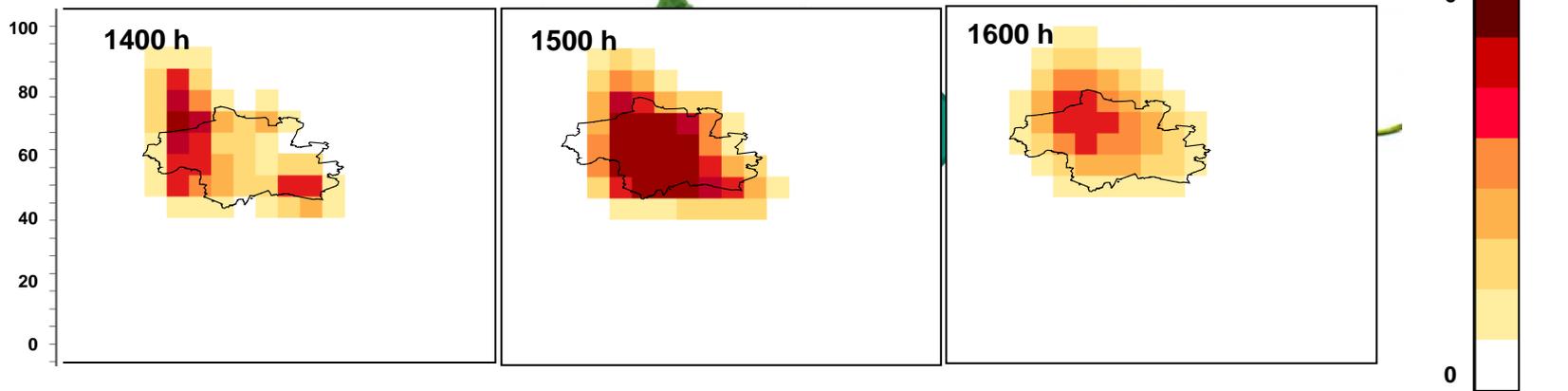


**Balance:**  
**Gain/Loss = EMIS + CHEM + TURB + ADV**

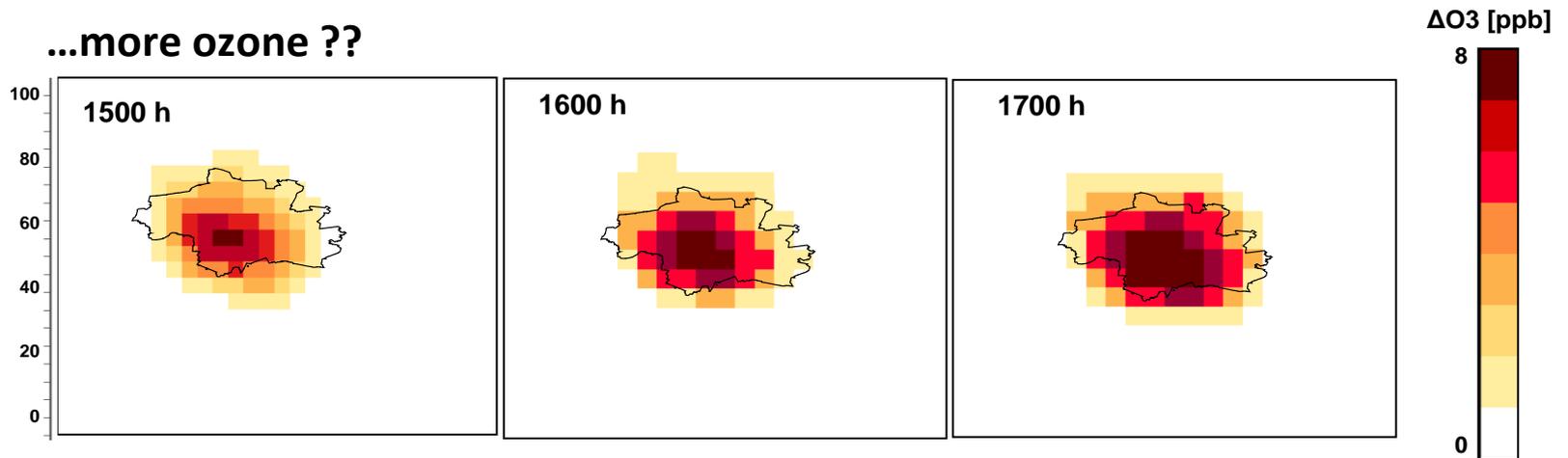


# Case Study: The wrong trees for Munich ?!

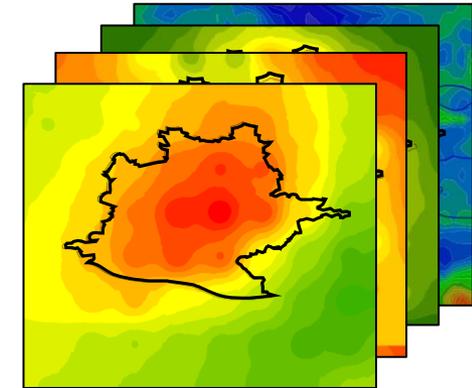
## More isoprene...



## ...more ozone ??



- Urban Heat Island mitigation strategies?
  - Surface reflectivity
  - Urban greening
  - Reduction of building density



- **Feedback** on urban air quality?

- Primary vs. Secondary pollution

**Primary:** Increase of CO<sub>2</sub>

→ Reduction of mixing, temperature dependent turbulent mixing

→ **Dynamics dominate**

**Secondary I:** Reduction of ozone levels

→ temperature dependency

**Secondary II:** Increase of peak ozone concentrations for 'white roofs'

→ increased photolysis rates due to reflected UV

# Merci Beaucoup



PHD-Thesis: <http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/view/creators/Fallmann=3AJoachim=3A=3A.html>