AEVUS COSMO-5.04g coupled to TERRA_URB

Preliminary test results for Belgium during summer 2012

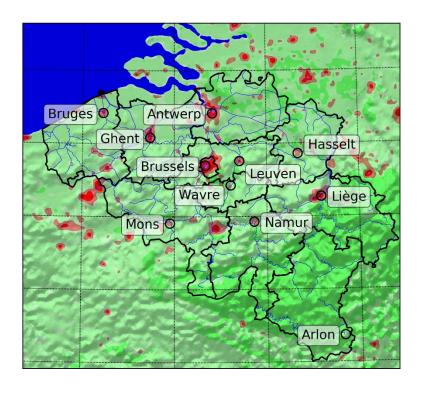






Belgian scene for summer 2012

(see Wouters et al. 2016)



Urban climate observations

- Canopy-layer urban heat island (CLUHI) from in-situ measurements
 - Antwerp
 - Ghent, not shown yet
- Boundary-layer urban heat island (BLUHI) from tower observations
 - Antwerp
- Surface-urban heat island (SUHI) from MODIS land-surface temperature, not shown yet

Simulations

ID	COSMO version	TERRA_URB	scenario	tuning
C5.0_URB	5.0_clm9	2.3	presentday	Yes*
C5.0_VEG	5.0_clm9	no	Vegetation scenario	Yes*
C5.0_STD	5.0_clm9	no	Urbanization is Bare soil (default)	default
C5.04g_URB	5.04g	2.3	presentday	Yes**
C5.04g_STD*	5.04g	no	Urbanization is Bare soil (default)	Yes**

^{*}lbdclim = .FALSE.

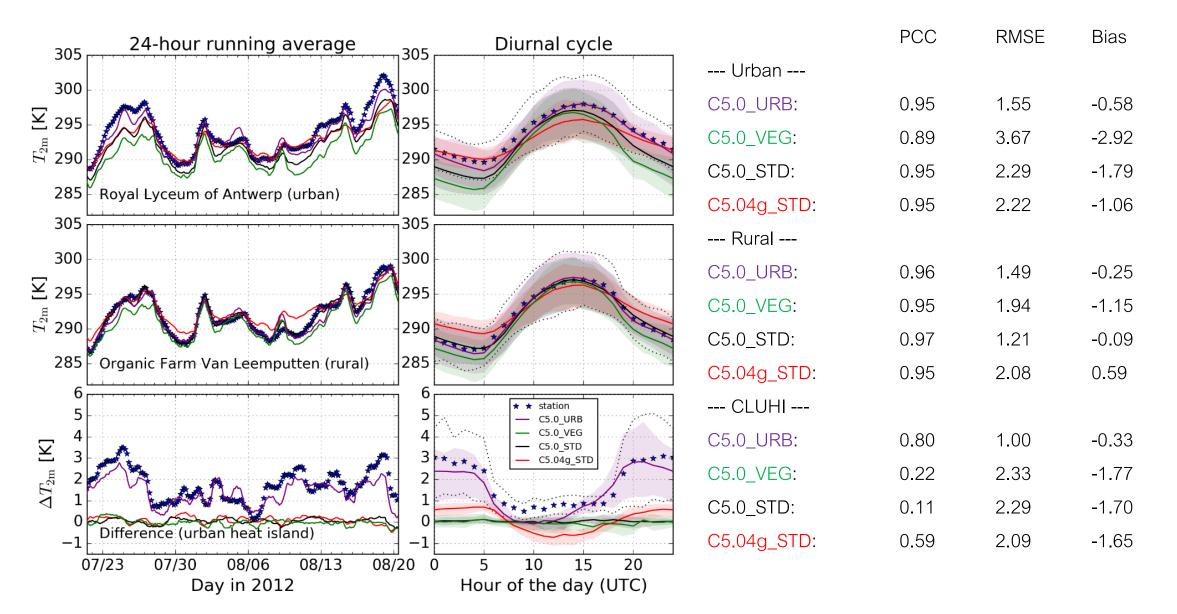
^{*}pat_len=20, tkmmin=tkhmin=0.4, itype_canopy = 2

^{**}only itype_canopy = 2, all the rest are new default settings

Results

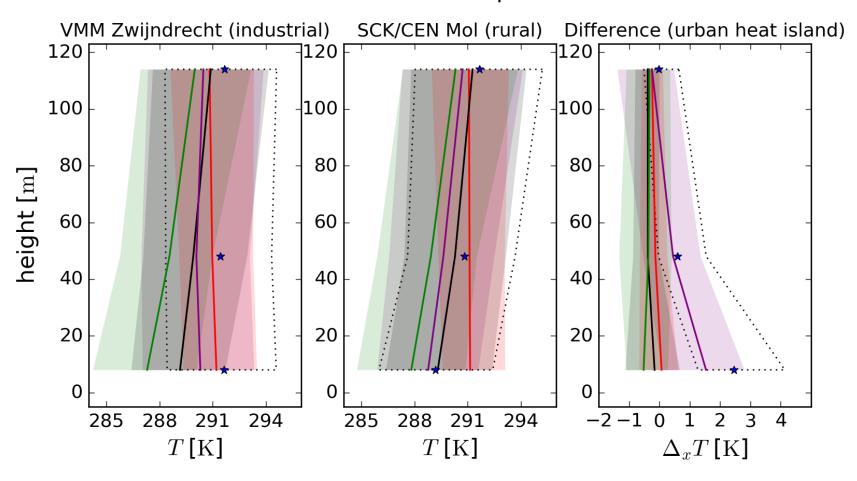
- C5.04g_STD successful for summer, but crashes in October. Possible reasons:
 - Implicitness (cimpl = 150) of skin-temperature formulation needs to be larger
 - lbdclim = .FALSE. -> leads to inconsistent fields (such as too hot sea surface temperature)
- C5.04g_URB technical tests successful, results are pending

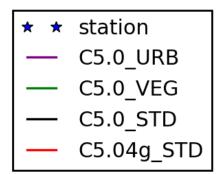
Results in-situ Antwerp



Results tower Antwerp

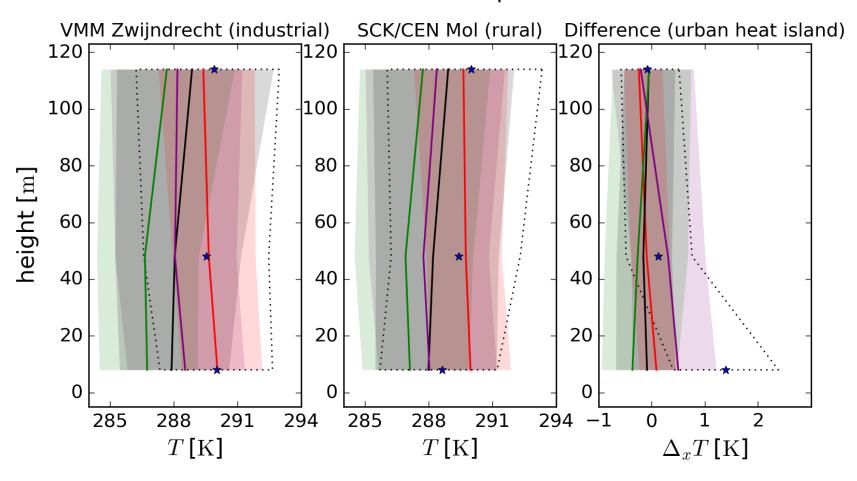
2012-mid-summer | 0H UTC

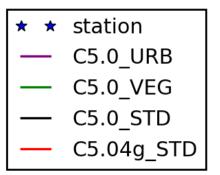




Results tower Antwerp

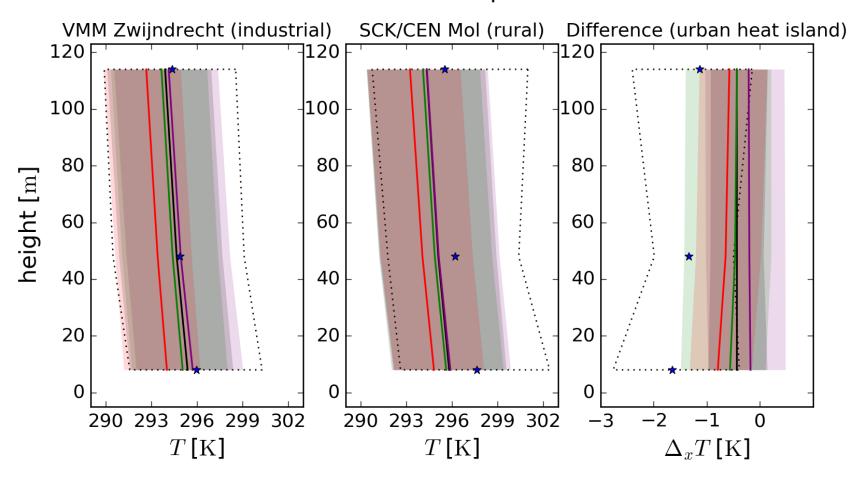
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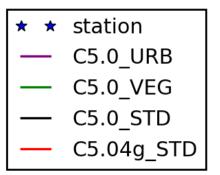




Results tower Antwerp

2012-mid-summer | 12H UTC





Conclusions

- Tests of new COSMO-5.04g coupled to TERRA_URB are progressing well, however:
 - results with TERRA_URB are pending, technical tests are successful
 - Results are present for the run without TERRA_URB
 - crashes in October, which needs investigation
 - performance issues (because of itype_canopy?)

Outlook

- Finish C5.04g_URB
- investigate crashes and performance issues
- New runs for obtaining consistent model settings between new and old COSMO versions and different model domains (->discussion)
- Extend evaluation with SUHI from MODIS and in-situ observations for Ghent

TERRA_URB overview current research projects

- Urban climate projections for extreme precipitation, see Helsen et al.
- Urban climate simulations over Kampala for investigating Malaria drivers in African Cities (Brousse et al.)
- SUBLIME single-column urban boundary-layer comparison experiment (including COSMO-5.0 coupled to both TERRA_URB and DCEP)
- H2020 proposal for climate change and urban health was submitted on monday.