Measurement of Urban Land Surface Temperatures as Related to Land Cover Change Dynamics: The HyspIRI Advantage

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Land Cover Change and Climate Impacts: MSFC and Huntsville, AL

- Huntsville, Alabama (pop, 180,000, metro region 410,000)
- MSFC occupies about 2 sq miles, 2500 C.S., 4500 contractors
- Centered within Redstone Arsenal Army Base, a 100 sq mile facility bordering Huntsville and the Tennessee river, employing over 25,000 government and contractor workers
- Support exploration, leading development of a new family of launch vehicles and lunar / other landing missions
- Propulsion, space transportation, and Space and Earth science activities
- Test stands, world class instrument calibration facilities
Land Cover and Climate Change Impacts

Expected climate change indicators

- extremes in temp. and precipitation
- prolonged periods of drought

Impacts on MSFC

- Unique facilities at risk from localized flooding, wildfires, severe weather
- Extreme heat and air quality issues also enhanced by urban growth

Evaluate micro-climate of MSFC

- Install 12 weather stations and integrate data into Center operations
- Monitor / evaluate variability of temperature and precipitation
- Assess land use change / urban heat island issues with satellite data
- Integrate results into long-term facilities plan for Center
Climate Hazards and Vulnerabilities

- Hot and humid summers, mild winters, >55” rain (mainly convective), long periods of drought

- Prone to tornadoes, numerous localized flooding events (damage to infrastructure and clean rooms), air quality issues related to ozone and PM2.5

- Expected climate change impacts – warmer temperatures, more extremes in temperature and moisture – more extensive floods, droughts, and air quality issues

- Flooding of facilities, wildfires, severe weather risks (lightning / tornados), air quality health risks to employees

- New infrastructure designed with climate impacts in mind – e.g. Bldg 4220
Land Cover and Climate Change Impacts

- Assess land use changes – Urban heat island effect
  - use NASA satellite data to assess land use change across the Center and surrounding areas
  - extend 1994 urban heat island (UHI) study of Huntsville to include MSFC and RSA relating land use change to increase in UHI

- Data
  - Landsat data – airborne thermal infrared sensors (1994)
  - MODIS, ASTER, Landsat, others for 2010

- Work to mitigate effects of land use change and heat island on Center activities
  - facilities planning
  - landscape design
  - building modifications

- Night-time infrared map of urban temperatures
11 sites across MSFC
10m wind speed and direction (not shown)
2m temperature, humidity, rainfall (below)
Real-time transmission (1-5 min intervals)
Land Use Change around MSFC

Dramatic increase in urban-residential land use category from 1992-2001

1992

2001

Legend:
- Water
- Developed Open Space/Recreational Grasses
- Residential/Commercial
- Bare Soil / Transitional
- Deciduous Forest
- Evergreen Forest
- Mixed Forest / Shrub
- Agricultural / Pasture
- Woody Wetlands
- Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands
Land Use Change Drives Thermal Change

Conversion of forest, shrub, and agricultural land to MSFC infrastructure substantially changes surface thermal signatures

Need to determine impact on local temperatures
Landsat-derived NLCD-1992

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Landsat-derived LST June 7, 2000

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Spatial Mean Landsat-derived LST Per LCLU Class

[LST (K) values are shown for various LCLU classes, including Water, Developed Open Space/Commercial, Residential/Commercial, Bare Soil/Transitional, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Mixed Forest/Shrub, Agricultural/Pasture, Woody Wetlands, and Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands. The graph compares data from July 30, 1990, and June 7, 2000.]
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Growth of Global Megacities

- 2002: 394 Mio. people, of these: 246 Mio. in developing countries, oder 215 Mio. in Asia; in the year 2015: 604 Mio. worldwide
- Population data tripled between 1970 and 2000: e.g. Mexico City, São Paulo, Seoul, Mumbai, Jakarta, Teheran
Connecting urban environmental processes and climate
Urban Heat Islands and Emissions?

Emission Sources (Source: Purdue University)

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Consequences of Urbanization on NPP-Carbon in the United States

What is the overall impact in North America?
- Has the NPP-carbon sink been reduced?
- What are the consequences?

How does urbanization interact with climate locally?
- Is there a recognizable effect in the NDVI signal at 1km spatial resolution?
- What are the seasonal dynamics?
- Is urbanization’s impact on NPP balance positive or negative?
Consequences of Urbanization on NPP-Carbon in the U.S.

- **Urbanization and NPP**
  - NPP decreased 41.5 M tons C / year.
  - Roughly equivalent to the increase created by 300 years of agricultural development.

- How can this happen when urban areas occupy only 3% of the land surface and agriculture occupies 29%?

- **Location, Location, Location.**
  - Urbanization is taking place on the most fertile lands.

- Reduction of NPP may have biological significance:
  - Annual loss of food web energy 400 Trillion kilocalories (roughly equal to food energy requirement for 448 million people).
  - Reduction of actual food products equivalent to needs of 16.5 million persons annually (about 6% of US population).

**NPP Lost or Gained (annual)**
- **Due to Urbanization**
  - Going from a pre-urban to a post urban world

**Total Reduction**
- 41.5 Mt C
- From Ag Lands 25.5 Mt C

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Shem and Shepherd (2009) found that Atlanta can initiate or enhance pre-existing convection through enhanced convergence (left) and sensible heat flux (right and top).
Shepherd, Burian, and colleagues (2009) have used lidar derived urban canopy parameters and an Urban Canopy Model embedded in WRF NOAH.

Urban surfaces and morphological parameters are still poorly represented in most studies of urban effects.
Time series of airborne lidar, multispectral, and thermal sensors to provide the 4-dimensional (space and time) observations required to parameterize, test, and further develop models that explain and predict the influence of urbanization on earth system processes at the local, regional, and global scales.

- **MASTER (MODIS/ASTER Simulator)** (50 channels 0.4 - 13 μm @ 12 m –diurnal)
- **LVIS full waveform and elevation products** at (7.5m spot size)
The Need for HyspIRI Data

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Urban 4D
Structures
Vegetation
Temperature

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Multi-scale Combined Classification

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HyspIRI Combined Composite Data Set
Advanced Product for Urban Ecosystems Analysis

HyspIRI Hyperspectral VSWIR Level II Product (NDVI, fPAR, surface reflectance characteristics)

HyspIRI TIR multispectral Level II product (8 TIR Bands) (surface temperature, radiance, [day/night], emissivity)

HyspIRI VSWIR/TIR composite data set (quantitative integrative measurement of urban surface reflectances, temperatures, and emissivity across the urban ecosystem)
HyspIRI Combined Composite Land Use Change Advanced Product for Urban Ecosystems Analysis

Through Time

HyspIRI Hyperspectral VSWIR Level II Product
(NDVI, fPAR, surface reflectance characteristics)

HyspIRI TIR multispectral Level II product (8 TIR Bands)
(surface temperature, radiance, [day/night], emissivity)

HyspIRI VSWIR/TIR composite land cover change data set
(quantitative integrative measurement of urban surface reflectances, temperatures, and emissivity across the urban ecosystem as they change through time)
HyspIRI Combined “Integrated” Advanced Product for Urban Ecosystems Analysis

HyspIRI Hyperspectral VSWIR Level II Product
(NDVI, fPAR, surface reflectance characteristics)

Lidar Data

HyspIRI TIR multispectral Level II product (8 TIR Bands)
(surface temperature, radiance, [day/night], emissivity)

HyspIRI VSWIR/TIR and Lidar composite data set
(X, y, z surface reflectance/thermal interactions of urban ecosystem processes)
HyspIRI Combined “Integrated” Topographic Advanced Product for Urban Ecosystems Analysis

Hyperspectral VSWIR Level II Product (NDVI, fPAR, surface reflectance characteristics)

HyspIRI TIR multispectral Level II product (8 TIR Bands) (surface temperature, radiance, [day/night], emissivity)

HyspIRI VSWIR/TIR and DEM composite data set (hyperspectral/day/night TIR digital elevation model data sets))

Digital Topographic Data (DEM)