Assessing Urban Heat Island Effect - 2019

Lunel - Paris - France



WHAT ARE URBAN HEAT ISLANDS?

- The difference in temperature between urban and suburban regions and their rural environments.
- An urban heat island (UHI) is a city or metropolitan area that is much warmer than its surrounding rural areas.
- This is mostly attributed to urban areas consisting man-made surfaces such as paving and building material, causing a warming effect.
- UHI is affected by several factors such as surrounding ecological contact, size of the city (area and population), shape of the city, and the spatial pattern (physical concept) of the city.

Urban Heat Island Concept

 In summary, contrary to rural landscapes, cities are mostly paved or built up, so no vegetation or moisture can absorb heat and cool down the land; asphalt, concrete and surfaces simply absorb the energy of the sun during the day and release it again at night. During the day, impervious surfaces in urban areas absorb strongly heat energy (i.e., warm up more) than adjoining outskirts, causing a somewhat bubble of warm air over the urban areas. This effect is more noticeable at night than in the morning hours/afternoon hours.

Urban Heat Island (UHI) and Global Warming

UHI is different from global warming!

Urban areas is said to be a major factor responsible for Global warming. Global warming has increased the impacts of urban heat felt in cities , especially during the spring and summer periods.

Impacts of UHI

- UHI's have negative impacts on the health.
- contributes to global warming.
- Issues of social inequality.



- Reduced potential for tourism, outdoor exercise etc.





Study Area - Lunel

- Lunel is a commune located in the Herault department of Southern France on the outskirts of the city of Montpellier
- The commune has a population of around 26,000
- It is located around 10 km from the Mediterranean Sea
- The town centre is dominated by traditional housing consisting of multi-story, stone tenement buildings with minimal green-space. The outskirts consist of a mix of modern-build villas, apartment blocks and industrial sites.
- Green-space generally increases with distance from the town centre



Study Area - Paris

- Population of over 2 million people with a greater urban area of over 11 million
- Located in Northern France, over 100 km from the ocean
- One of the most densely populated cities in Europe
- The city architecture is mixed with areas of historic residential buildings, modern apartment blocks, large urban parks etc. The majority of buildings are multi-storey
- Numerous large planned greenspace areas



Study Area

PARIS

LUNEL



Lunel, France - Corine Land Cover 2018



Rerecences: Corine Land Cover - COPERNICUS, 2018 / data.gov.fr

Paris, France - Corine Land Cover 2018





Sport and leisure facilities Water bodies

Water courses

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EO Technique to investigate UHI

 Urban Heat Island are majorly mapped and investigated using Earth Observation technique majorly Land Surface Temperature data from Landsat | Sentinel 3 | MODIS or Impervious surface data from satellite imagery or both.







Objectives

- Compare LST data in Lunel and Paris (Landsat 8);
- ARCGIS PRO: Visualizing the LST and identifying UHI and cold spots;
- Google Earth Engine: Plotting time series LST;
- Terrascope

ARCGIS PRO

Methodology



Conversion to Top of Atmosphere (TOA) radiance



 The SWIR (Band 10) is first converted from DN values to the TOA spectral radiance (reflectance) using the radiometric rescaling coefficient substituted in the formular below:

 $TOA = M_L Q_{cal} + A_L$

Conversion to Brightness Temperature



 The SWIR/TIRS (Band 10) is then converted from spectral reflectance to TOA brightness temperature using the thermal constant substituted in the formular:

$$BT = \frac{k_2}{\ln\left(\frac{k_1}{L_1} + 1\right)} - 273.15$$

Computing NDVI and Proportion of Vegetation



Land Surface Emissivity



$$LSE(e) = 0.004 * pv + 0.986$$

Land Surface Temperature





ArcGIS Pro (Lunel, 2019)





ArcGIS Pro (Paris, 2019)



Result Validation

In late June and late July 2019 there were two temporally distinct European heat waves, which set all-time high temperature records in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Source: Wikipedia, BBC



GOOGLE EARTH ENGINE

Google Earth Engine Open-Source Code for Land Surface Temperature Estimation from the Landsat Series

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Satellite	Used Bands	Wavelength (µm)	Dataset	Spatial Resolution	E.C.T.	Date Range
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Landsat 5 (TM)	Red: B3 NIR: B4 TIR: B6	0.63–0.69 0.76–0.90 10.4–12.5	C01/T1_SR C01/T1_SR C01/T1_TOA	30 m 30 m 120 ² m		1 January 1984 to 5 May 2012
Landsat 7 (ETM+)	Red: B3 NIR: B4 TIR: B6 ¹	0.63–0.69 0.77–0.90 10.4–12.5	C01/T1_SR C01/T1_SR C01/T1_TOA	30 m 30 m 60 ² m		1 January1999 to present
Landsat 8 (OLI; TIRS)	Red: B4 NIR: B5 TIR: B10	0.64–0.67 0.85–0.88 10.6–11.19	C01/T1_SR C01/T1_SR C01/T1_TOA	30 m 30 m 100 ² m	10:00 am (16-day)	11 April 2013 to present

Note: ¹ low gain band (B6_VCID_1); ² resampled to 30 m.



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Google Earth Engine (Lunel, 2019)



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Google Earth Engine (Paris, 2019)



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Terrascope

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Terrascope (Paris, 2019)

NDVI Computation

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plt.show()



Conclusions

Extreme weather events like heatwaves occur naturally but research shows that with climate change they are likely to become more common, perhaps occurring as regularly as every other year.

Rapid warming is linked to use of fossil fuels and the higher concentration of carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) in the atmosphere.