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URBAN CLIMATIC MAPPING Invited Lecture by Prof Edward Ng

Over 50% of the world's population now lives in cities. The number of mega and high density cities are on the increase. How to design for a quality, livable and sustainable urban environment is a task for engineers, architects, planners and policy makers. The lecture walks a journey, that started after the SARS episode in 2003, on how Hong Kong - a high density city - has since tried to address the issue. The Air Ventilation and the Urban Climatic Map studies epitomize the efforts. The concerted attempt by the Hong Kong government, planners and researchers has resulted in a set of policies that the industry must follow. New towns and a few metro redevelopments have been redesigned and these will be illustrated during the talk.

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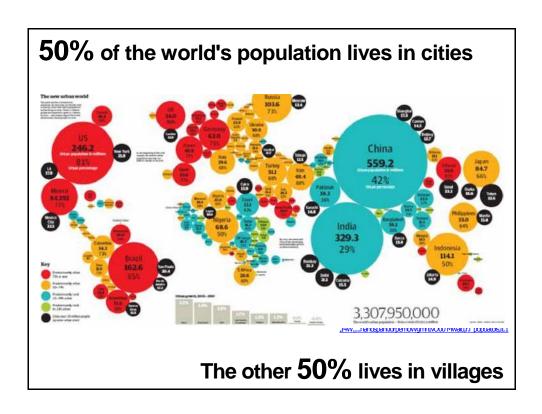
Prof Edward Ng is an architect and the Professor of Architecture in the School of Architecture, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). He is the Director of the M.Sc. Sustainable and Environmental Design Programme at CUHK. As an environmental consultant to the Hong Kong Government, he developed the performance based daylight design building regulations, the Air Ventilation Assessment (AVA) Technical Guidelines, and the Urban Climatic Map for planners. Among many other honours, he has twice been the recipient of the International Awards of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

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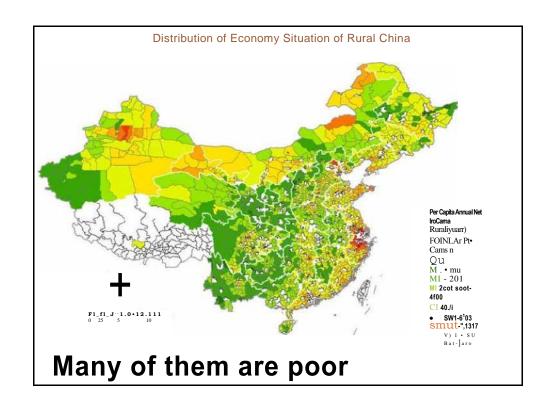


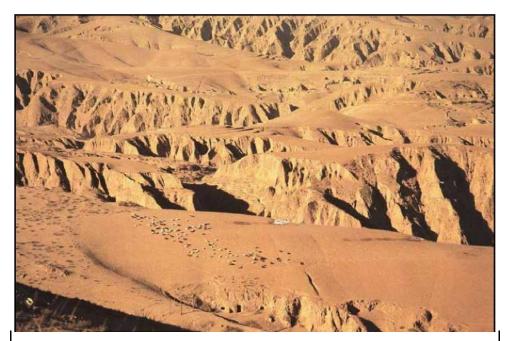
50% of the problem



China has 1 million villages (a third of the world's total

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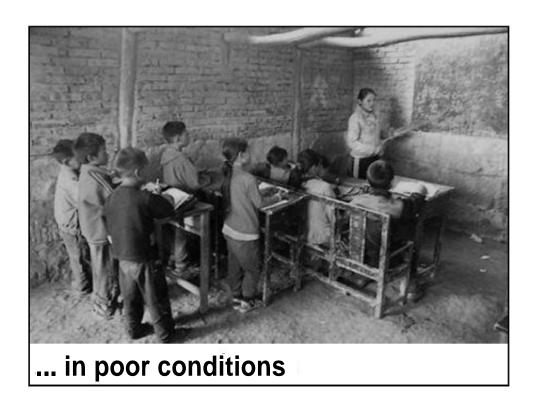
They are remote and desperate



Fighting with life everyday ...



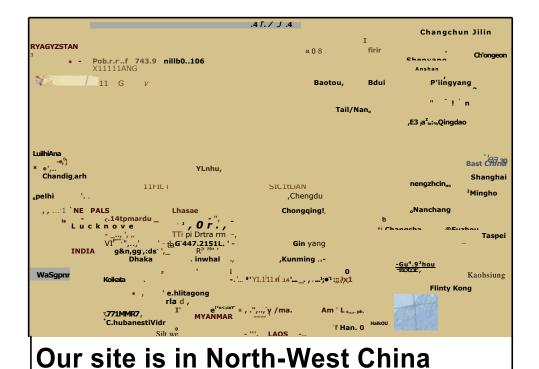
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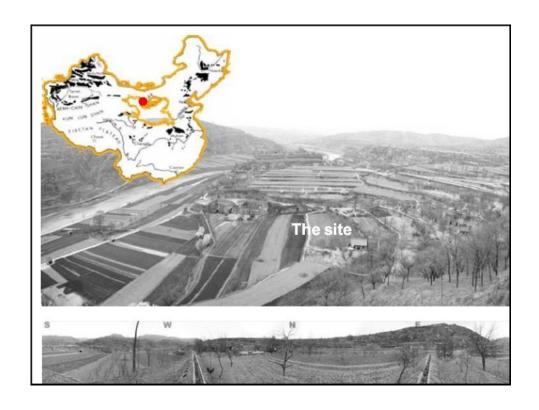
Maosi Ecological Primary School

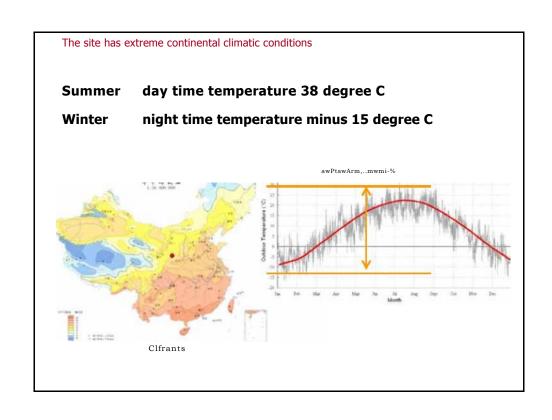
"Our school empowers the villagers, ... but it needs no power to run."

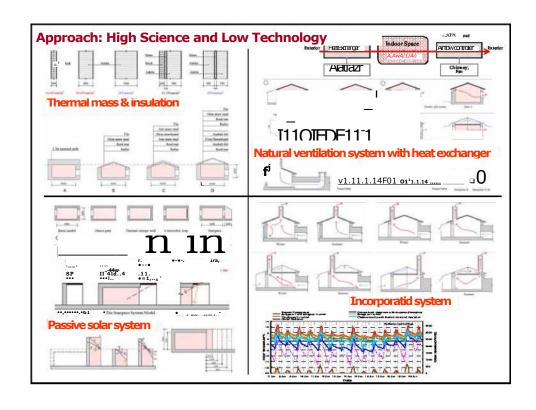


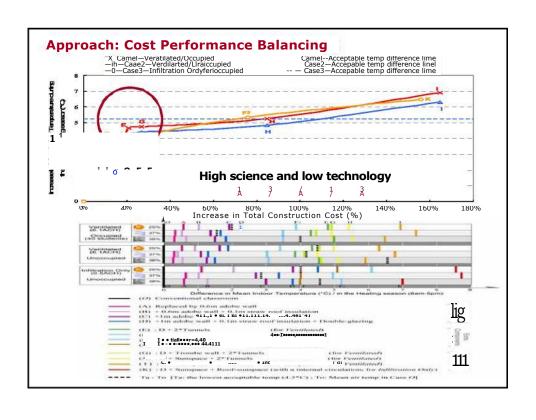
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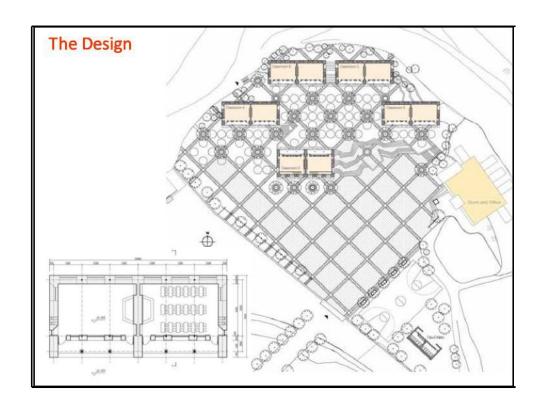


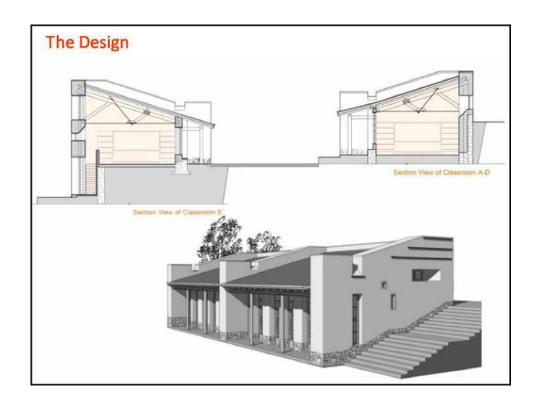




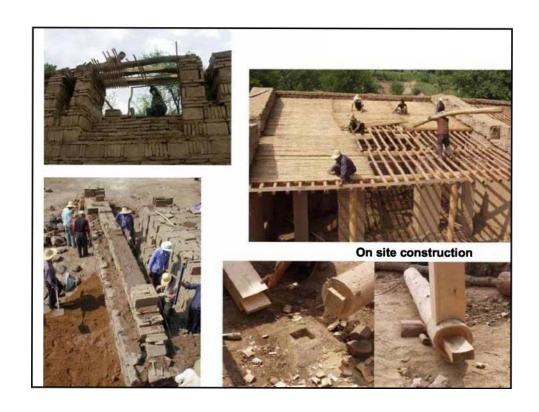








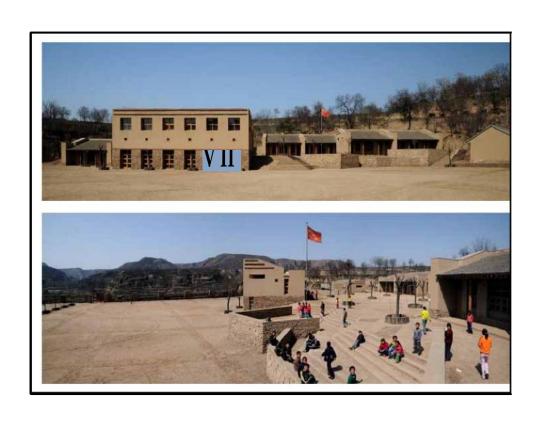


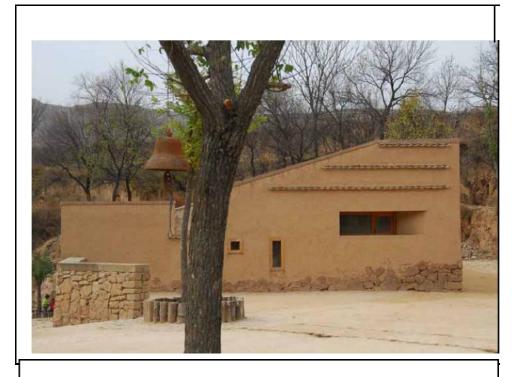




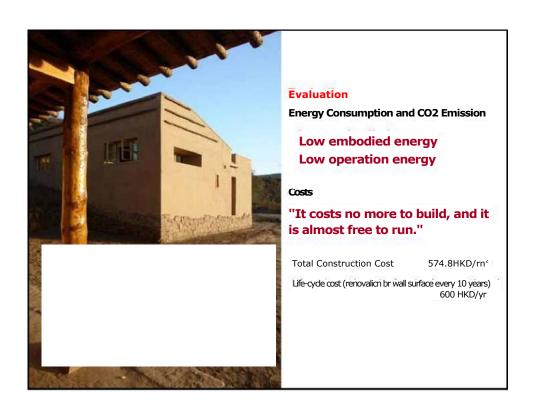


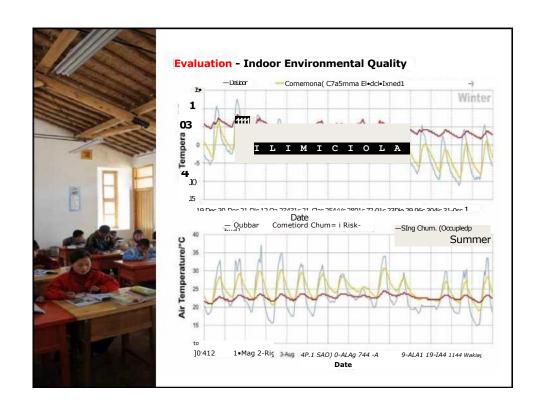














Student A—
"We suffer frostbite no more."

Student B —
"I think the school is beautiful."

Student C —
"the classroom is brighter."

"Not too long ago, a tragedy happened in Shamoci's Dingbin Prefecture.

Eleven students died of CO poisoning due to coal burning for warmth. Memory still hurts.

I wondered then if we could find a way to build a coal free school. I believe Maosi has provided an answer."

Times Weekly China ... 2Jan2009



6 Examples of **RIBA International Award 2009 Winners:**



The Water Cube



National Stadium Beijing



British High Commission



Maosi Primary School

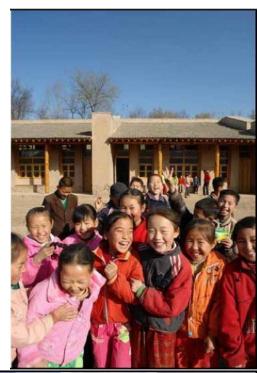


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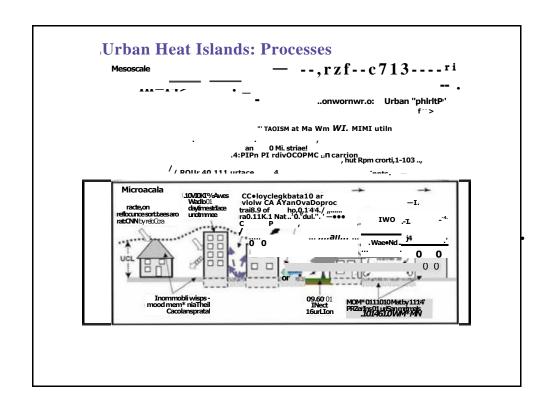


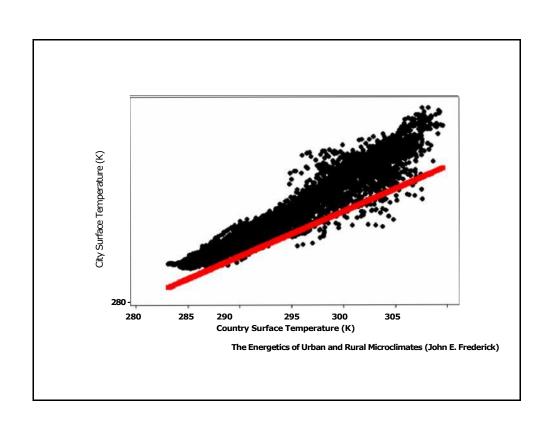
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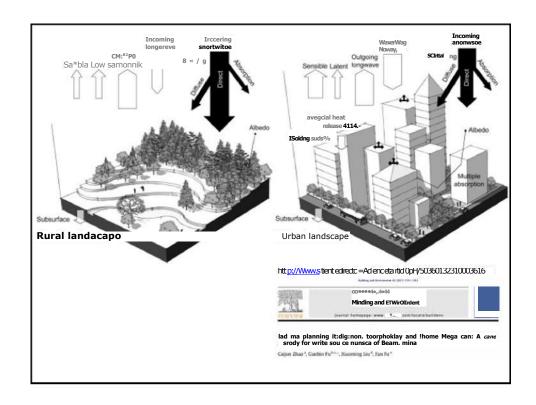
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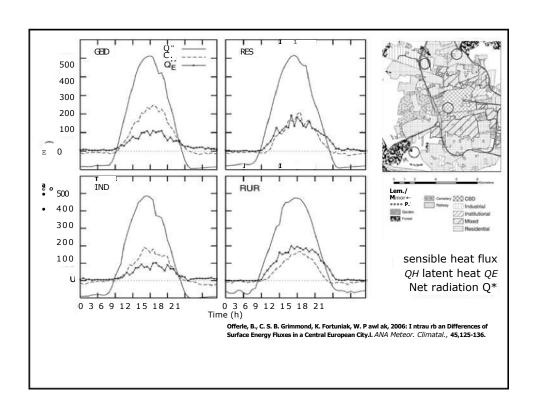


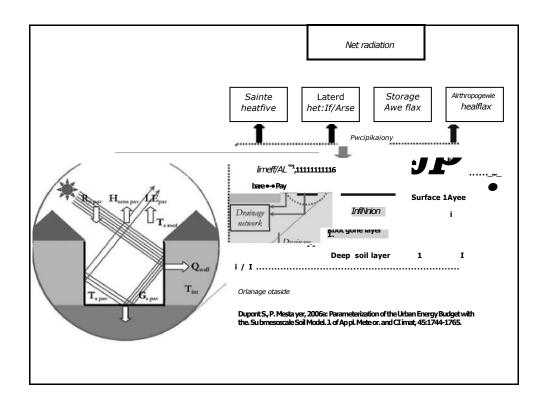
The other 50% of the problem

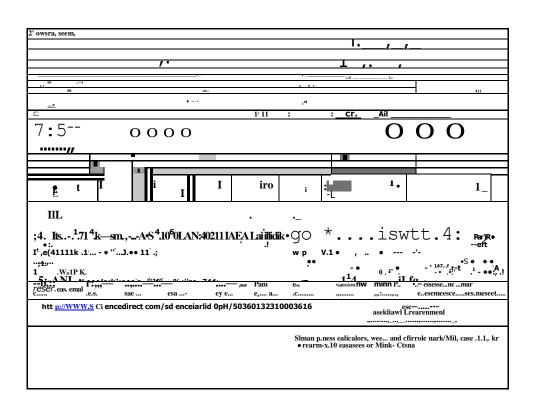


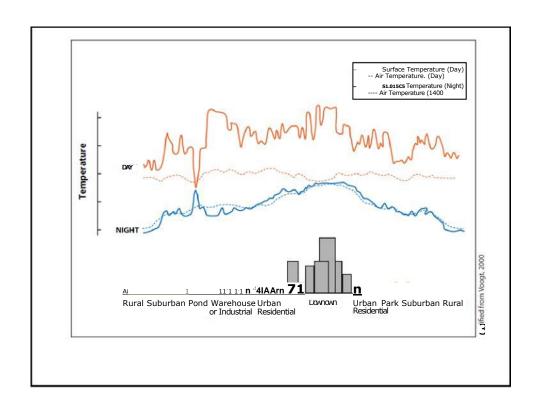


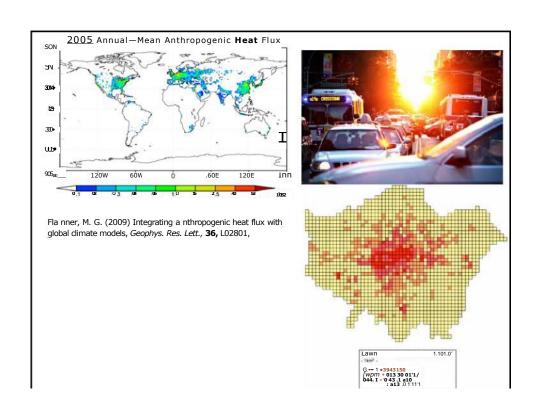


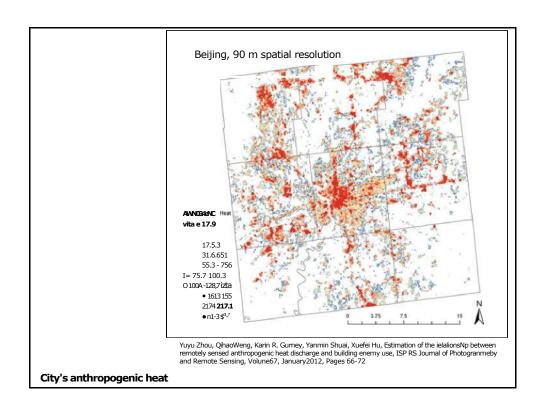






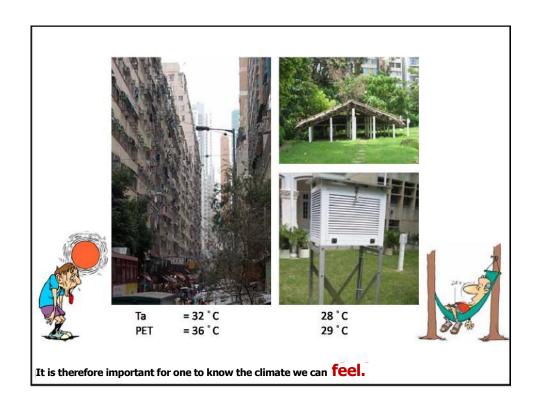


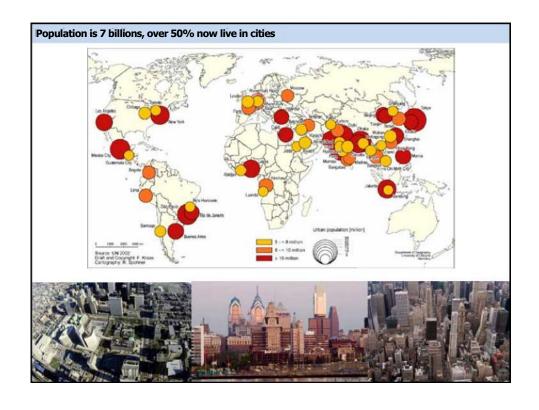


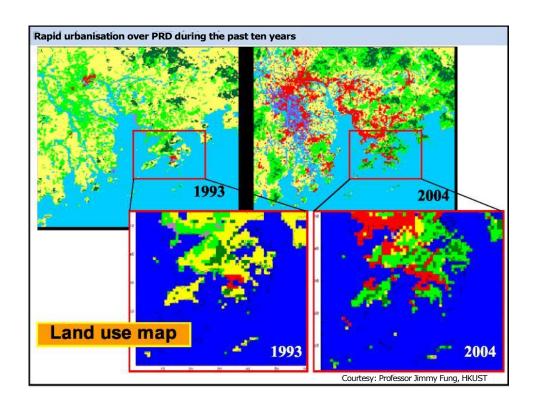


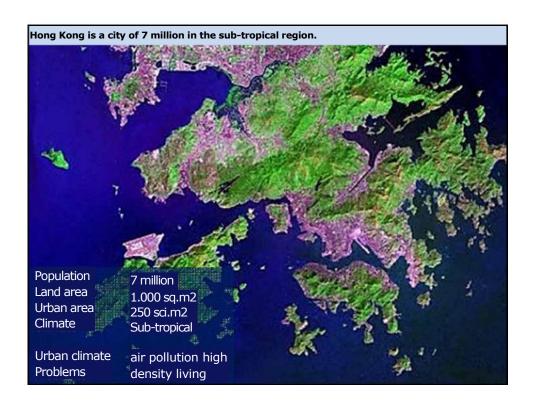


City's anthropogenic heat— Hong Kong

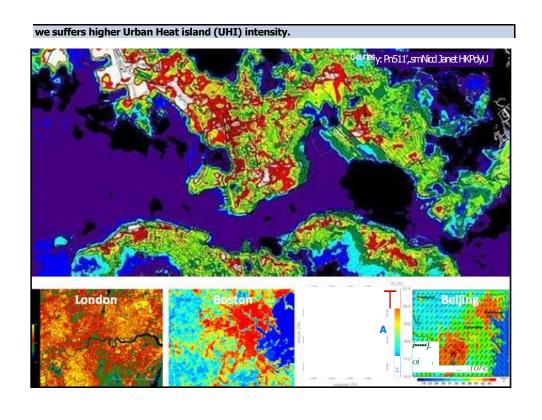


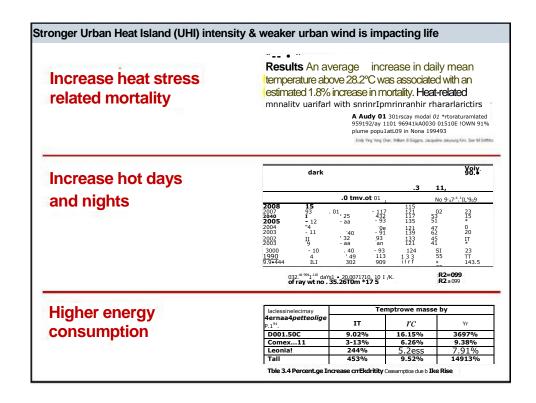


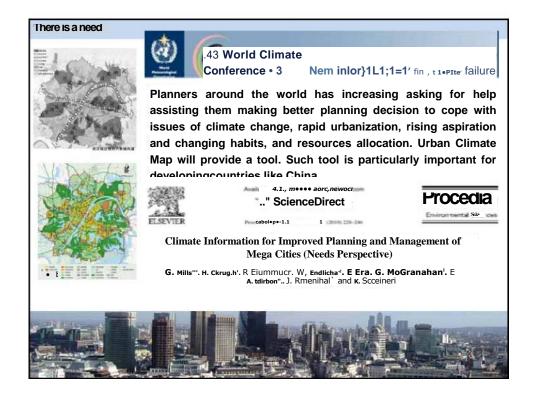


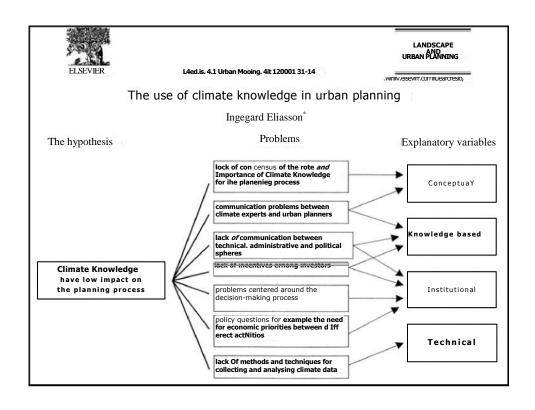


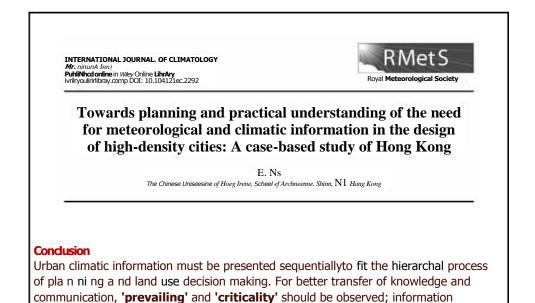






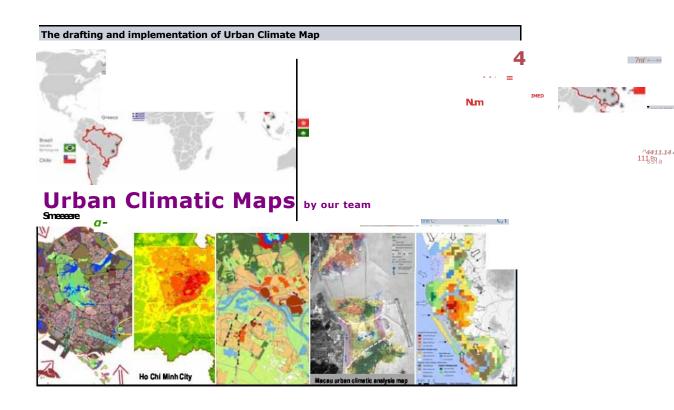


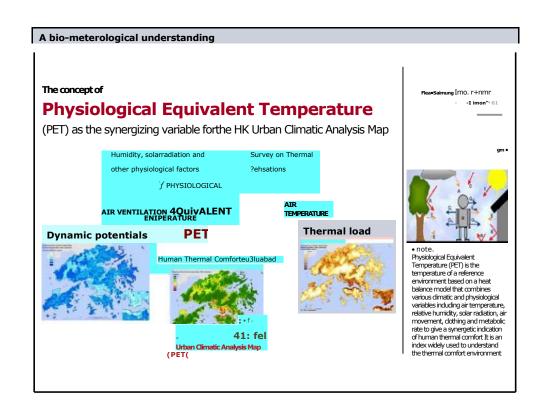


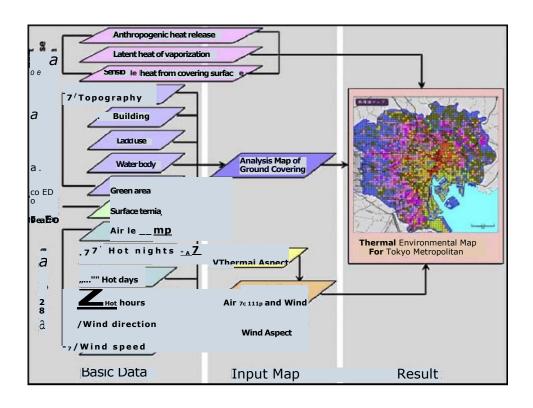


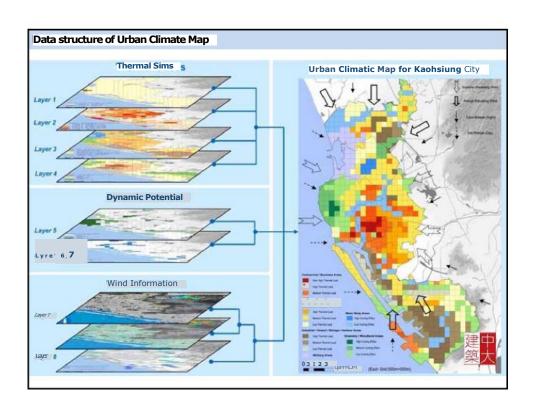
overload must be avoided, and spatial information must be presented graphically whenever possible. Scholars have argued that instead of the need for precision and accuracy, most of the time planners need to make balanced and reasonable decisions.

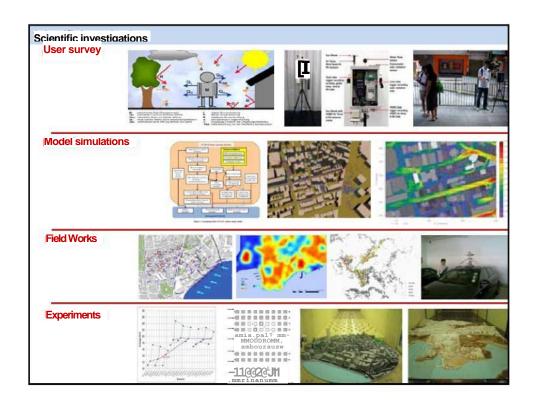
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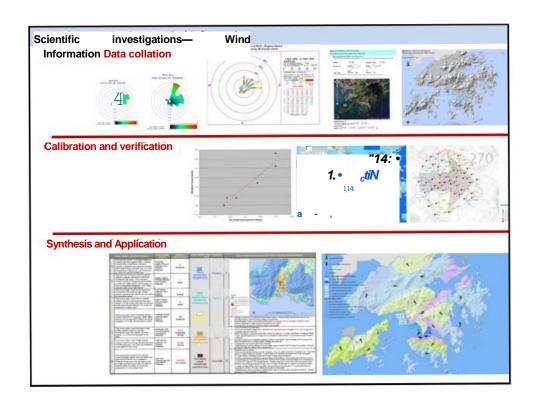


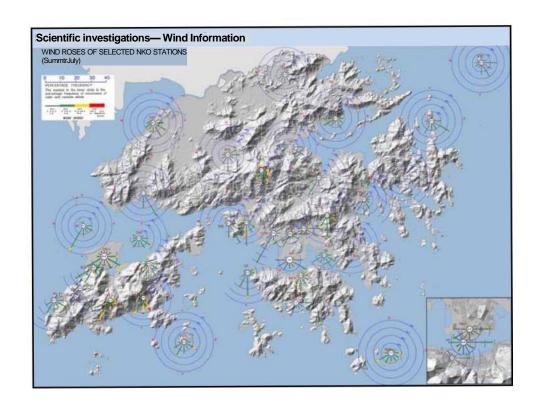


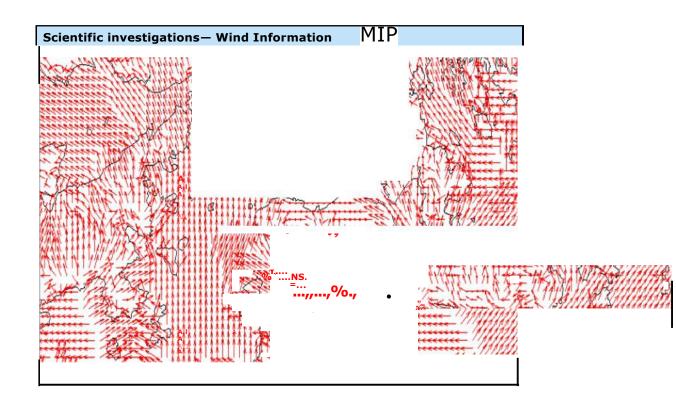




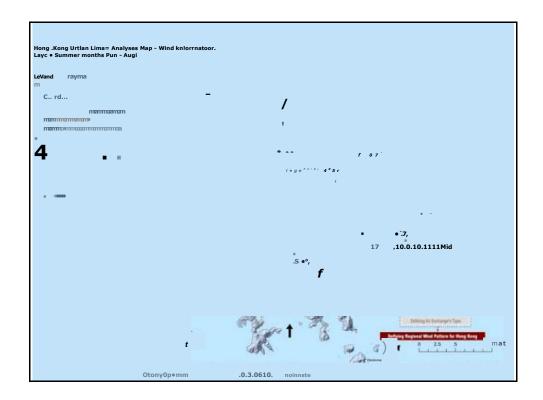


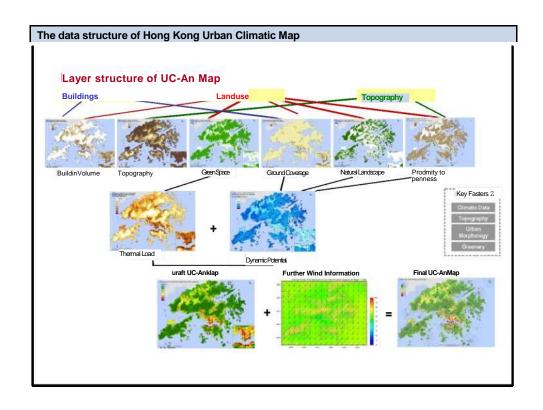


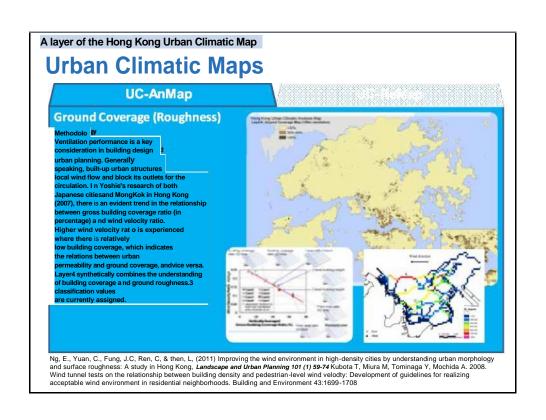




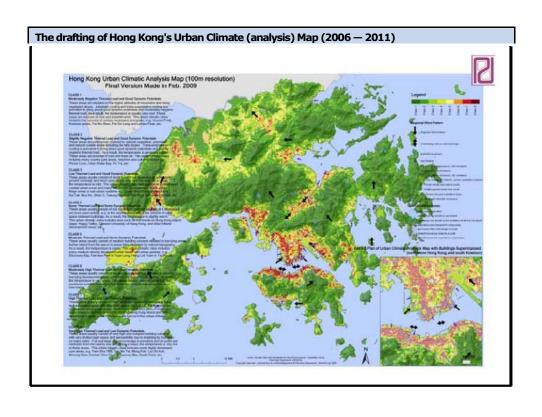
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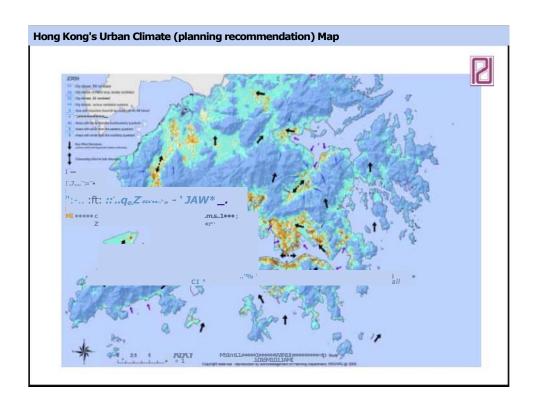


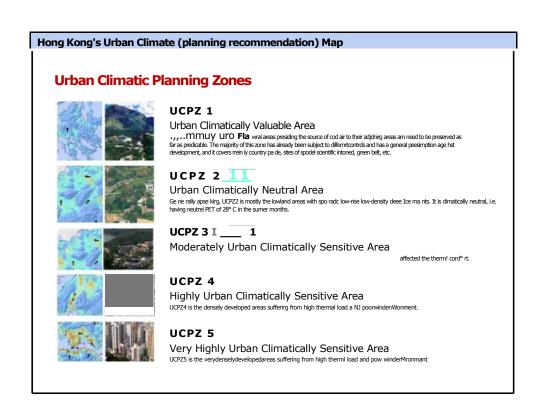


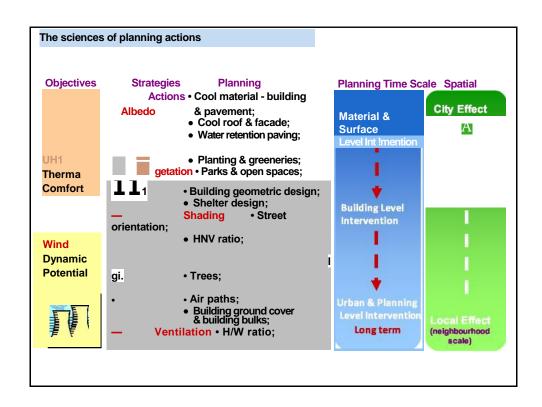


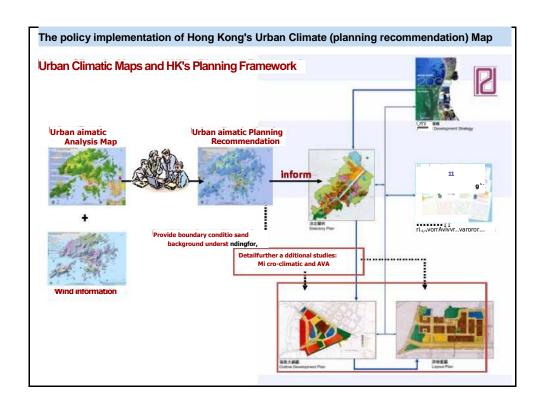
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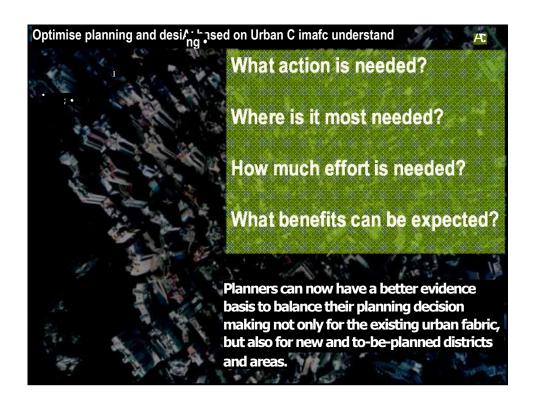


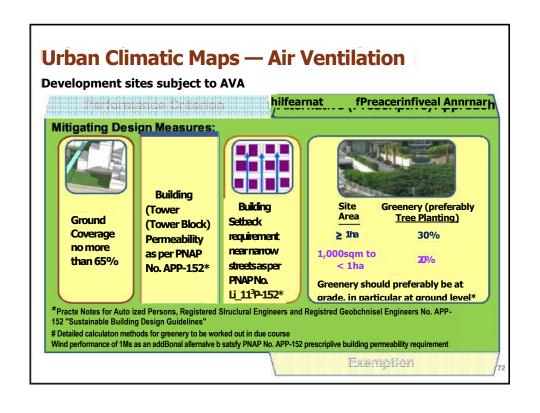


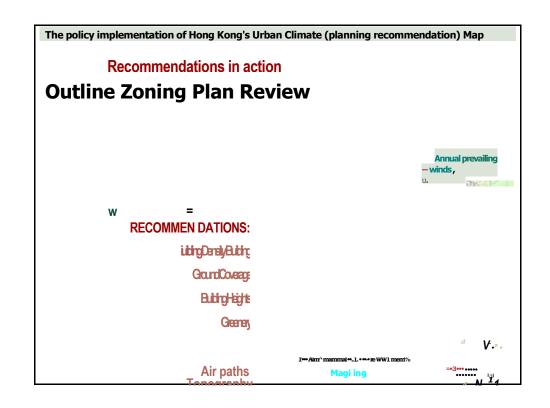


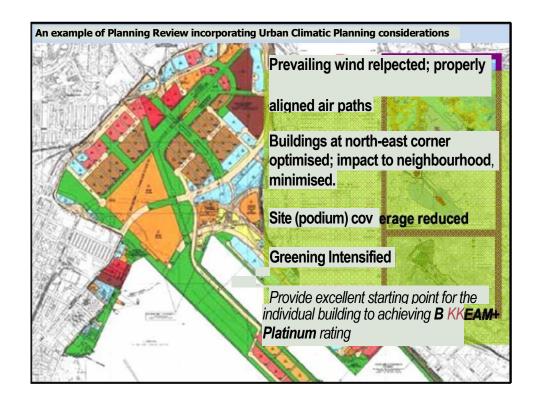




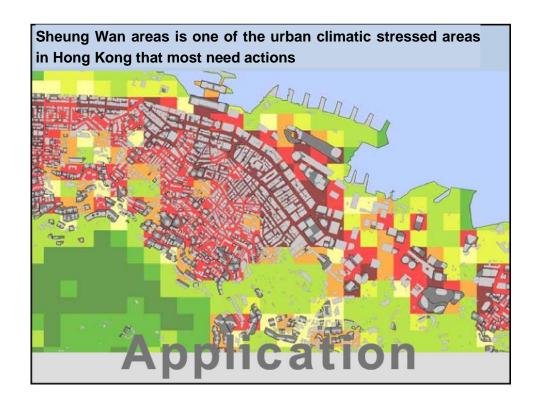


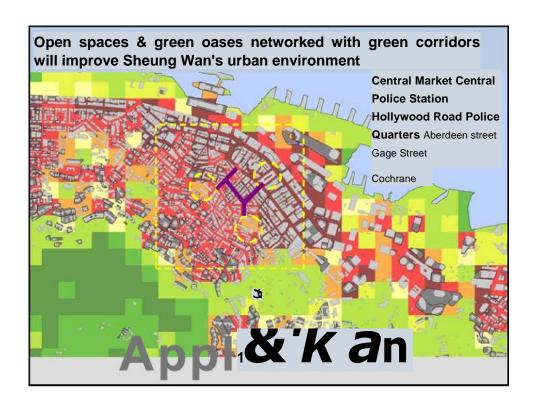


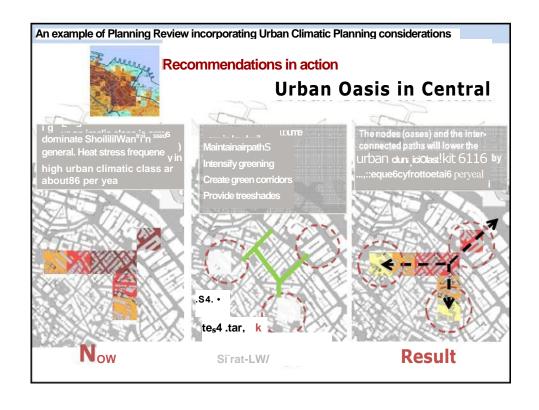




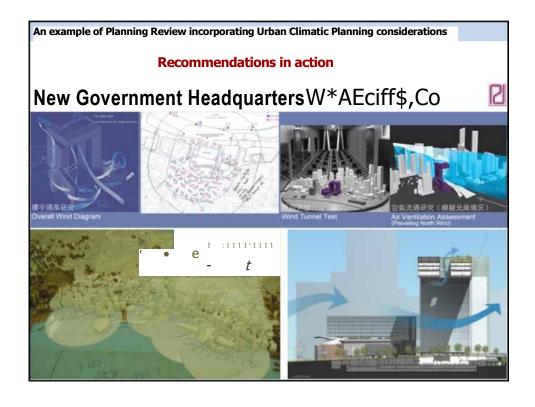




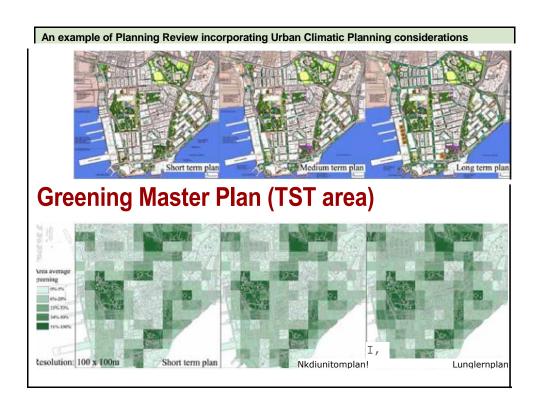


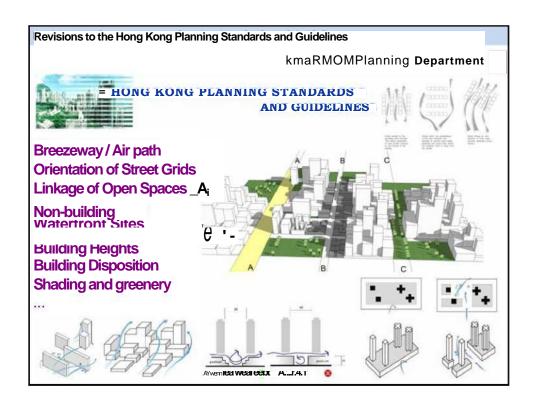


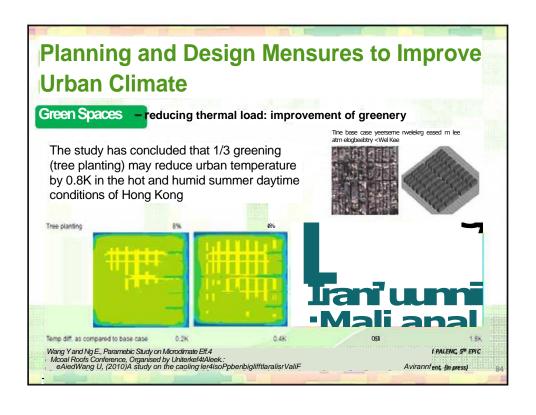


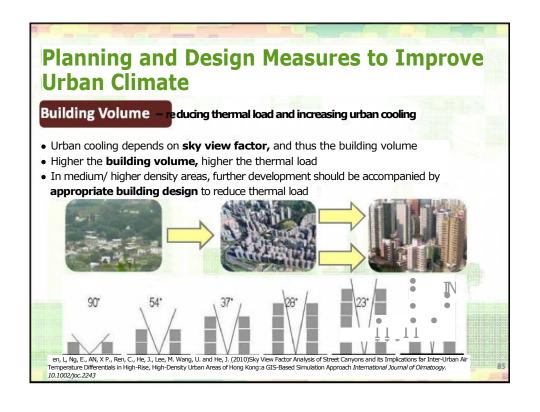


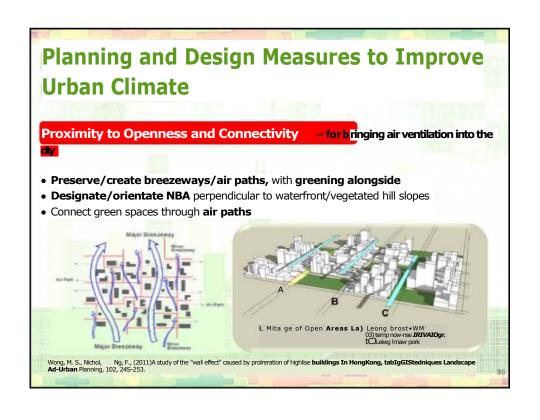


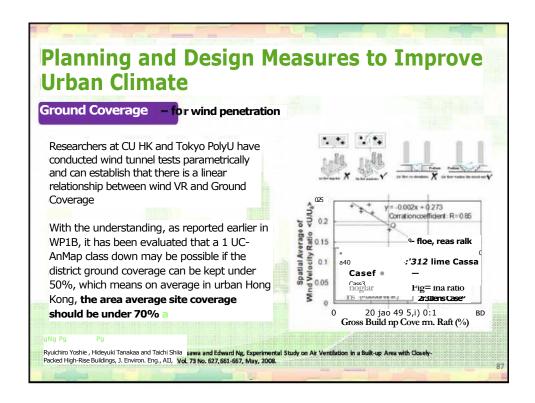


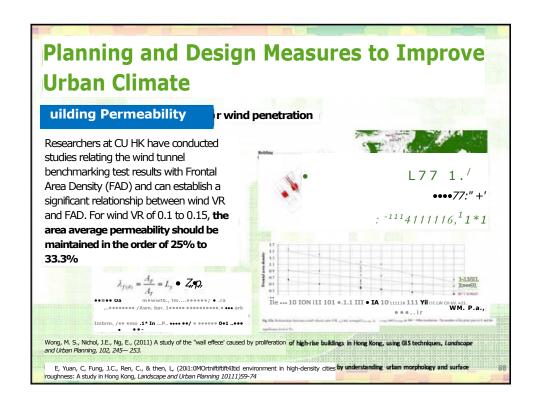


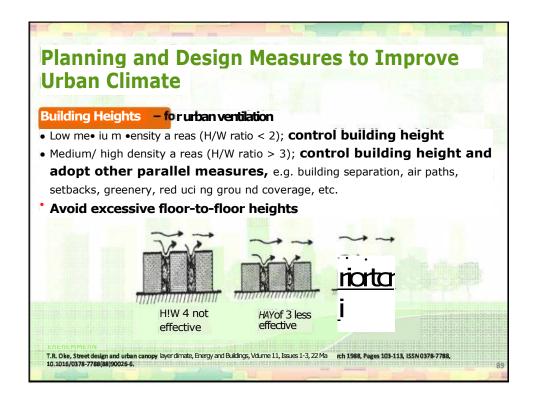


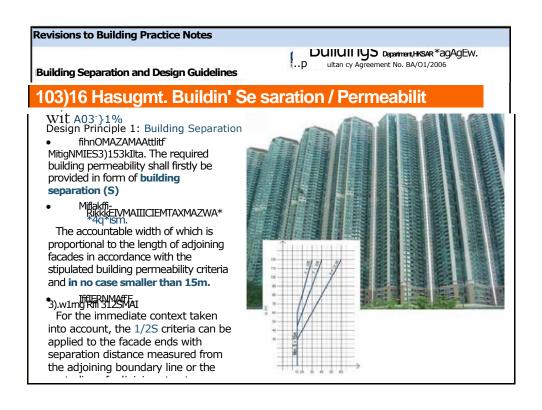












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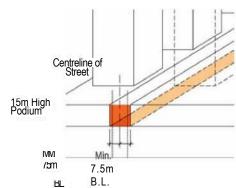
Street set back and non building areas

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Building Se ck / Minimum Secional Area of Urban Canyon at Pedestrian Zone

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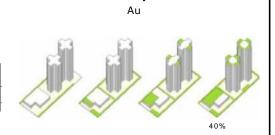
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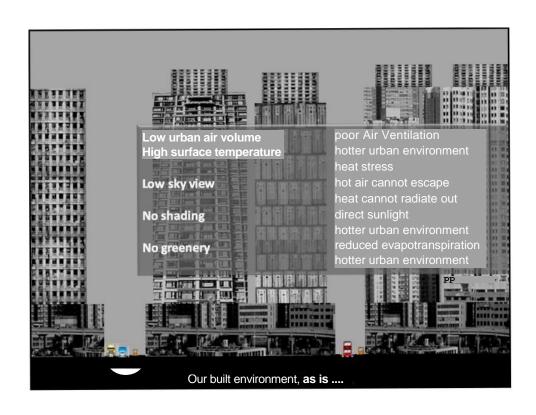
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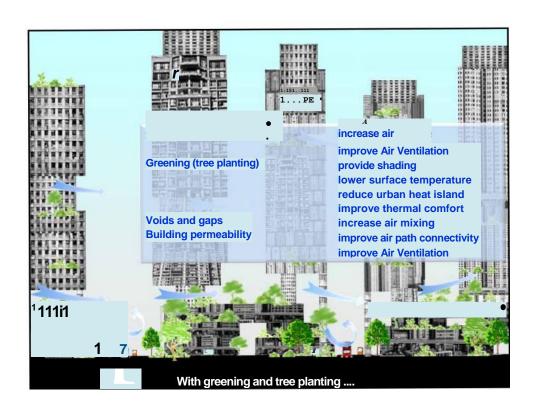
Site Area	Site Coverage of Greenery
1,000 s.m.	Min. 20%
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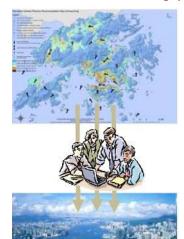
The definition on site coverage of greenery can be similar to the current site coverage control of building in individual development sites. The inspection and maintenance of coverage of such greenery coverage can be checked by aerial photographs.





The need for communication

We recommended the Govt setting up a special Urban Climate for Planning section



(World Meteorological Organisation-WCC3) "The consideration of Urban climatology for planning is necessary"

Planners must be assisted by and work with urban climatologists when interpreting and applying the information of the map.

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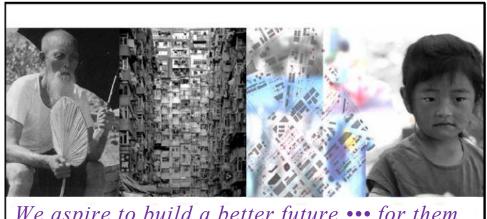
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Conclusion

Since their introduction 40 years ago, worldwide interest in urban climatic map (UCMap) studies has grown. Today, there are over 15 countries around the world processingtheir own climatic maps, developing urban climaticguidelines, and implementing mitigation measures for local planning practices. Facing the global issue of climate change, it is also necessary to include the changing climaticconsiderations holisticallyand strategically in the planning process, and to update city plans.

















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I passed a dying tree one day. It bore a single leaf. A breeze of smoke swept over it, And nothing left was green. I looked at my surroundings So bleak, so black, so bland. It used to flow with life and love, What happened to this land?

I thought how many others Had seen the same or worse. How many acts of carelessness Did it take to earn this curse? How many trees had been cut down? How many species gone? We seem to have forgotten that We've one world to live on.

I saw the glow of lights one day, While everything was still. I thought about our future life And felt a sudden chill. I wondered just how many times Those unused lights burned on, To have to see this hell on earth And think there's nothing wrong.

I thought about a change of plan, While we've still time to start To revive this dying earth of ours With actions from our heart. I thought about a life where We could see tomorrow's dawn, So let us not forget that We've one world to live on.

Simon Ng

Air Ventilation Assessment technical guideline:

http://www.devb.gov.hkifilemanager/technicalcircula rs/e niuDload/15/1/itc-2006-01-0-1. pdf

AVA register:

http://www.pland.gov.hk/pland en/info serv/ava reRister/Rovernment.html

Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines:

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Urban Climatic Map and Wind **Standard**:

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