

#### IEA PVPS Task 16 Parallel Event



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# **Solar resource for cities (solar cadastres)**

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Technology Collaboration Programme

### The rationale behind solar in cities





Suggested reading: "Renewables in Cities 2021: Global Status Report" (REN21)



#### Renewed expectations for urban PV

#### 100 European cities take up the challenge to become carbon neutral by 2030

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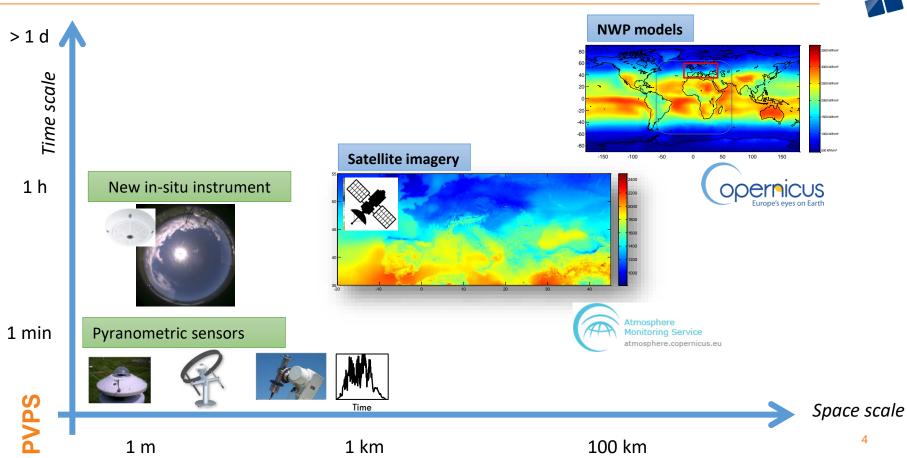
#### Wide-scale use of solar technology in cities would almost cover their full energy needs

/ Alexandru Micu — November 11, 2021 in Environment, News, Renewable Energy, Science





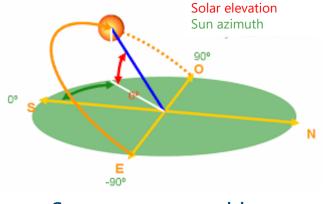
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It's more than just looking at





Sun apparent position



Aerosols, water vapour, ozone

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- Find additional information in the extra slides Left figure adapted from "Guia da Energia Solar – Concurso Solar Padre Himalaya"
  - Right photo: Calima event in Lyon (France), February 2021

## Shadowing, or "what can't we avoid in cities?"

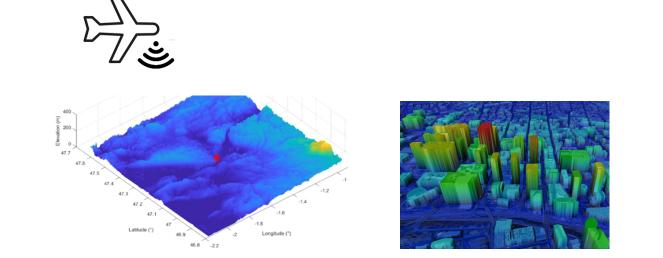


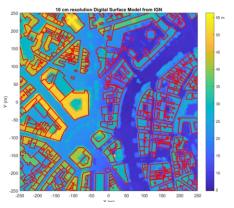


Source: YouTube video from ArcGIS

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Digital Terrain Models

Digital Surface Models

**Building Cadasters** 



Find additional information in the extra slides



#### Static solar cadasters: until not so long ago, the greatest thing to have









#### Reality is more dynamic than a static image



Source: YouTube video from ArcGIS

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Static and limited information (e.g., annual sum for a typical year)

Driven by technical constraints





Heavy computation

Lots of data

But was sufficient when PV was still shy and Feed-in-Tariffs "ruled the world"





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Shifting from static to dynamic cadasters





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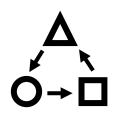


cloud-based

scalable



On demand On time



Inter-operable

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EuroGEO Showcases: Applications Powered by Europe

4 years (2019-2023)

60 partners, 7 showcases

Promote use of Earth Observation data

Based on co-designed demo pilots https://e-shape.eu/





The e-shape project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement 820852

### Work developed in e-shape project



Integrating our shadowing module in:

- Self-consumption simulator
- Solar forecasting service
- Urban planning tool





Our e-shape outputs (papers, ppts, posters)

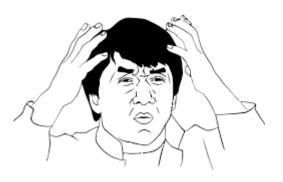
Video recording of a demo (self-consumption use-case)

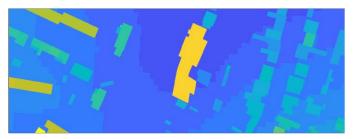
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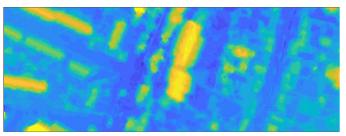
# Some concluding self-promotion

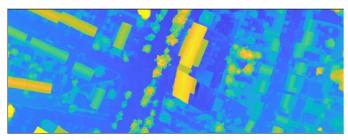
Will be by poster 4BV.4.27 in 15 mins

- Rise in DSM sources
- Same area, different information
- What gives?!











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# Solar power to the cities !

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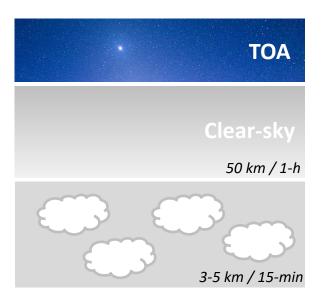


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#### **Extra slides**



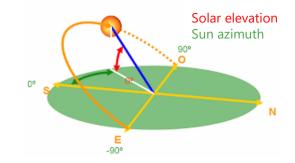




Solar constant =  $1361 \text{ W.m}^{-2} \text{ *}$ 

#### Earth-Sun distance

#### Sun apparent position\*\*





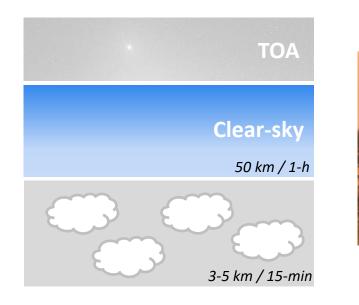
\*Gueymard (2018), doi: 10.1016/j.solener.2018.04.001

\*\* Blanc et al. (2012), doi: 10.1016/j.solener.2012.07.018

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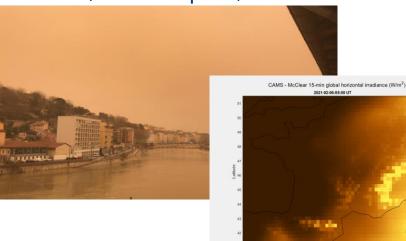
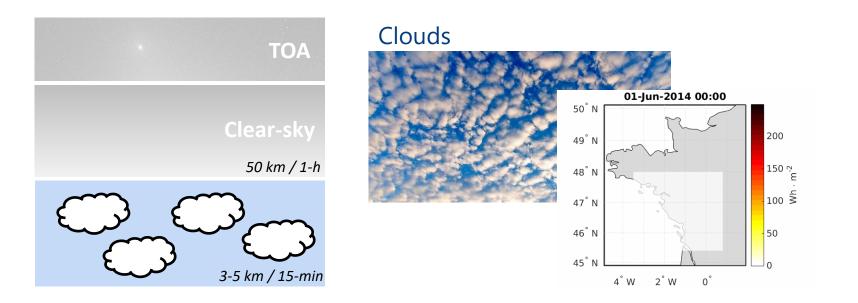




Photo: Calima event in Lyon (France), February 2021 Animation: impact of same event on solar irradiance in clear-sky conditions Lefèvre et al. (2013), doi: 10.5194/amt-6-2403-2013 Longitude

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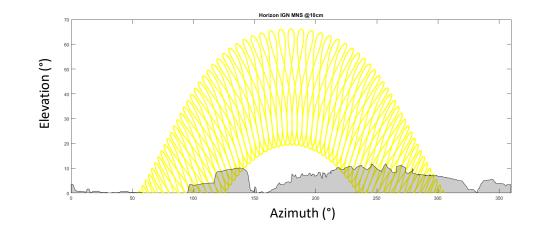




Mapping the surrounding horizon for each pixel (both from terrain and urban orography – DEM and DSM)

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Horizon profile\* (gray filled polygon) superimposed with the annual Sun path (yellow dots)