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# **Exploration of Sustainable Urban Cooling in Guangzhou**

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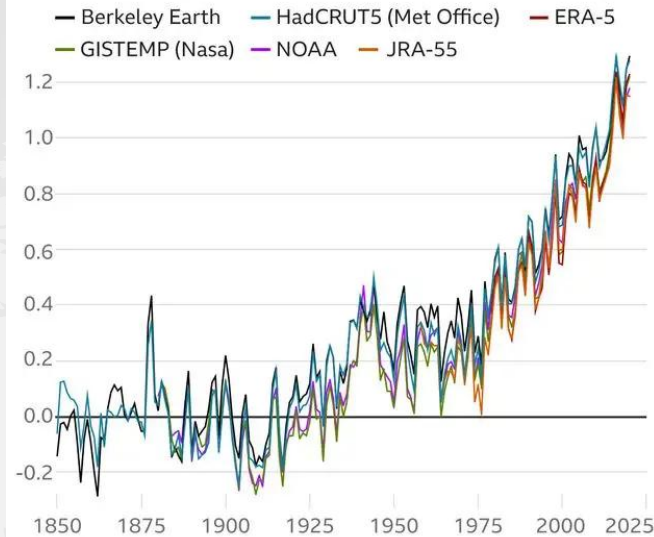
# Guangzhou's climate change challenges



# Addressing Climate Crisis Requires Global Collaboration

## Temperature rise since 1850

Global mean temperature change from pre-industrial levels, °C



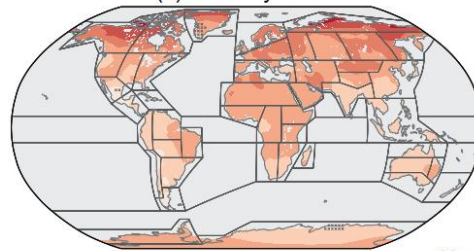
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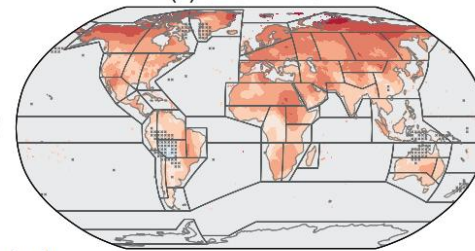
Trends in global temperature changes since 1850 (BBC)

## Trends of annual temperature (1961-2015)

(a) Berkeley Earth



(b) CRU TS 4.04



°C per decade  
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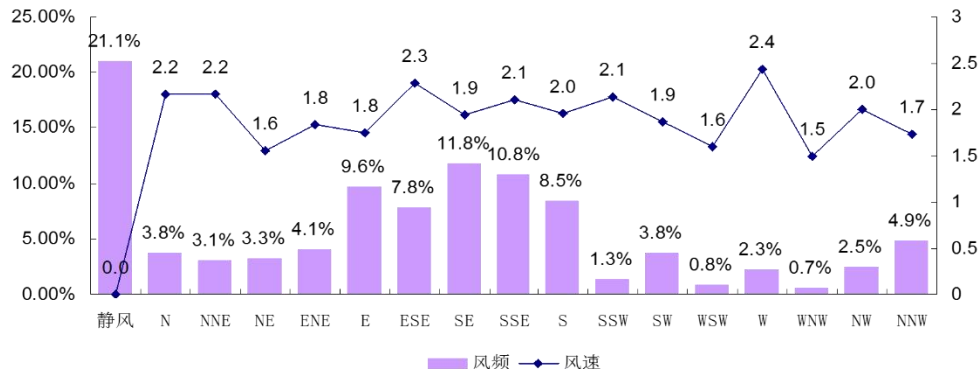
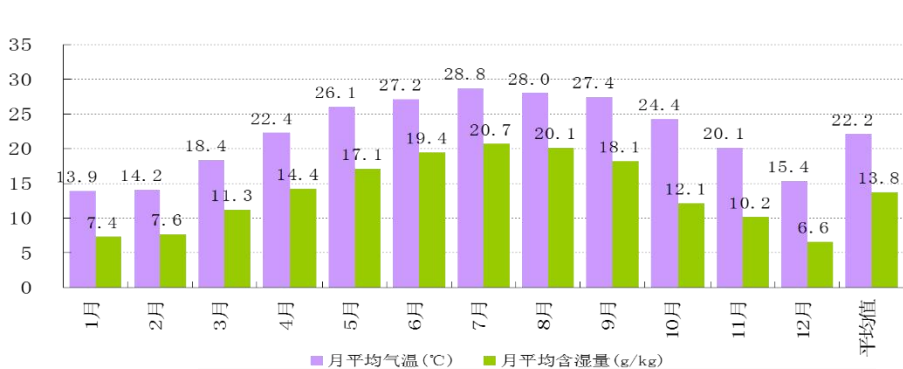
## Trends of annual temperature (IPCC 6th Climate Impact Report)



News report on extreme high temperatures in Europe in June 2022

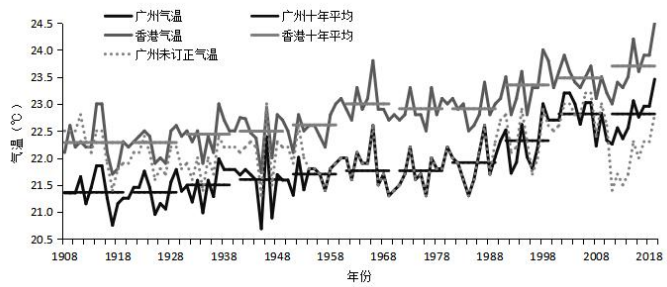
# Climate Issues and Challenges

- Subtropical monsoon climate: concurrent rain and heat, high temperatures, humidity, and heavy rainfall.

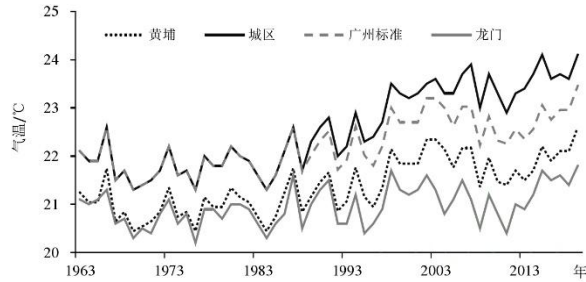


Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average highest temperature (°C)	18.29	18.08	22.15	25.88	30.05	30.89	33.43	32.25	31.81	28.93	25.28	21.22
Average lowest temperature (°C)	10.60	11.08	15.21	19.90	22.67	24.71	25.71	25.29	24.08	20.81	16.23	11.24
Average relative humidity (%)	74.10	74.30	83.05	84.13	79.35	84.51	81.85	83.31	77.97	60.86	67.66	61.00
Daytime comfort level	C	C	N	N	H	H	H	H	H	N	N	C
Nighttime comfort level	C	C	C	N	H	H	H	H	H	N	C	C

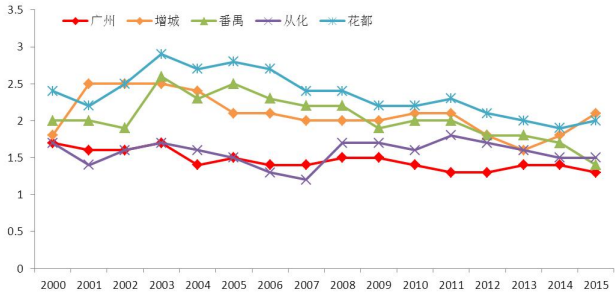
# Urban Heat Islands and Extreme Weather Risks



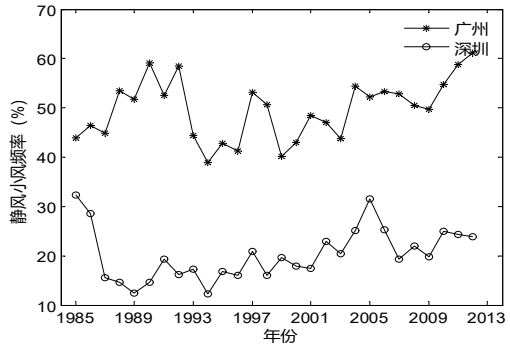
Average urban warming rate is 1.39°C per century



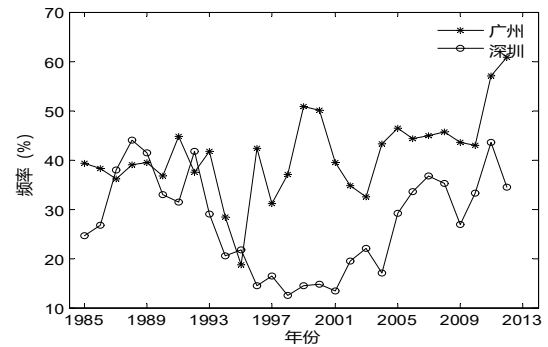
The contribution of urbanization to warming is 56%



The average wind speed in cities has decreased by 30% over the past 20 years.



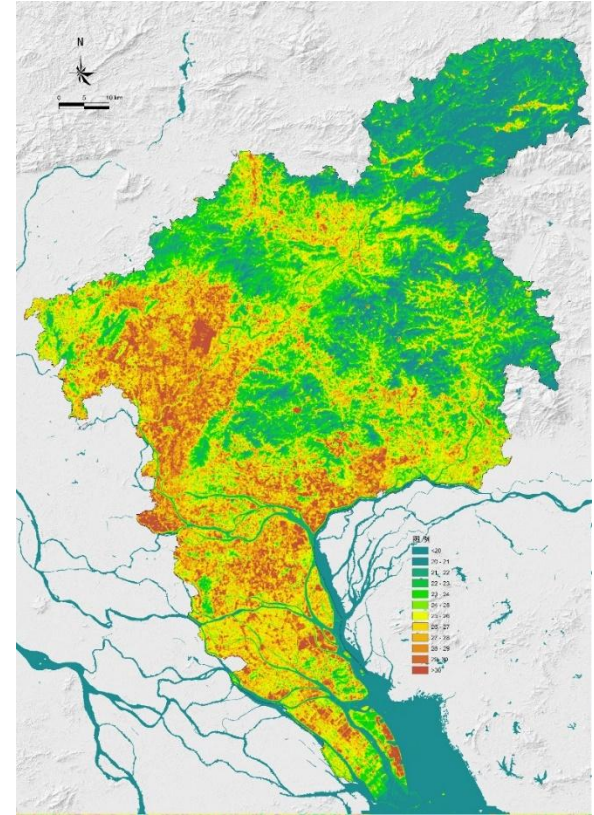
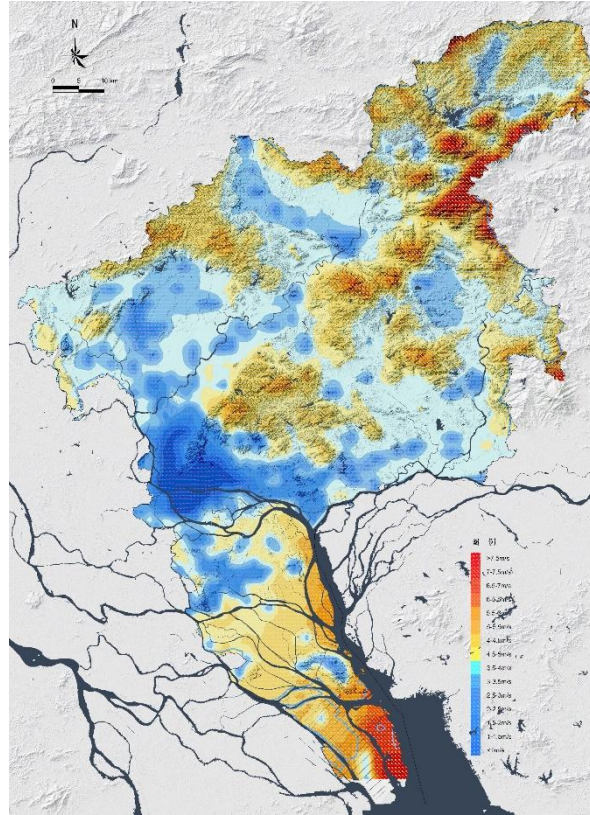
The frequency of calm and light winds has increased by 6.1% per decade.



The frequency of prevailing winds has increased by 3.7% per decade.

# Urban Heat Islands and Heatwaves

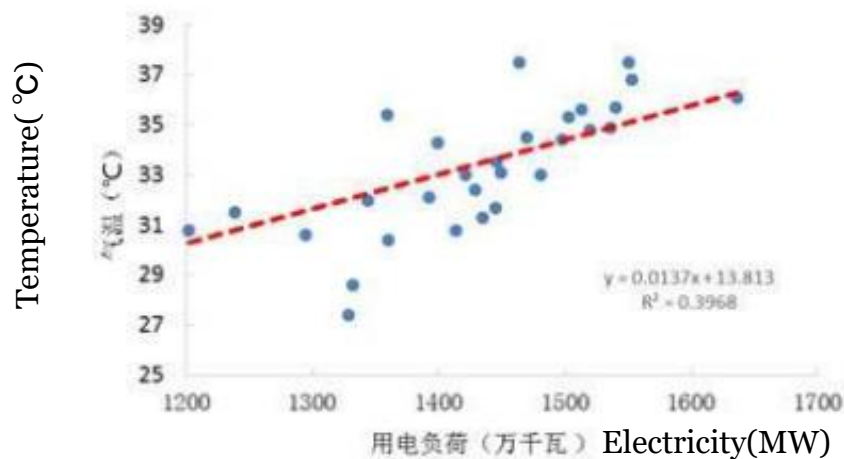
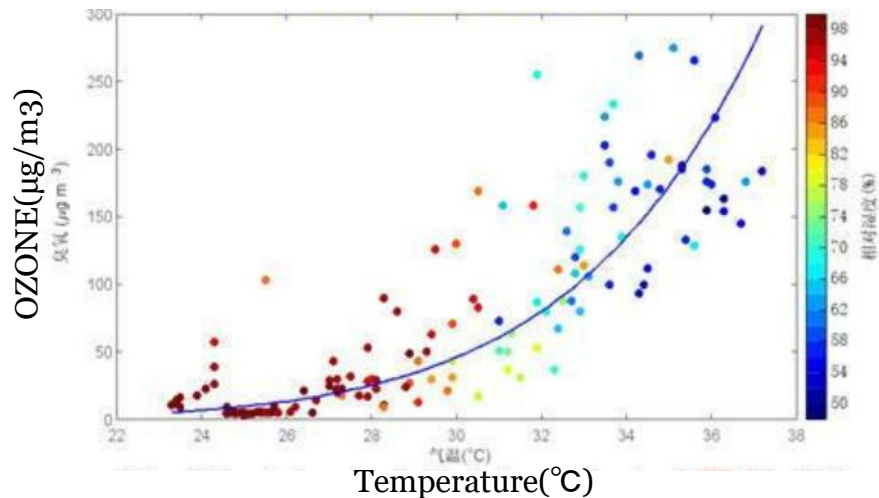
- **Urban heat island** concentration zones and **calm wind** core areas have been formed.
- **Heatwaves** have become more frequent, and may become a new normal in the future.



Guangzhou's densely built-up areas have formed distinct **urban heat island concentration zones** and **calm and light wind core areas**.

□ Warming has adverse effects on environmental quality and public health

□ High demand for cooling and high energy consumption



**Typical Environment**

**Representative City**

**Universal Problem**



**Guangzhou: Exploring a Sample of Global Sustainable Cooling**



**Responding to expectations of international and national communities  
Showcasing responsibility and mission as a mega-city**





# Urban Cooling: New Issue in Urban Sustainability

In 2019, the World Bank launched **Sustainable Urban Cooling program**.

In 2020, Guangzhou was selected as the first pilot city to carry out the "**China Sustainable Urban Cooling Project**".

## Pilot Tasks

Assist Guangzhou in selecting **cooling strategies** that can be integrated into urban planning.

Select and carry out **pilot projects**.

Help Guangzhou **share experiences and knowledge** with cities at home and abroad.



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### *China Sustainable Urban Cooling Pilot Project in Guangzhou*

On behalf of the World Bank, I am pleased to inform the Municipal Government that Guangzhou has been selected as pilot city for a World Bank funded China Sustainable Urban Cooling Project. This project, which was approved by the World Bank's Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) late last year, aims to (i) assist the city of Guangzhou to identify cooling strategies to be incorporated into urban planning; (ii) carry out pilots in the selected sites; and (iii) help share the experience and knowledge with cities in China and other countries. The specific activities to be financed are included in the annex to this letter.

The proposed work directly links to the ongoing preparation of a World Bank's technical support program to China on sustainable cities, which includes components on land use planning to address urban heat island effects. This program includes the establishment of a knowledge exchange platform connecting cities in China and around the world. It is our hope that the work to be carried out in Guangzhou will provide valuable insight to be shared on this platform.

We are excited about working with the city of Guangzhou and looking forward to strengthening our collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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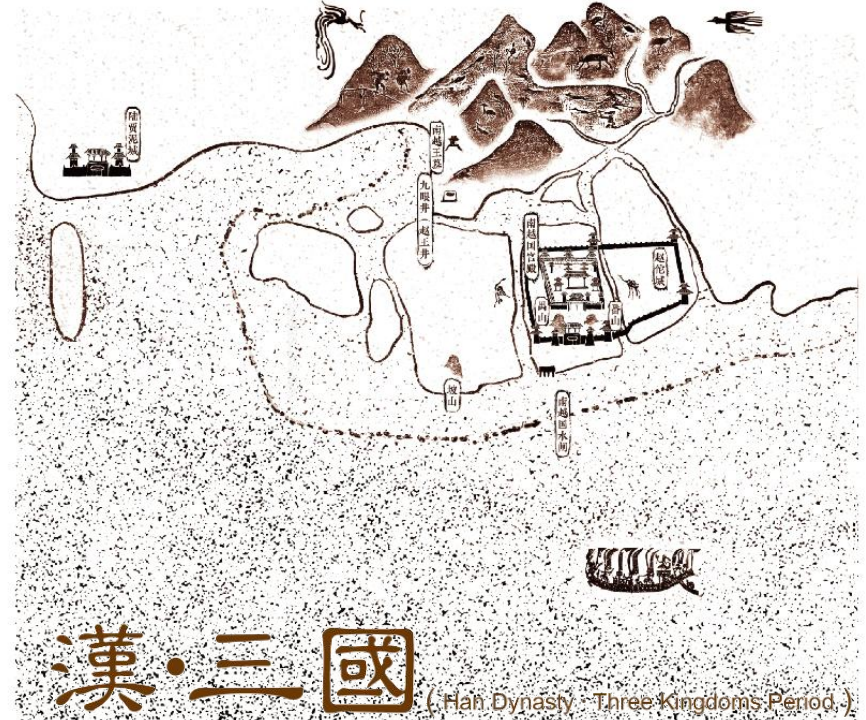
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## Guangzhou's Cool City practice and exploration



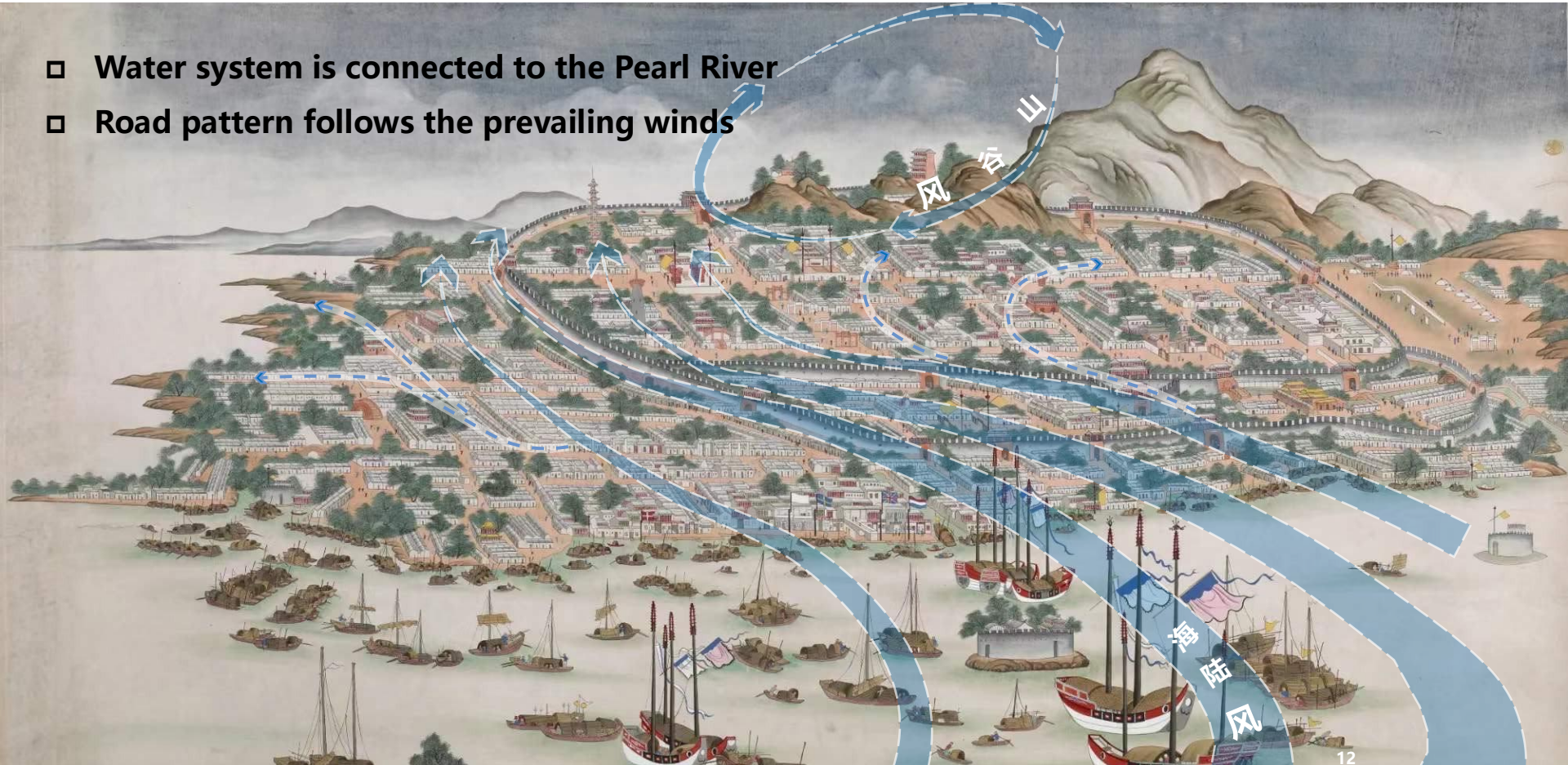
# Historical Climate Adaptation in City Location

- Mountains in north can block the cold wind from the northwest in winter.
- The summer wind is unimpeded since the city is facing the southeastern coast.



# Historical Climate Adaptation in Urban Spatial Pattern

- ❑ Water system is connected to the Pearl River
- ❑ Road pattern follows the prevailing winds



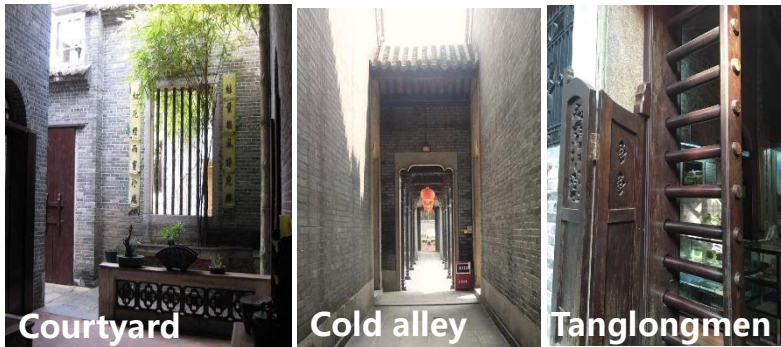


**Traditional villages layouts: with water ponds in the front ,houses in the back and alleyways in comb shapes**

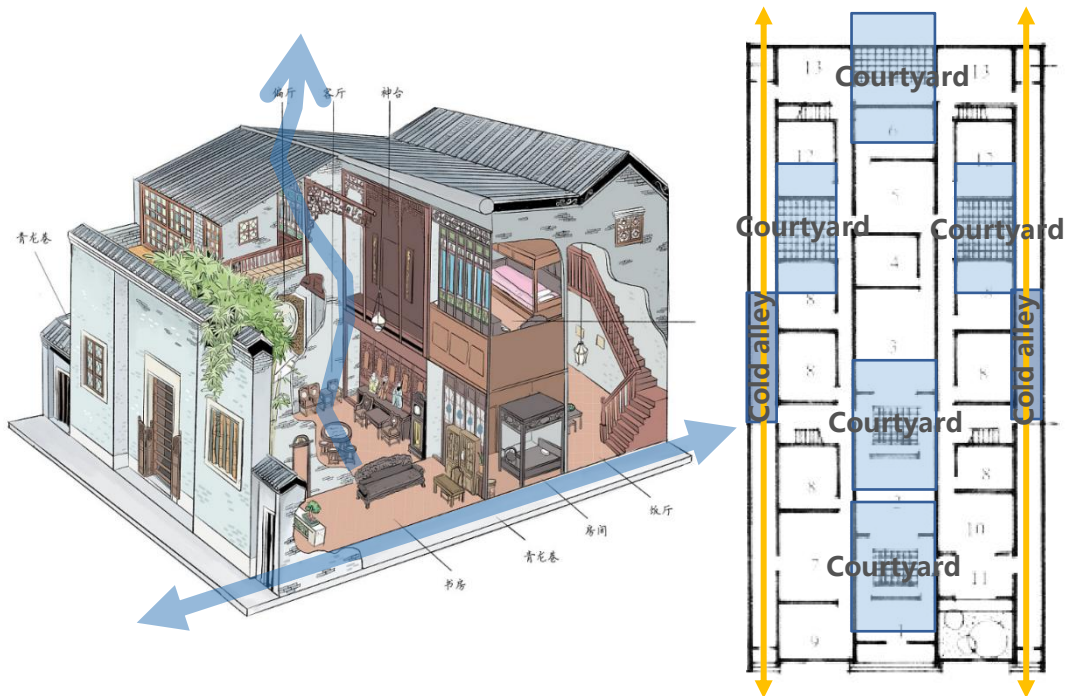
# Historical Climate Adaptation in Traditional Lingnan Architecture

Climate-adaptive construction experiences in ventilation, insulation and shading.

Passive cooling measures in traditional lingnan architecture

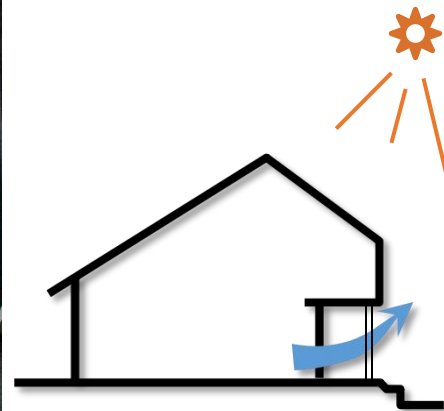


Xiguan Mansion in Guangzhou



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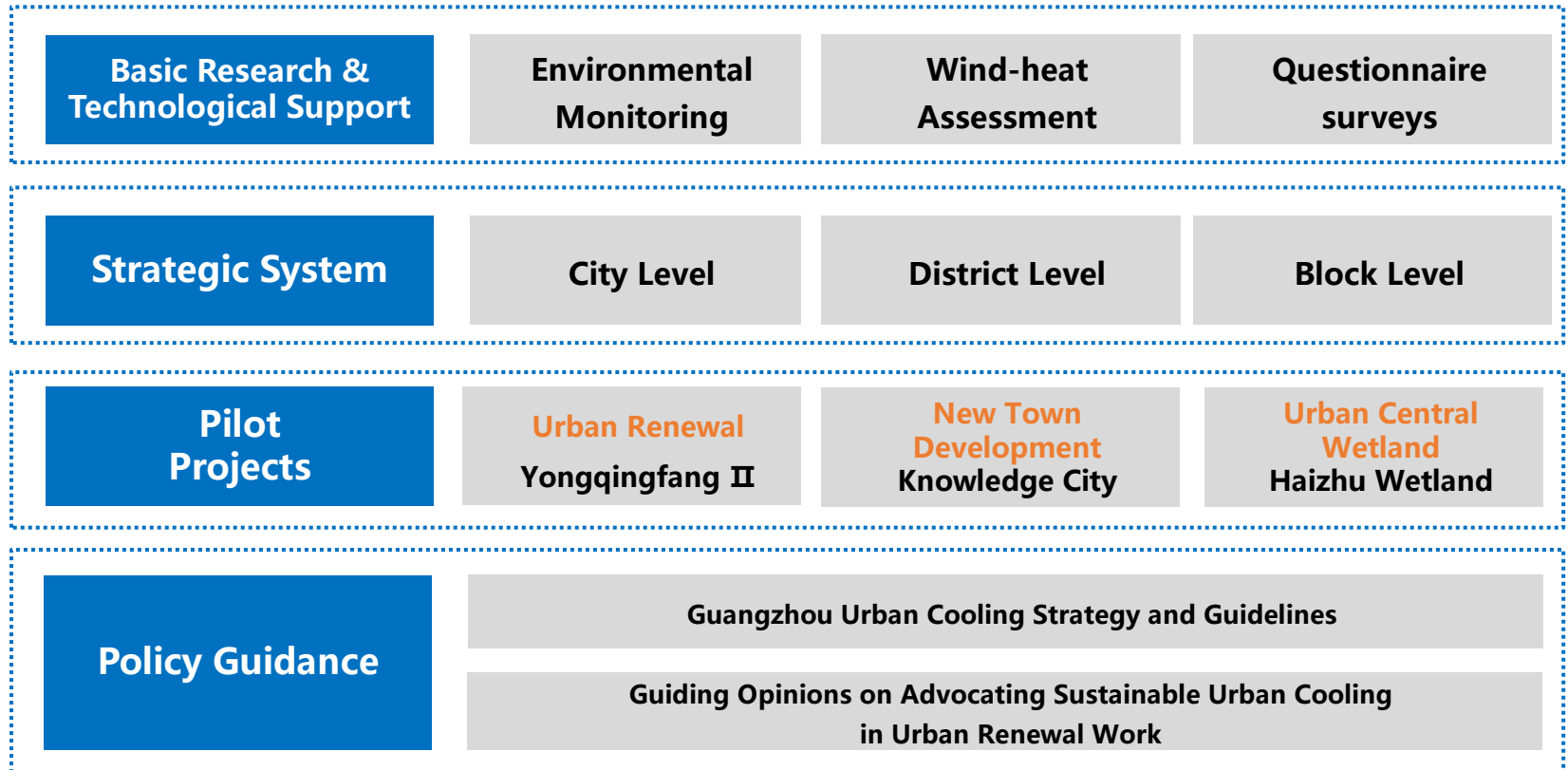
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## Arcade:

Built on stilts, create a comfortable walking space providing shade and ventilation.

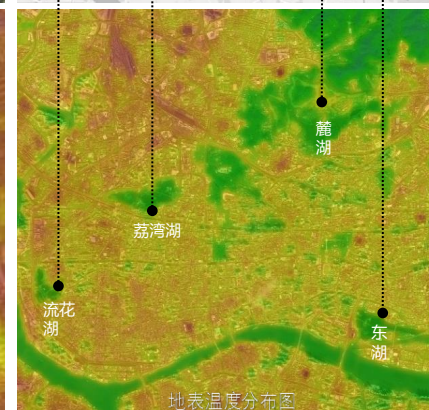
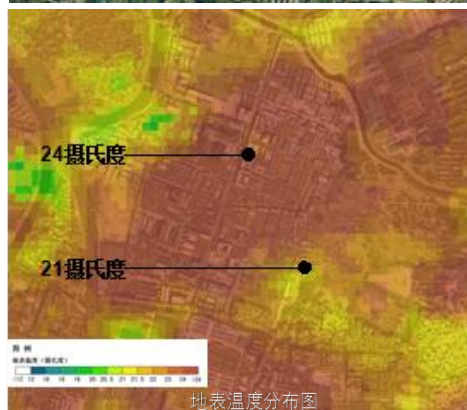
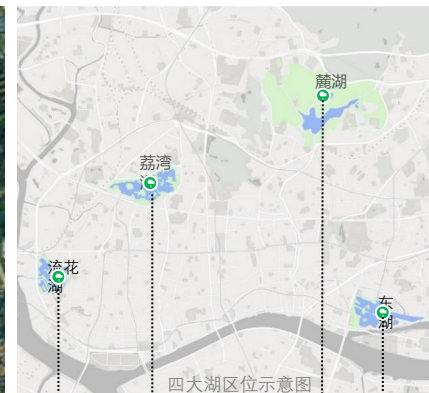
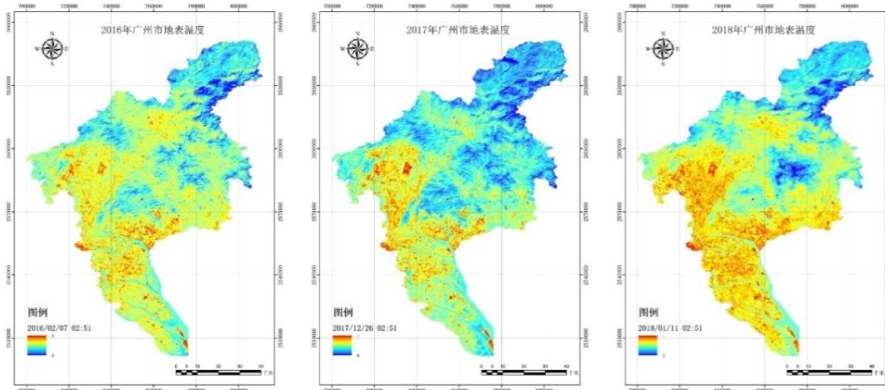
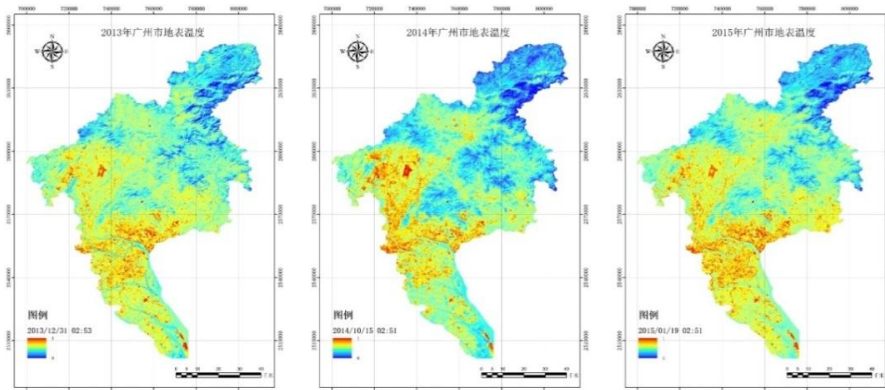
# Action Framework





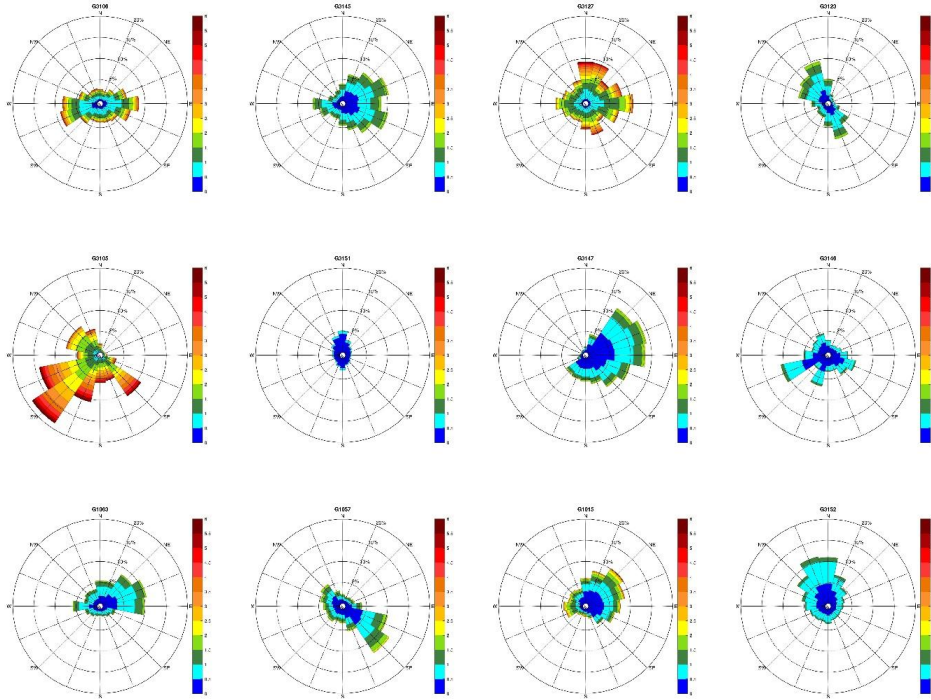
# URBAN HEAT ISLAND PATTERN

Studied the relationship between the distribution pattern of urban heat island and land use.

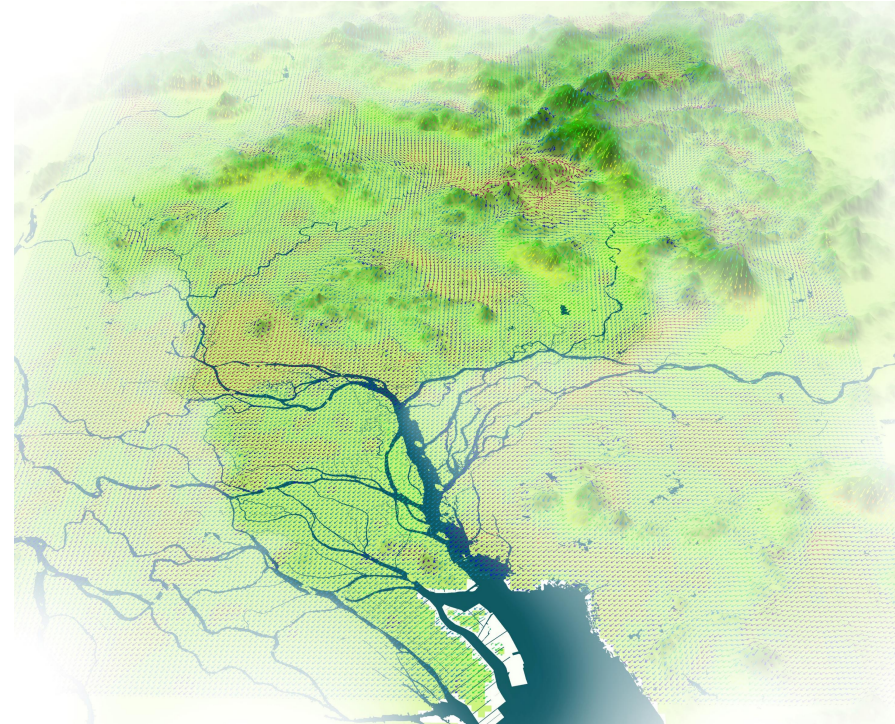


# WIND FIELD PATTERN

Explored different wind field characteristics and Identified areas needs to be improved.



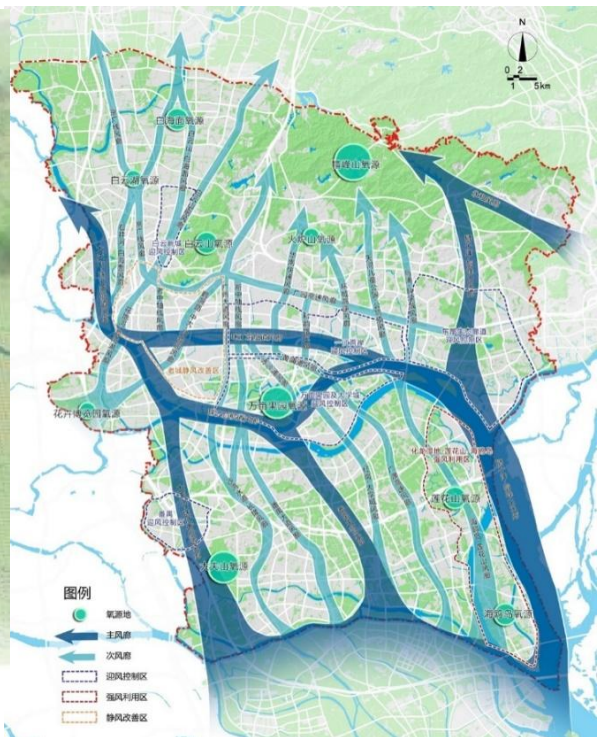
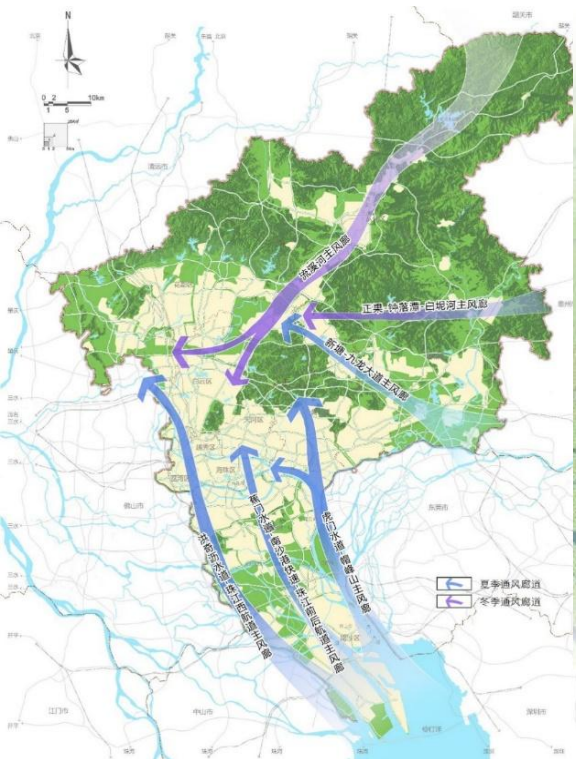
Wind rose diagram of the meteorological station



WRF WIND MAP

# Urban Level: Establish Ventilation Corridors, Promote Natural Ventilation

Build a "six-main and multi-level" ventilation corridor system by combining open spaces such as green areas, rivers, and roads.

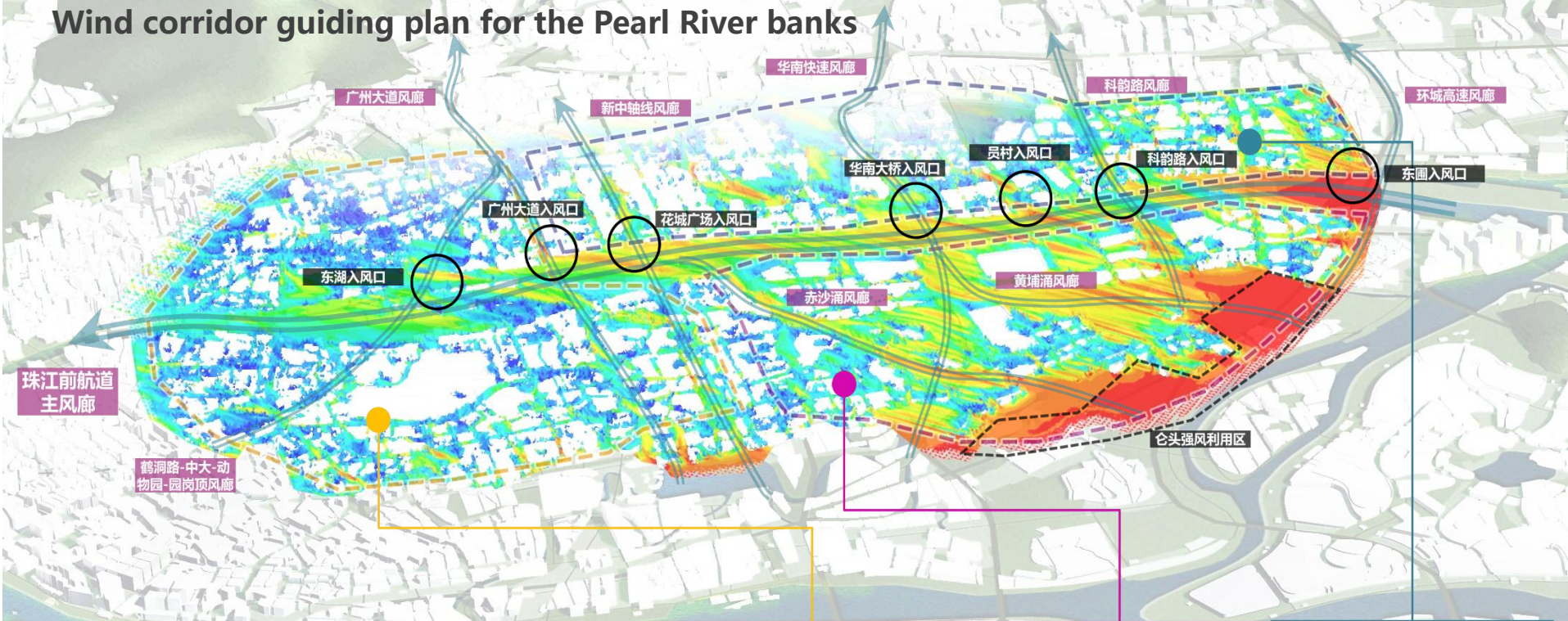


ventilation corridor system of Guangzhou

# Combining urban design, control the development intensity, open space, and building width of the ventilation corridors.



# Wind corridor guiding plan for the Pearl River banks



• **核心区“西弱东强”格局明显：**根据Fluent对重点管控区盛行东南风的模拟结果，珠江前航道东部两岸廊道风速相对较高，是影响城市风环境的关键地区，应对入风口进行严格管控；西部老城区通风潜力低，注重集中建设区的风道挖潜。

**老城静风改善区：**  
旧城更新过程中须进行风环境模拟评估，严格执行建设指引以改善周边环境，沿岸地区优先考虑风道挖潜。

**海珠迎风控制区：**  
盛行东南风进入重点管控区的主要入口，应限制开发  
• 仑头强风利用区限制开发，保持开敞性；  
• 南北向通风廊道周边严控增量。

**东部迎风控制区：**  
• 通风廊道周边加强布局控制，维持畅通；  
• 有效入风口严控增量，严禁屏风建筑，建筑设计须考虑风向严格执行建设指引。

▭ 强风利用区

○ 有效入风口



# Pilot projects of old town generation and new town development



## Yongqingfang II

Site and architectural level

Urban renewal flagship project

Market-driven

Towards implementation



## Knowledge City

Block level

Benchmark for eco-cities

Government-led, market implementation

Towards planning and management

# Engaging multiple stakeholders

A collaborative platform was built for the government, developers, experts, and planners to promote the implementation of cooling strategies.

集体决策



与设计团队沟通



采访居民、业主和商户



技术团队内部讨论



与施工团队沟通



与开发商沟通



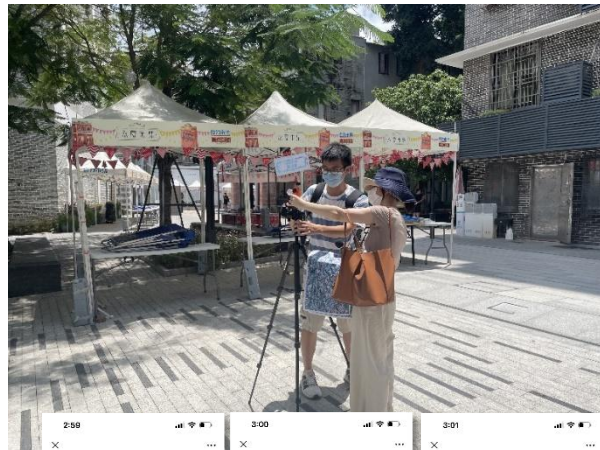
与政府机构沟通



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# Conduct Thermal Comfort Survey, Promote Public Participation

Combining questionnaires and interviews, investigate residents' heat preferences and improvement needs.

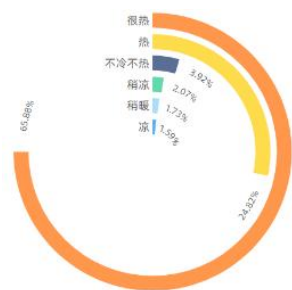




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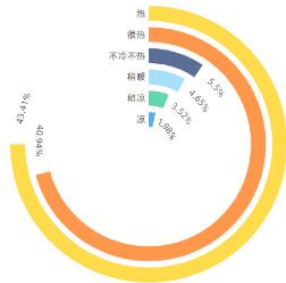
## Thermal sensation

**90%** think it's hot outdoors in summer



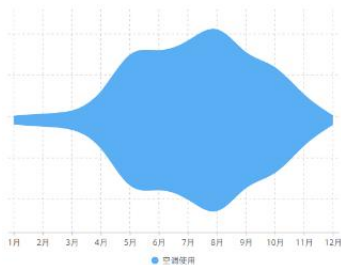
Indoor temperature without air conditioning:

**84%** feel hot, very hot



## Air conditioner usage

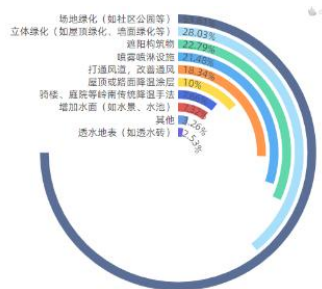
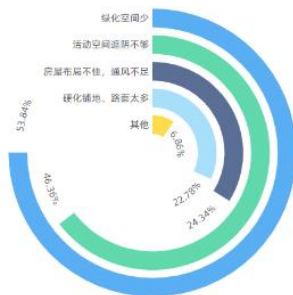
The annual air conditioning usage is up to **6** months.



**50%** of residents use air conditioning for more than 8 hours.

## Living environment

The biggest issue: lack of **green spaces**



Improvement measures: site and **vertical greening**

# Conduct Thermal Walk, Study Thermal Environment Mechanism

Conducting pedestrian perception experiments, collecting data on subjective and objective thermal comfort, building microclimate perception analysis models.



Site Monitoring



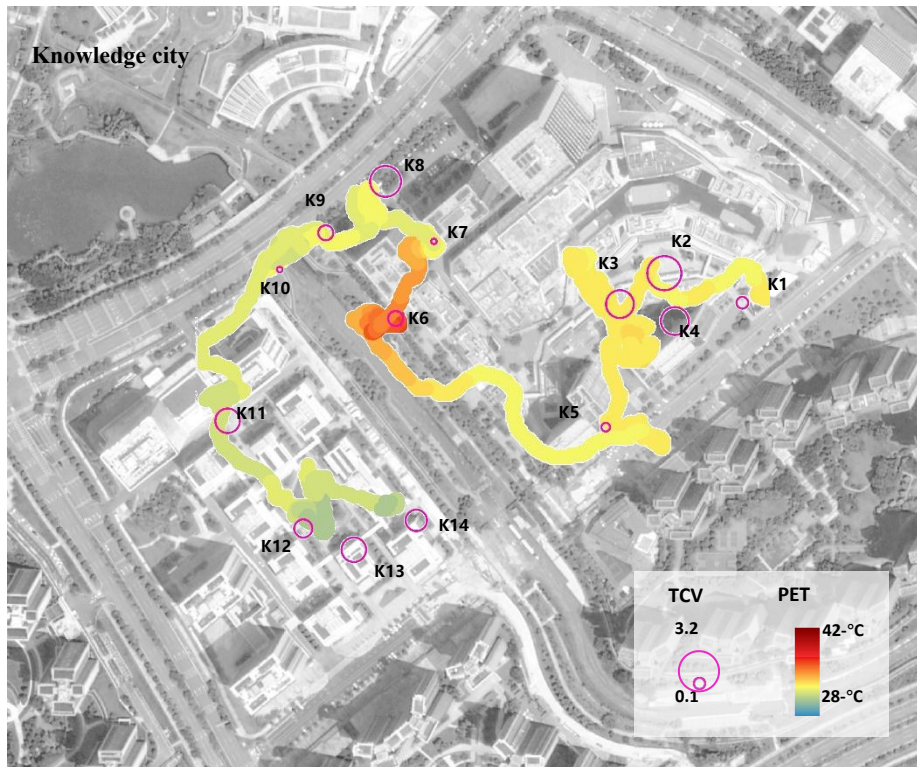
Mobile Monitoring



Experimental Site

# Conduct Thermal Walk, Study Thermal Environment Mechanism

Investigating how the built environment of a city affects people's comfort levels





Guangdong Opera Museum

# Yongqingfang II

- ✓ Improving microclimate in old city renovation.
- ✓ A market-driven urban cooling practice.

Yongqingfang 1

Taihualou in Duobao Section

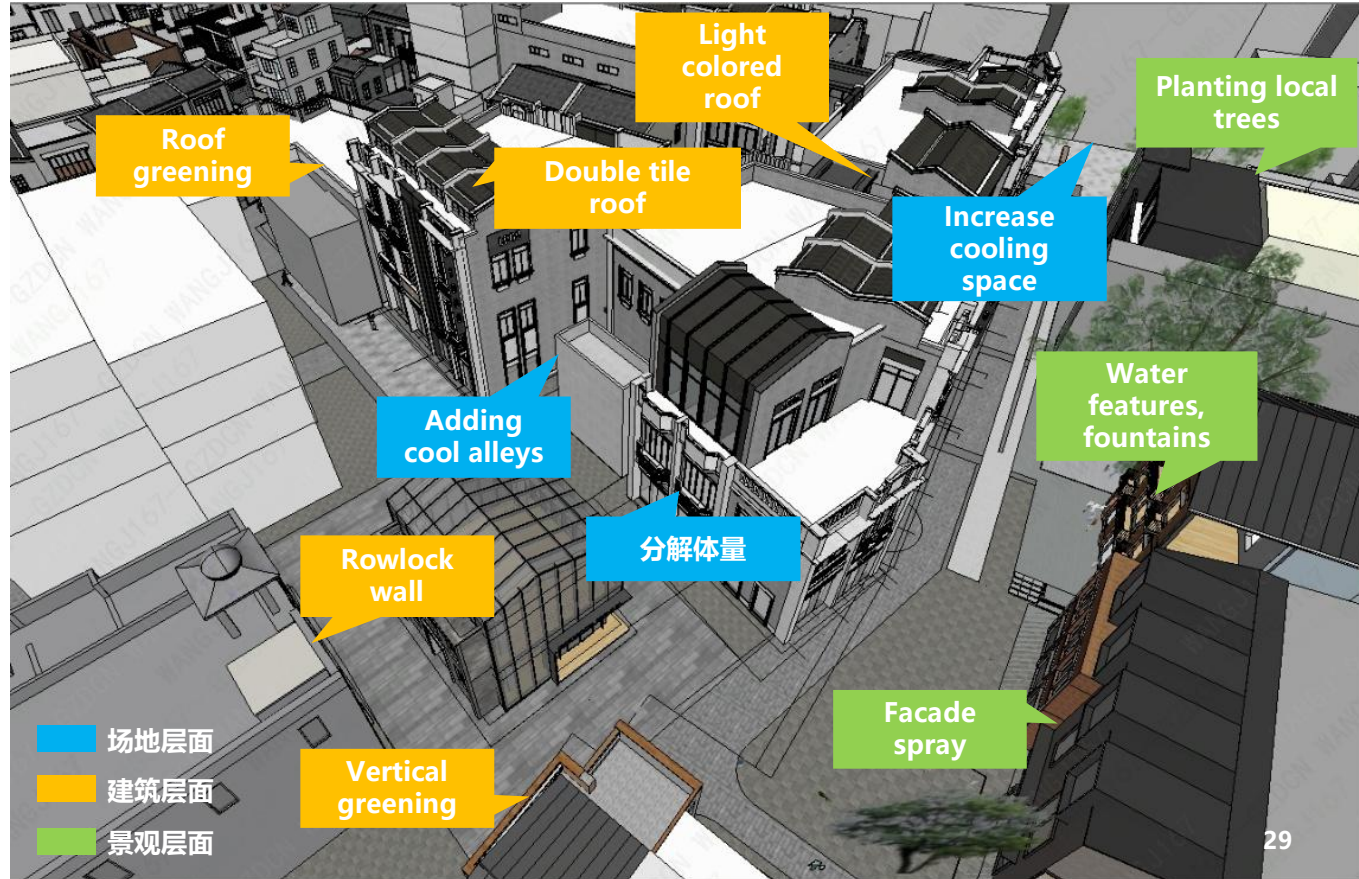
Pilot site:  
Jixiang Section

North Area

South Area

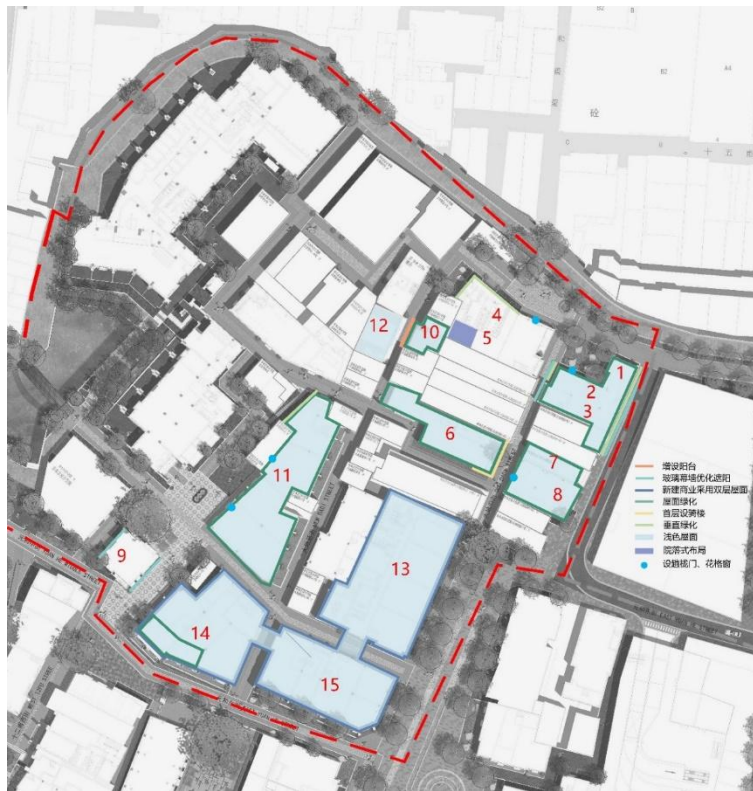
# Key Cooling Measures at Two Levels

- Interpret the wisdom of traditional architecture in ventilation, shading, and insulation.
- Explore the use of low-cost, mature modern technology.



# Yongqingfang II: Urban Cooling in Urban Renewal

Considering property ownership, microclimate conditions, and building characteristics, select 15 cooling sites, covering 9 measures.



	Measures	Description	Location	Size
Traditional Lingnan regional architectural cooling methods	Courtyard layout	Improved courtyard layout to increase ventilation	4, 5	20 m <sup>2</sup>
	Arcades	Usage of arcades or void ground space to offer protection from wind, rain, and excessive sunshine.	6	≈16 m <sup>2</sup>
	Balconies	Installation of balconies on the first floor or above to shield rooms from excessive sunlight.	10	≈27 m <sup>2</sup>
	Flexible doors and windows	Usage of traditional, flexible windows and doors that improve ventilation	2, 5, 8	—
	Double-layered tile roof	Addition of double-layered tile surfaces.	13, 14, 15	≈350 m <sup>2</sup>
	Passive shading	Installation of shading structures on the east, west, and south curtain walls, as well as on rooftop skylights	1, 2, 9	≈320 m <sup>2</sup>
Modern low-cost cooling measures	Cool roof	Addition of a reflective coating on roofs	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15	≈1080 m <sup>2</sup> (minus the sloped roofs)
	Vertical greenery	Installation of vertical greening that will grow up the walls	1, 2, 4, 11	≈240 m <sup>2</sup>
	Green roof	Flexible rooftop greening	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11	Total length ≈50 m
		Fixed rooftop greening	14	≈220 m <sup>2</sup>

# Promote 3D Greening

## Vertical greenery on traditional architecture



垂直绿化可選用竹子等具有古典氣息的地載式植物



# Install Water Mist System

Water mist system on building facades in narrow streets improves thermal comfort





# Build a Shaded Square

The old trees have been preserved and combined with water bodies create a **shaded square** for **cooling off**.



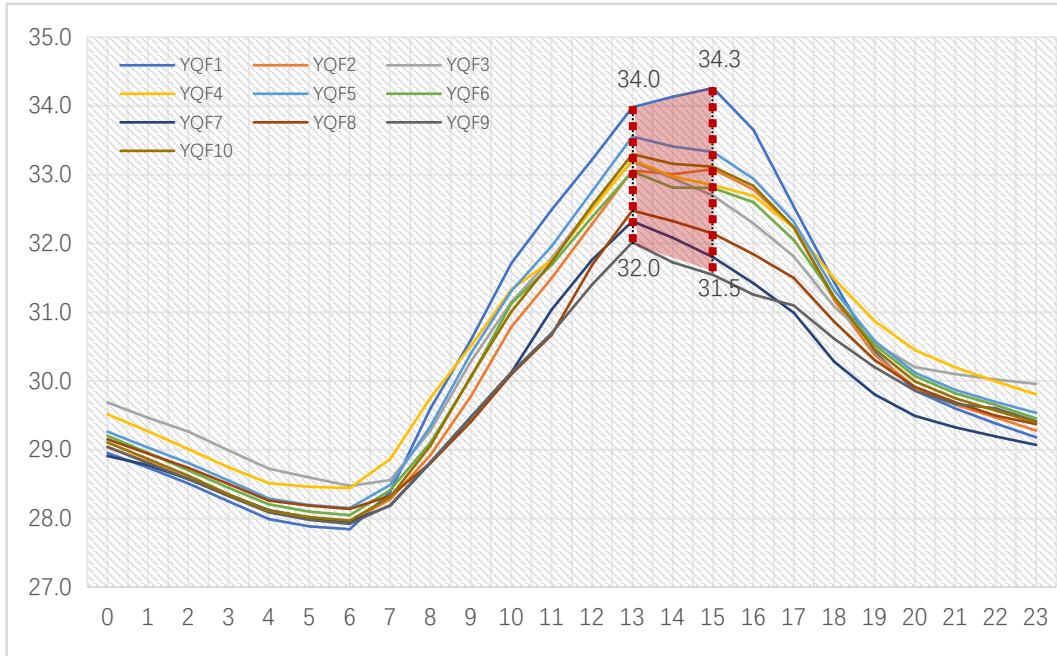
# Conduct Meteorological Monitoring

Thermal monitoring was used to obtain long-term observation data to support the validation of cooling measures.

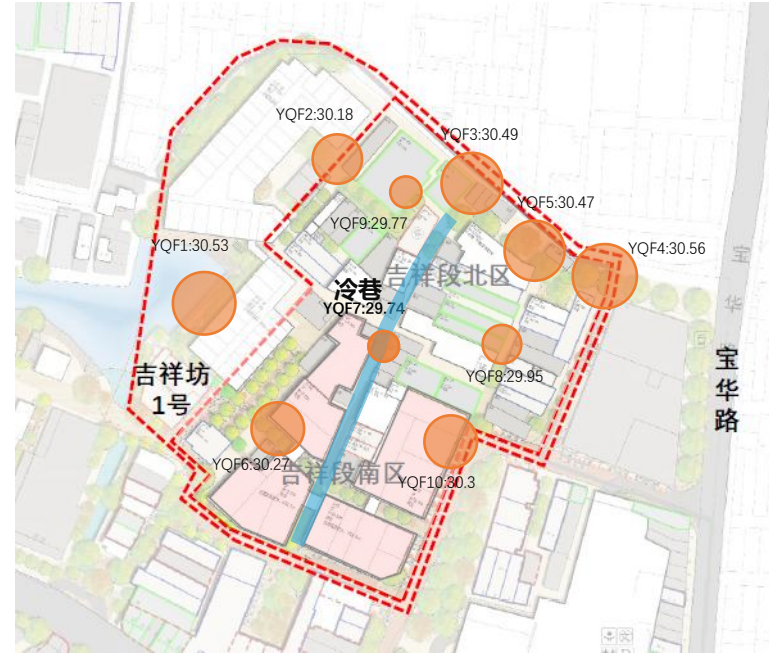


# Yongqingfang II: Urban Cooling in Urban Renewal

The temperature in the cool alleys can be lowered by **2-3 °C** at noon.



24-hour daily temperature variation chart on a typical summer day



Map of the distribution of average temperature in August.

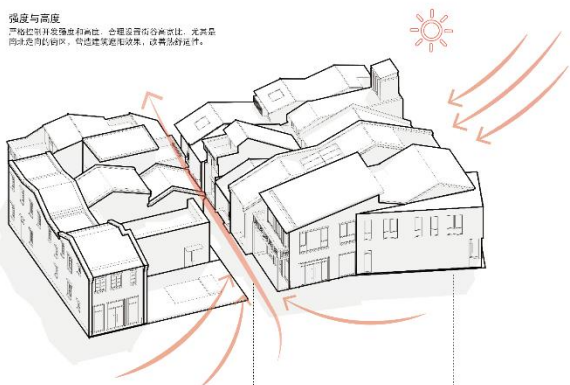
# Cooling Design Guidelines for Planning, Construction, and Management

## 总体布局

合理布局建筑群体，如采用退台建筑或建筑在中庭采用错层布局，形成通风冷巷，引导夏季主导风进入建筑内部，提高室内通风。

## 强度与高度

严格控制建筑强度和高度，合理设置建筑间距，尤其是对周边建筑的风影，防止建筑风影效应，设置遮阳设施。

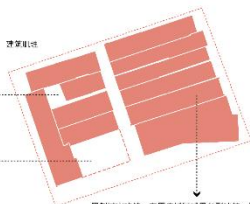


垂直主导风，留出南北向、东西向的通风冷巷，合理布局，利用建筑间距，防止风影。

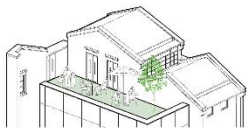
## 建筑间距

错层布置建筑，避免建筑风影效应。

建筑在退台位置设置遮阳板，避免建筑风影效应。



错层建筑，避免建筑风影效应，设置有利通风的建筑间距。



## 立体绿化

充分利用建筑立面、室外平台、空中花园、露台等构件，设置立体绿化，充分利用建筑立面平台、露台等空间设置垂直绿化、空中花园等公共空间绿化景观设施。

在建筑外墙设置以及利用建筑空间较小、其他构筑物，在公共空间设置垂直绿化、空中花园等公共空间绿化景观设施，利用建筑外墙、露台等设置垂直绿化景观设施。

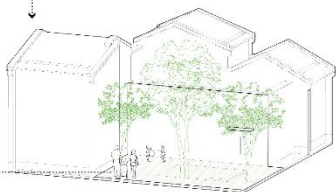


## 垂直绿化

设置垂直绿化，充分利用建筑立面平台、露台等空间设置垂直绿化、空中花园等公共空间绿化景观设施。

## 设施

设置雨水收集系统，结合雨水管网、蓄水池等设施，设置雨水收集系统，使雨水进行有效利用，提高雨水利用率和雨水品质。



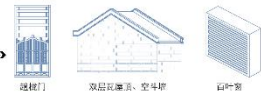
## 建筑设计

结合当地建筑历史文化风格，传承传统建筑风貌，充分采用与建筑相协调、耐候等适应气候的建筑材料，减少建筑热吸收，降低建筑能耗。



## 材料与构件

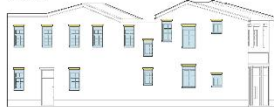
保温、遮阳等传统建筑特色有助于降低建筑围护结构热传导，降低建筑能耗。遮阳、遮阳门等有助于建筑被动式通风、双层玻璃、空气层则通过空气层隔热作用降低能耗。



## 基础设施

增加建筑遮阳、遮阳材料、立面遮阳等被动降温设施。

## 建筑间距




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# Knowledge City

Focusing on the entire process from planning, design to implementation



Green Valley  
Area: 20.6ha

Huanjiulonghu District  
Area: 12.8km<sup>2</sup>

# Knowledge City: Urban Cooling in New Town

- Integrate sustainable cooling concept from the planning stage.
- Transmit the measures to the construction and management phase.



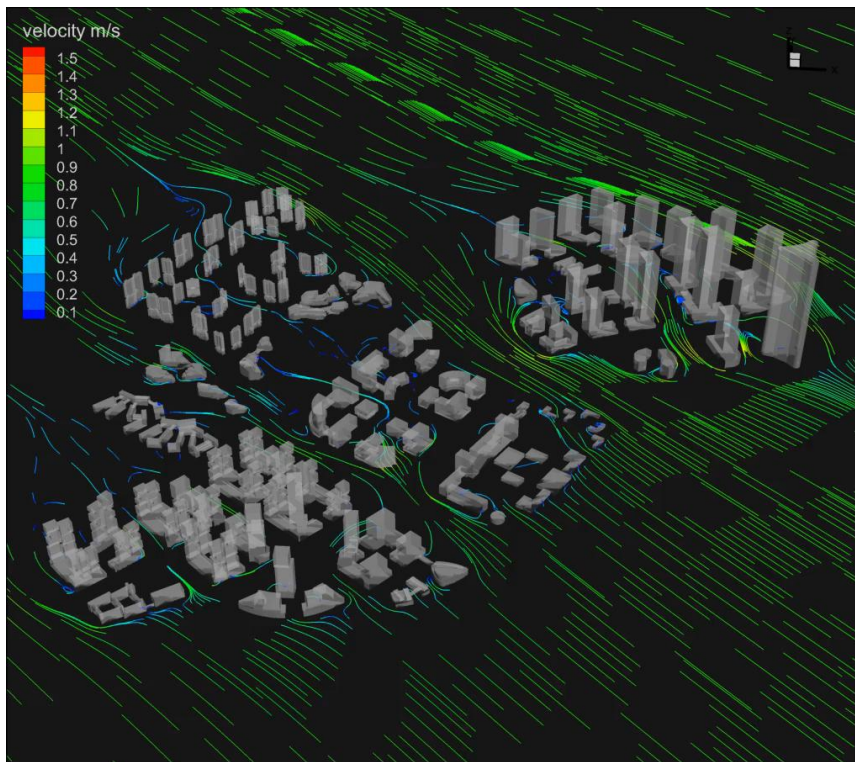
Original plan



Optimized plan

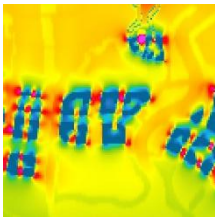
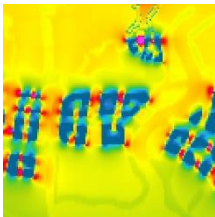
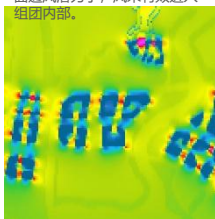
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Assess the ventilation effect of the design scheme, and optimized it to ensure maximum use of passive cooling.



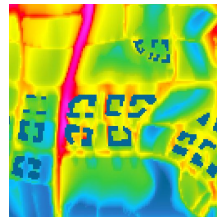
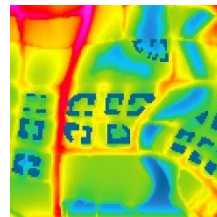
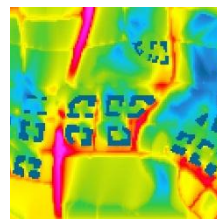
## 1. 风流通

后排建筑受遮挡影响较大，建筑组团内部风速较小；沿河界面通风潜力小，风未有效进入组团内部。



## 2. 温度

内部中庭因受到水体绿地的影响，反映出较低的空气温度。



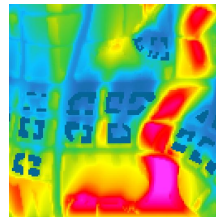
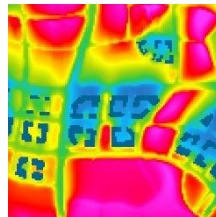
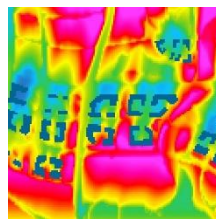
## 3. 太阳辐射

建筑的高度轮廓与布局可形成有效的遮阳设施，但需要补充一些遮阳设施。



## 4. 湿度

受九龙湖影响明显，河流和水库的影响更小。



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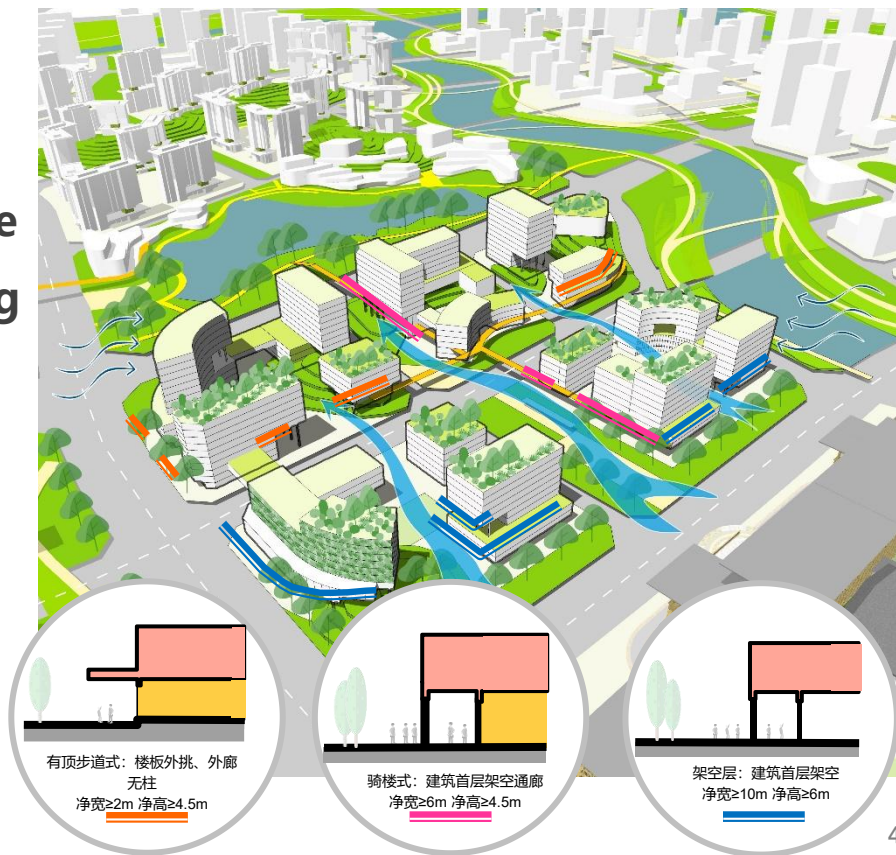
Maximize ventilation

Maximize shading

Passive ventilation design for outdoor space

Use water bodies and vegetation for cooling

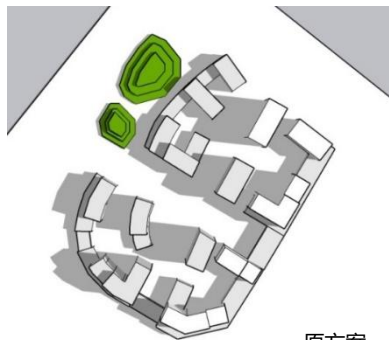
Micro-topography design



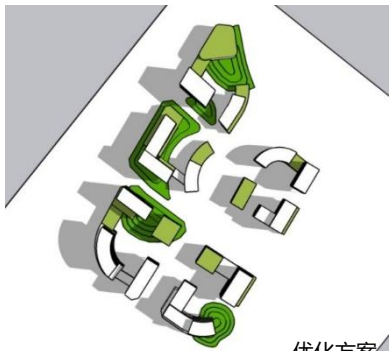
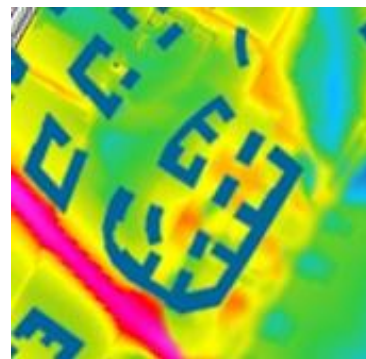
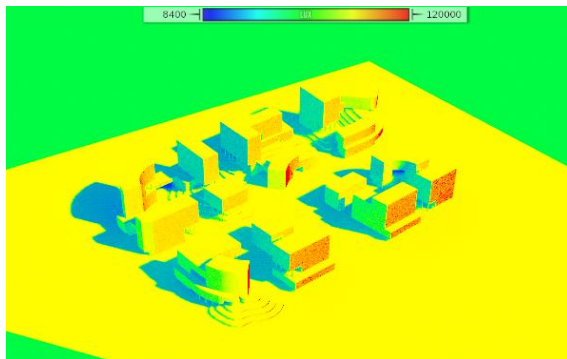
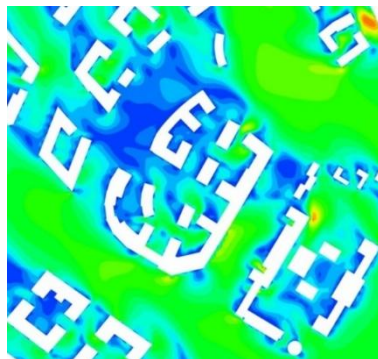


# Assess the Improvement of Thermal Environment

The ventilation efficiency of the plan has increased by 32%, the shading of site buildings has increased by 15%, and the highest temperature in summer has decreased by about 1 °C.



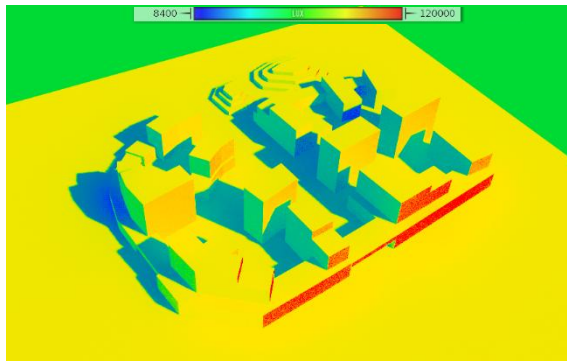
原方案



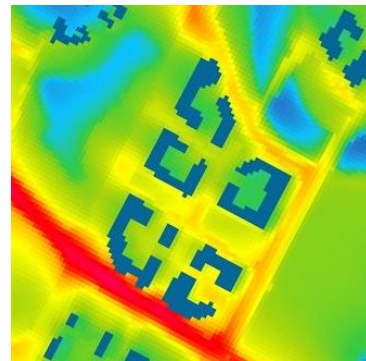
优化方案



风流通效率提升32%



场地建筑阴影提升15%



夏季最高气温降低1度左右

方案优化



**Encourage measures related to sustainable urban cooling.  
Encourage vertical greening, roof greening.**



# Urban Cooling Strategy & Guidelines



## 优化格局：让自然做功、引风入城、通风降湿



保护大型冷源



保护河流



控制通风廊道

## 改善城市表面：绿色渗透、会呼吸的城市



公园



水体



透水地表



立体绿化



高反射表面

## 改良城市与建筑设计：最大化通风、遮阳与防潮



路网与街道



建筑布局



建筑设计

## 应用景观与设施降温



遮阳



喷雾

## 减少能耗散热



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