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Abstract

This paper describes the vertical structure of the nocturnal heat island in a small town. Tethered balloon soundings were conducted 180 times in and around an urban area on nights with light winds from March 2003 to May 2005. Surface inversions developed not only in rural areas but also in urban areas. Surface inversions developed quickly after sunset at the rural site, whereas development was slower at the urban site. At six hours after sunset the vertical temperature profile in the urban area was the same as that in the rural area. Heat island formation in the small town was related to the delay in the development of surface inversion in the urban area. The crossover effect can be seen in only three of 23 surveys for which vertical soundings were performed in both urban and rural areas.

Key words : heat island, air temperature, Obuse, vertical profile, crossover

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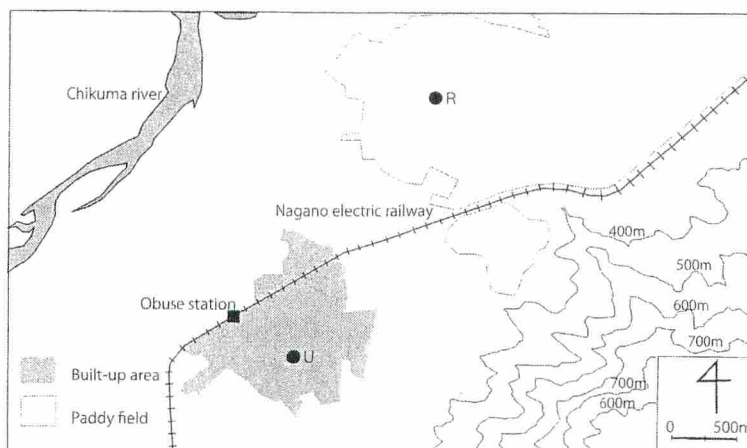


Fig. 1 Research area of study.
U: Urban observation point, R: rural observation point.

Table 1 Observation dates and meteorological conditions.

Run No.	Date	Obs Start	Obs End	Sunset Time	Rural (m/s)	wind dir	Cloud Cover	Obs. Site Urban	Rural	Run No.	Date	Obs Start	Obs End	Sunset Time	Rural (m/s)	wind dir	Cloud Cover	Obs. Site Urban	Rural
1	2004/3/19	21:20	21:42	17:58	0.0	-	0			91	2004/10/28	21:28	21:51	16:55	0.5	S	0		
2	2004/3/19	23:05	23:12	17:58	0.9	-	0			92	2004/10/28	22:08	22:25	16:55	0.6	S	0		
3	2004/4/1	21:26	21:37	18:09	0.0	-	10			93	2004/10/28	23:00	23:17	16:55	0.6	S	0		
4	2004/4/1	22:15	22:24	18:09	0.0	-	10			94	2004/11/5	20:43	21:03	16:47	1.9	W	2		
5	2004/4/1	22:41	22:51	18:09	0.0	-	10			95	2004/11/5	21:04	21:24	16:47	1.2	S	7		
6	2004/4/29	21:07	21:35	18:34	0.6	0	0			96	2004/11/5	21:41	21:57	16:47	0.5	S	6		
7	2004/4/30	21:14	21:37	18:35	1.6	N	10			97	2004/11/5	22:05	22:21	16:47	0.7	S	4		
8	2004/4/30	22:02	22:23	18:35	2.1	N	10			98	2004/11/5	22:40	22:59	16:47	0.9	S	5		
9	2004/5/1	20:45	21:07	18:36	0.9	S	0			99	2004/11/5	23:00	23:20	16:47	0.8	W	9		
10	2004/5/1	21:17	21:41	18:36	1.4	E	0			100	2004/11/6	20:38	21:06	16:46	1.3	S	4		
11	2004/5/1	21:42	22:04	18:36	1.3	N	0			101	2004/11/6	21:08	21:23	16:46	1.3	W	7		
12	2004/5/1	22:23	22:46	18:36	1.2	W	0			102	2004/11/6	21:40	21:58	16:46	0.9	N	8		
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16	2004/5/14	21:50	22:10	18:47	0.9	-	0			106	2004/11/7	20:26	20:51	16:45	0.9	S	0		
17	2004/5/21	20:53	21:12	18:52	0.6	N	0			107	2004/11/7	20:52	21:14	16:45	1.1	W	0		
18	2004/5/21	21:34	21:57	18:52	0.7	W	0			108	2004/11/7	21:31	21:55	16:45	0.0	E	0		
19	2004/5/25	21:30	21:48	18:35	0.9	N	0			109	2004/11/7	21:56	22:18	16:45	0.5	S	0		
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75	2004/9/19	22:49	23:04	17:49	0.7	N	0												



Fig. 2 Tethered balloon and observational car.

Table 2 Observational data used for comparing urban and rural vertical profiles.

No.	Obs.Date	Obs.Time		Cloud Amount						Type
		Start	End	R1	R2	U3	U4	R5	R6	
1	2004/7/19	22:41	0:10	×	5	0	×	3	×	②
2	2004/8/12	20:58	23:13	0	4	6	4	6	3	②
3	2004/8/13	21:33	0:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	①
4	2004/8/15	21:43	0:16	1	0*	0	0	0	1	①
5	2004/8/16	20:58	23:15	9	6	2	2	3	7	
6	2004/8/31	21:12	23:06	1	1	2	3	3	×	②
7	2004/9/19	21:58	0:24	6	2	0	0	1	1	②
8	2004/9/20	20:44	23:06	9	9	9	9	8	9	②
9	2004/10/6	21:09	23:36	×	7	5	2	0	1	①
10	2004/11/5	20:43	23:20	2	7	6	4	5	9	
11	2004/11/6	20:39	23:21	4	7	8	9	10	10	
12	2004/11/7	20:26	23:34	0	0	0	0	6	×	②
13	2004/11/23	20:16	23:10	0	0	0	0	0	0*	
14	2004/12/2	21:04	23:25	0	0	0	0	0	×	
15	2004/12/10	20:24	23:16	0	4*	0	0	0	0	
16	2004/12/14	20:21	23:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	2004/12/15	20:55	23:36	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	2005/4/1	21:21	23:46	0	0	0	0	0	0	②
19	2005/4/14	20:38	22:50	0	0	0	0	0	0	②
20	2005/4/15	21:04	22:52	0	0	0	×	0	0	②
21	2005/4/16	20:38	22:56	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22	2005/5/3	21:13	23:07	0	0	×	0	0	0	
23	2005/5/21	20:46	22:54	10	10	10	10	9	8	

*: Observations were made during either ascent or descent of a balloon. X: Observations were not made successfully. ① Case in which the crossover phenomenon appeared, ② Case in which urban area was warmer than rural area only in a surface layer.

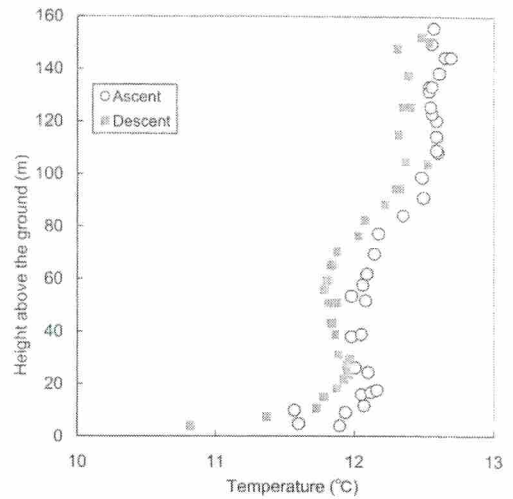


Fig. 3 Vertical temperature profile at a rural site at 23:36 on 6 October, 2004.

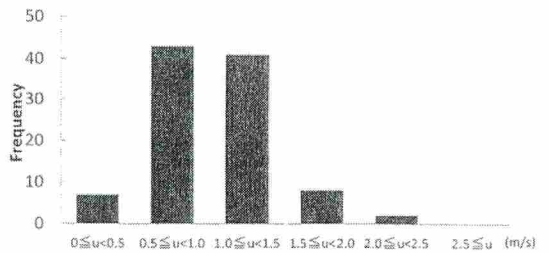


Fig. 4 Frequency distribution of nocturnal wind speed at a rural observation point.

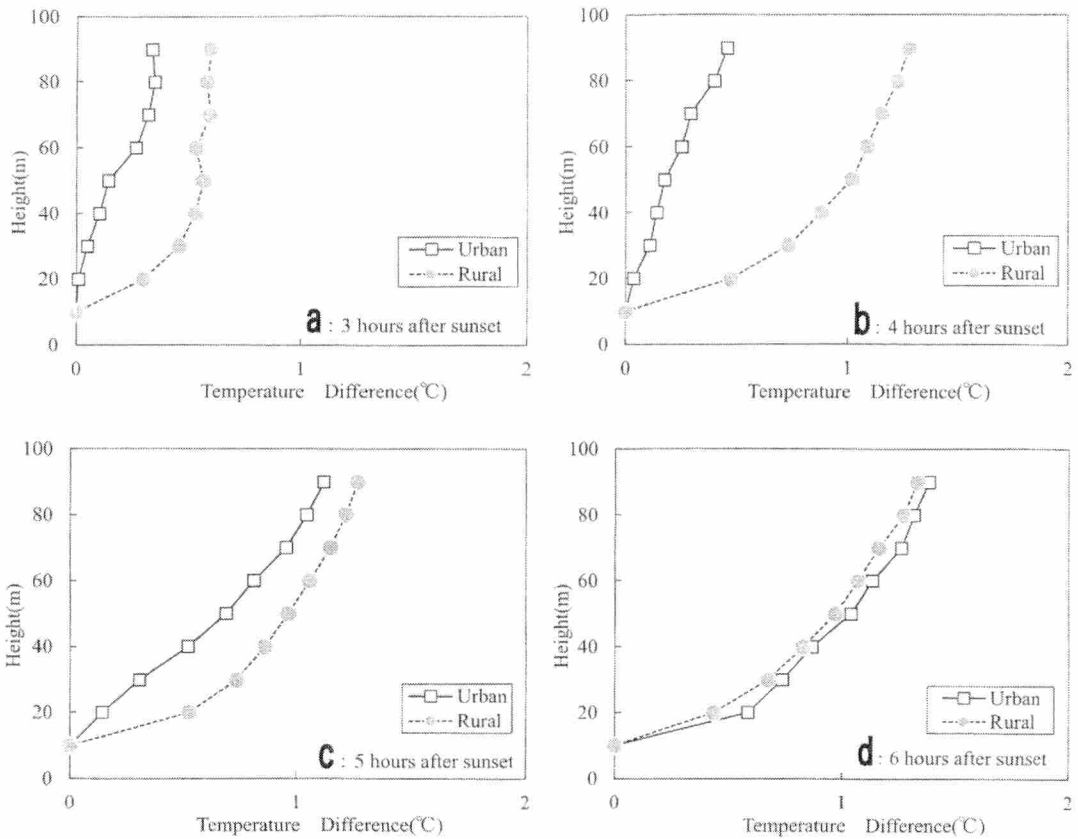


Fig. 5 Vertical profile of mean temperatures in urban and rural areas during all seasons except summer. (Horizontal axis denotes the temperature difference from the temperature at 10 m above the ground.)
 a: 3 hours after sunset, b: 4 hours after sunset, c: 5 hours after sunset, d: 6 hours after sunset.

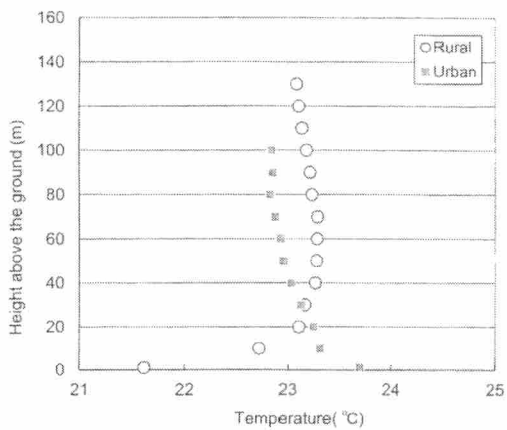


Fig. 6 Vertical temperature profiles in urban and rural areas when the crossover phenomenon appeared (Cloud cover 0, West wind, about 23 o'clock, August, 2004).

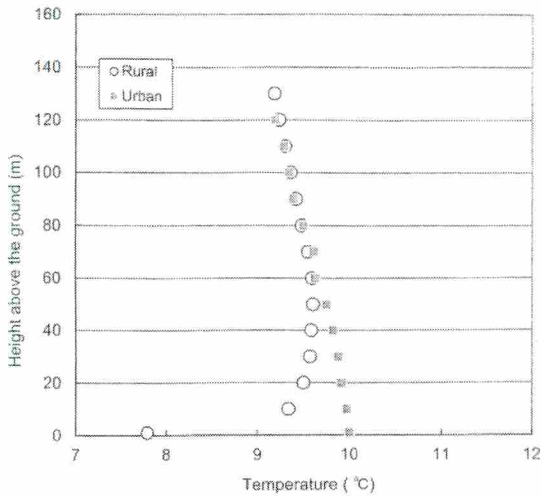


Fig. 7 Vertical temperature profiles in urban and rural areas when urban area was warmer than rural area only in a surface layer (Cloud cover 0, North wind, about 22 o'clock, 15 April, 2005).

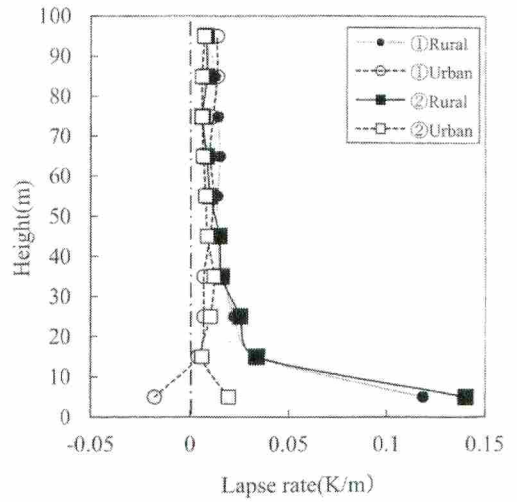


Fig. 8 Mean vertical profile in lapse rate of potential temperature.

①Case in which crossover phenomenon appeared,
②Case in which urban area was warmer than rural area only in a surface layer.

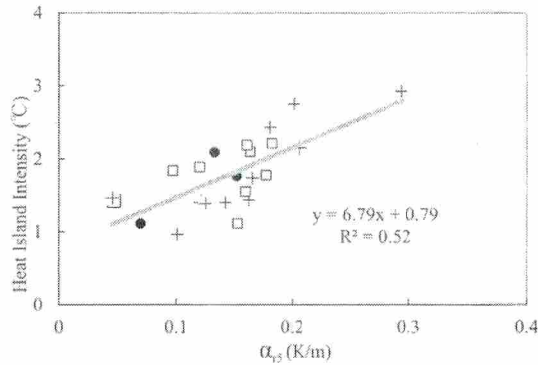


Fig. 9 Relation between heat island intensity and rural lapse rate.

●: Case in which crossover phenomenon appeared, □: Case in which urban area was warmer than rural area only in a surface layer, +: Others.

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