

# Pavement temperature mitigation by the means of geothermally and solar heated air

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## Abstract

In this article, a novel method to mitigate pavement temperatures by the means of air convection is presented. The technique introduced here is based on a new type of experimental setup called a ground source heat simulator, which is able to feed air at a controlled temperature to a set of pipes embedded under a test pavement surface. The air at the chosen temperature can flow through the designed system by natural convection. The air heated by the simulated geothermal source can mitigate the pavement temperature in winter and summer conditions in order to avoid freezing and overheating of paving surfaces in an urban environment. In particular, during winter the geothermal air warms up the pavement, while during summer the pavement is cooled down. Laboratory tests of the ground source heat simulator allowed the collection of a high amount of data, which is here analysed statistically and computationally. This article shows that the use of geothermal energy to preheat the inlet air in pavements where an array of pipes is installed can provide a measurable contribution for the mitigation of pavement temperatures in both winter and summer conditions. Furthermore, the experimental data gathered successfully proved the effectiveness of computational simulations for the study of buoyancy powered air flow through channels buried under pavements and increased the understanding

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of the physical phenomena happening in the system under analysis. Finally, preliminary testing in the environment showed that the concept is effective and works as expected.

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## 1. Introduction

In the past few years, the relationship between pavement temperatures and the built environment has been studied by a number of researchers. Pavement temperatures are mostly determined by the ambient temperature, which is variable across the year for all the areas in the so-called temperate zone [1]. During cold periods, when the temperature is low for a long period of time and snow is present on the pavement surface, it is common to observe the formation of ice. The presence of ice on roads creates hazards for people and vehicles [2, 3], and thus it often leads to traffic blocks and subsequent loss of functional availability of the road infrastructure. The presence of ice or snow is also an issue for airports, where it can have a serious impact on the safety of take-off and landing operations [3, 4]. Furthermore, in some situations, the presence of snow alone may be enough to make local authorities forbid vehicle circulation due to the fear of traffic accidents.

On the other hand, during hot periods, high pavement temperatures are known to allow the development of rutting and structural damage [5]. In addition, high pavement temperatures increase the urban heat island (UHI) effect, thus, causing further issues related to a high consumption of energy by air conditioning systems in cities during summer [6]. Therefore, high pavement temperatures during summer can lead to hazards in the transport infrastructure, reducing its reliability, and also contribute to additional stress on the energy distribution network.

Since in the current economy the availability of the road network for the delivery of goods is essential, methods for de-icing or snow melting during winter

25 and for the reduction of surface temperatures during summer are of increasing  
26 importance. In the case of winter, two main solutions exist for these purposes,  
27 i.e., the use of chemical substances [2, 3] and the use of pipes where a hot fluid  
28 (typically water with an antifreeze additive) is circulated after being heated  
29 geothermally [7, 8]. The first method has been used for a long time now and  
30 it is regarded as a very effective method, however it has recently been raising  
31 concerns about its effect on the environment [3, 9]. On the other hand, the use  
32 of piping systems still has to be explored extensively and few examples exist  
33 in Argentina, Iceland, Japan, Switzerland, and U.S.A. [8]. In addition, piping  
34 systems buried below the wearing course of a pavement are known to cause  
35 serious durability problems in the case of a water leakage [10, 11], which also  
36 requires the remediation of non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPLs) in the subsur-  
37 face when an antifreeze additive is used [12]. In the case of summer conditions,  
38 more methods to mitigate the pavement temperatures have been studied, e.g.,  
39 the use of energy harvesting pavements [10, 11, 13, 14, 15] or changes in the  
40 materials properties such as thermal conductivity, specific heat capacity, albedo,  
41 or emissivity [6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24].

42 Since the use of piping systems buried under the pavement surface has been  
43 considered for both cold and warm periods, in this paper, the use of an energy  
44 harvesting pavement powered by air convection is considered for the mitigation  
45 of extreme temperature effects during the whole year. This could potentially  
46 deliver similar benefits as a water based system, but without the durability and  
47 leakage concerns. Nonetheless, it must be noted that the use of air may cause  
48 some concerns, as this fluid performs worse than water in terms of heat trans-  
49 fer due to its poorer thermodynamic properties. In addition, since the air flow  
50 through buried pipes is influenced by a variable heat gradient (due to varying  
51 external temperatures), its control may prove difficult. Thus, the practical de-  
52 sign of the system could become complex.

53 The experimental layout used in the present work is based on a convection pow-  
54 ered energy harvesting pavement, which consists of a set of pipes buried under  
55 the asphalt wearing course [13, 10, 11]. The use of a simulated geothermal

56 heat source is considered in this paper to control the inlet temperature for the  
57 above-mentioned energy harvesting prototype. For this purpose, a novel experi-  
58 mental setup called a ground source heat simulator was built at the Nottingham  
59 Transportation Engineering Centre (NTEC) and used to reach a number of tem-  
60 peratures meant to simulate the soil temperatures at a range of depths. The  
61 ground source heat simulator is here meant to generate a representative mass  
62 of air at thermal equilibrium with the soil.

### 63 *1.1. Research objectives*

64 The main aims of the present study are (i) to assess if it is possible to  
65 control (increase or decrease) effectively the surface temperature of a pavement  
66 through the use of air warmed up by geothermal resources, and (ii) to quantify  
67 the increase or decrease in the pavement temperature through the use of natural  
68 convection powered by geothermal or solar heat sources.

69 These objectives were pursued by running a number of experiments based on  
70 the use of a ground source heat simulator (see Fig. 1). The experimental results  
71 were also used to develop a modelling approach for the study of the design of  
72 buoyancy powered flow in pavements where an array of pipes or channels is  
73 installed. Furthermore, preliminary testing in the environment was carried out  
74 at the University of Nottingham, UK campus in order to verify the validity of  
75 the approach in a more realistic scenario.

## 76 **2. Methodology**

### 77 *2.1. Concept of a ground source heat simulator*

78 In this paper, a ground source heat simulator is described for the analysis  
79 of the temperature control potential in pavements where an array of pipes is  
80 installed. A possible real apparatus for the exploitation of geothermal heat for  
81 the purposes mentioned in the Introduction is shown in Fig. 2(a). The figure  
82 shows that an air inlet could be allowed, e.g., in the soft shoulder of a pavement.  
83 Such an inlet would consist of a pipe installed beneath the pavement at a certain



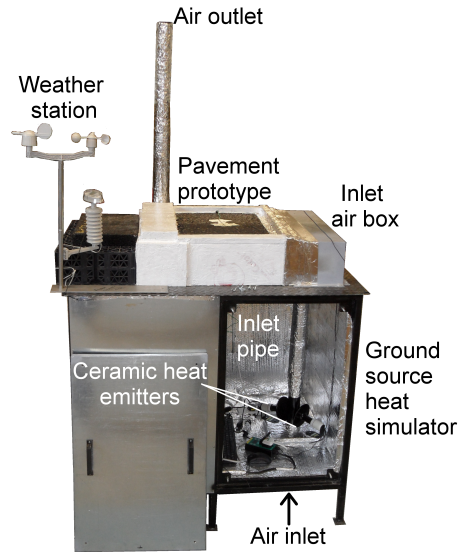


Figure 1: Ground source heat simulator built at the Nottingham Transportation Engineering Centre (NTEC).

84 depth, which would act as a heat exchanger transferring heat from the ground  
 85 (geothermal heat) to the air. The pipe would then rise closer to the pavement  
 86 wearing course, where it would exchange heat with the asphalt surface. Finally,  
 87 the air would flow through a chimney and return to the environment. The  
 88 significance of this concept lies in the fact that geothermal heat alone cannot  
 89 influence strongly the pavement surface due to its low temperature and depth.  
 90 However, the above-mentioned layout exploits air to carry geothermal heat to  
 91 the surface and potentially mitigate or solve the engineering issues related to  
 92 the maintenance of paved surfaces and mentioned in the Introduction.

93 The ground source heat simulator is meant to show how geothermal heat can  
 94 affect the pavement temperature during the whole year, when the external en-  
 95 vironment may be either cold or warm. During cold periods, geothermal heat  
 96 would power the air flow by heating up the air in the pipes and, thus, decreasing  
 97 its density. Geothermal heat would drive a convective air flow from the inlet to

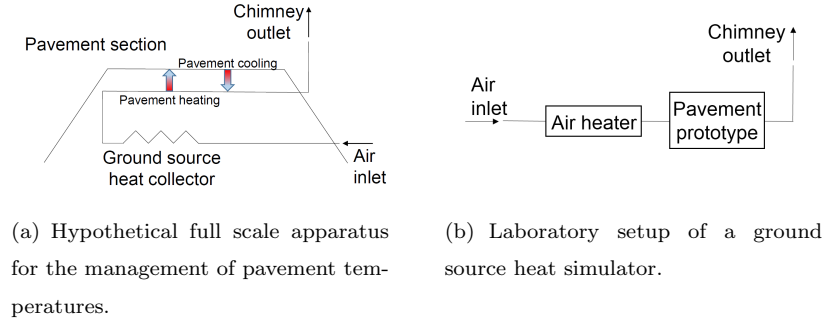


Figure 2: Hypothesised system and installation scheme vs. Laboratory setup.

98 the pavement surface, where the air would lose some thermal energy and release  
 99 it to the paving materials. On the other hand, during warm periods, the air flow  
 100 (and ensuing heat transfer) would be driven by the high surface temperature of  
 101 the pavement and the ground surrounding the buried inlet pipe would act as a  
 102 heat accumulator [7]. This would be helpful for the winter performance, as the  
 103 accumulated heat would delay the moment when ice first starts forming on the  
 104 pavement surface.  
 105 Note that this section only offers a hypothetical description of a possible real  
 106 life layout of the technology. At this stage, it is not possible to deepen the  
 107 discussion of engineering and practical construction matters, as the system is  
 108 yet to be fully tested and analysed.

109 *2.2. Structure of the ground source heat simulator*

110 In order to assess the feasibility of the concept described in Section 2.1, a  
 111 ground source heat simulator was built following the scheme shown in Fig. 2(b).

112 The size of the pavement prototype represented in Fig. 1 is 470 mm x 700  
 113 mm x 180 mm [25]. As shown in Fig. 3, the pavement prototype consists of  
 114 two layers. The asphalt wearing course (exposed to the environment) was built  
 115 with a dense mixture (limestone, maximum size 11 mm), while the bottom layer  
 116 consists of coarse limestone gravel and includes the stainless steel pipes used to  
 117 allow the air flow.

118 The ground source heat simulator (see Fig. 1) was installed in a stainless steel  
119 cabinet 1300 mm long, 1000 mm wide, and 1200 mm high. On the roof, a stain-  
120 less steel box open on two sides was installed to allow the movement of air from  
121 the ground source heat simulator to the above-mentioned pavement prototype.  
122 Because of its role, the steel box on the roof will be regarded as the inlet air box  
123 from this point onwards. More details on the path of air in the ground source  
124 heat simulator can be found in Section 2.3.

125 All the sides of the ground source heat simulator and the inlet air box were thor-  
126 oughly insulated in order to allow a precise temperature control with negligible  
127 influence from the surrounding environment. The insulation material is 25 mm  
128 thick extruded polystyrene foam covered with sheets of aluminium bubble foil  
129 insulation.

130 As shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, thermocouples (K-type) were used to measure  
131 the temperatures on the asphalt surface, 50 mm from the top of the surface,  
132 50 mm from the bottom of the aggregate layer of the prototype pavement, and  
133 in the inlet air box. In addition, the environmental conditions were monitored  
134 with a weather station (PCE-FWS 20).

135 Finally, it is relevant to add that the use of a temperature controlled extractor  
136 fan is necessary to keep the internal volume of the cabinet below temperatures  
137 that might affect the data logging equipment (OMEGA OMB-DAQ-54) or cause  
138 unsafe operating conditions.

### 139 *2.3. Generation of the air flow*

140 A stainless steel vertical pipe (inlet pipe in Fig. 1) was installed to connect  
141 the bottom surface of the ground source heat simulator to the centre of the inlet  
142 air box. The role of the inlet pipe is to provide an air mass flow to the pavement  
143 prototype that is to be tested. The inlet pipe is connected to the environment  
144 on the bottom side of the steel box and no exchange of air is allowed between its  
145 inner volume and the internal part of the ground source heat simulator cabinet.  
146 This layout was chosen in order to allow the direct control of the temperature  
147 inside the inlet air box by the use of 250W ceramic heat emitters connected to a

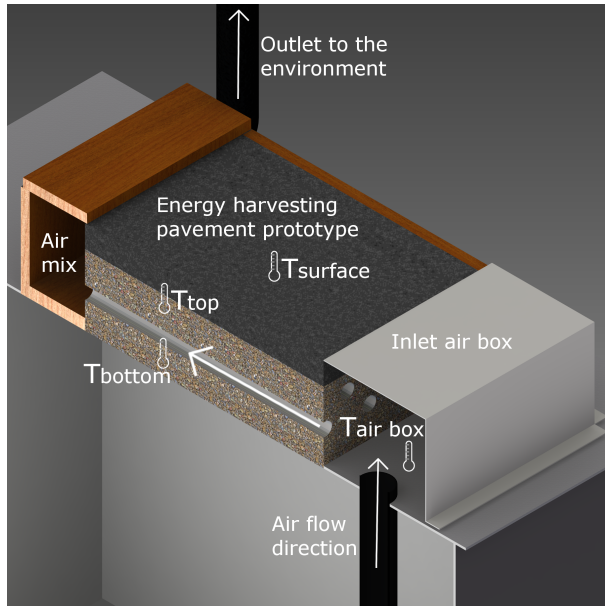


Figure 3: Path of the air flow and position of the thermocouples (cross section).

148 thermostat and facing the inlet pipe (see Fig. 1). The use of heating elements is  
 149 a key aspect in the experimental setup, as this is what allows the simulation of  
 150 a heat exchange with a geothermal resource and provides the driving force for  
 151 natural convection of air. The thermostat for the regulation of the temperature  
 152 in the inlet air box is equipped with a probe placed at the outlet of the inlet  
 153 pipe. This configuration allows the user to set a temperature threshold for the  
 154 inlet air box, thus, preventing the temperature from dropping below a desired  
 155 value.

#### 156 *2.4. Energy harvesting prototype*

157 The inlet air box is the part connecting the ground source heat simulator  
 158 to the pavement prototype described in Chiarelli et al. [11, 10]. With reference  
 159 to Fig. 3, environmental air heated by the ceramic heat emitters flows upwards  
 160 through the inlet pipe to the inlet air box, goes through the pavement prototype  
 161 via an array of pipes, mixes in the air mixing box situated at the outlet of the  
 162 pipes, and finally exits the system through a chimney.

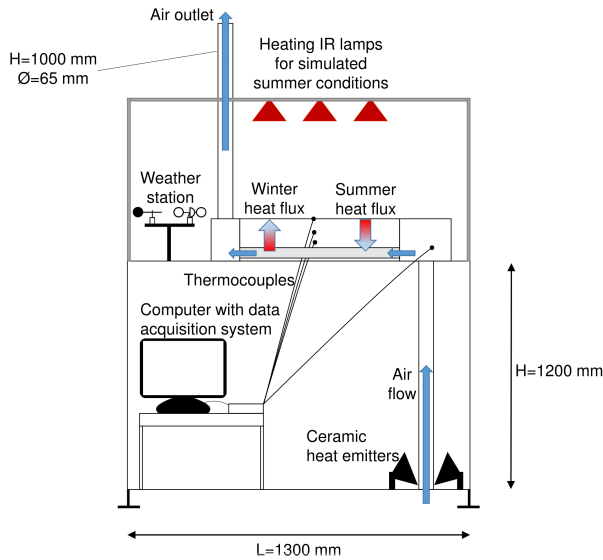


Figure 4: Simplified scheme of the ground source heat simulator.

163 Air from the ground source heat simulator is meant to release or absorb heat  
 164 from the pavement, depending on the external conditions. If infrared lamps are  
 165 used to heat up the pavement surface [11, 10] (see Fig. 3), summer conditions  
 166 are simulated, while if the pavement is at ambient or cooled temperature, winter  
 167 conditions are considered.

168 The chimney height and internal diameter are respectively 1000 mm and 65  
 169 mm, as this was recognised as an overall efficient configuration considering tem-  
 170 perature reduction efficiency and energy efficiency in a previous study [11].

### 171 2.5. Experiments performed

172 Due to the fact that the experiments were performed in a laboratory, ap-  
 173 proximations were necessary to reproduce winter and summer conditions. In  
 174 particular, it was decided to simulate each season based on the temperature  
 175 difference between the pavement surface and the simulated heat source. In  
 176 the simulation of summer conditions, a maximum surface temperature of about  
 177 78°C was reached during test trials by the use of infrared heating elements [11].  
 178 This value is about 10°C higher than maximum summer pavement tempera-

179 tures determined by Pascual-Muñoz et al. [14]. Thus, it was decided to use  
180 simulated reservoir temperatures 10°C higher than realistic ones. Due to this,  
181 a range between 22 °C and 36 °C was chosen as the inlet temperature to re-  
182 produce equivalent inlet temperatures of 12°C and 26°C. The lower end of the  
183 interval is meant to simulate a normal soil temperature, while the higher end  
184 represents the use of exhaust heat from a hypothetical building. For clarity all  
185 the experimental conditions considered are gathered in Table 1.

186 In the case of winter conditions, the experimental setup was limited by the fact  
187 that the equipment could not reach real winter temperatures. Therefore, am-  
188 bient temperature (about 20.5°C) was considered as the winter temperature,  
189 while the reservoir temperatures were fixed between 23°C and 30°C. This means  
190 that the equivalent winter inlet temperatures considered range between about  
191 2.5°C and 9.5°C.

192 It is relevant to notice that the minimum equivalent reservoir temperature for  
193 summer (12°C) is slightly higher than that for winter (9.5°C): this was done to  
194 account for the seasonal variation in the reservoir temperature at a given depth,  
195 which is higher in summer than in winter. Lower summer reservoir tempera-  
196 tures were not considered because of limitations in the experimental equipment,  
197 which cannot generate an inlet temperature below ambient temperature.

198 Finally, for the analysis of winter conditions the surface temperature of a control  
199 asphalt slab where no channels for air flow were installed was measured along  
200 with the other temperatures being considered. This was done in order to provide  
201 data about the effectiveness of the system, as a simple comparison allows the  
202 quantification of the temperature control potential of the experimental setup  
203 considered. This comparison was not performed for summer conditions, as data  
204 on this is already available in the literature [11, 10] and the actual performance  
205 depends on a number of design choices that are not taken into account in this  
206 paper. In simulated summer conditions, however, a test with blocked pipes was  
207 run (therefore, with no air convection under the pavement), obtaining a maxi-  
208 mum temperature of about 80°C that can be used for comparison purposes.

209 All laboratory experiments were performed in dry conditions. This choice was

Simulated conditions	Inlet temperatures tested (°C)								IR lamps on surface
Winter	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Off
Summer	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	On

Table 1: Experiments performed

210 made because in moist conditions evaporation phenomena would influence the  
211 energy available for harvesting or used in heating the pavement [26], thus, it  
212 would be very complicated to find out if a given surface temperature is caused  
213 by water evaporation, by energy harvesting, by pavement heating, or by some  
214 combination of these functions.

### 215 3. Statistical and computational methods

#### 216 3.1. Description of the relevant physical phenomena

217 In the study of convection powered air flows in channels installed under the  
218 surface of pavements, the main physical phenomena at work are heat and mass  
219 transfer [11]. In particular, heat is transmitted from the sun to the pavement,  
220 and from the pavement to the operating fluid. The fluid moves in the chan-  
221 nels installed in layers in or under the pavement thanks to differences in the  
222 air density between the inlet and the outlet of the system, i.e., the fluid flow is  
223 originated by air buoyancy.

224 In a previous study, it was shown that an approach based only on heat flow  
225 does not provide a satisfactory description of the physics of energy harvesting  
226 pavements [11]. For this reason, it is necessary to additionally describe fluid  
227 flow in the system. In particular, the analysis of energy harvesting powered by  
228 air convection needs to be performed by combining the First Law of Thermody-  
229 namics and the Navier-Stokes equations with the equation of mass conservation,  
230 therefore, considering energy, momentum, and continuity in the system, respec-  
231 tively.

232 First, since the flow is considered as incompressible, the formulation of the First  
233 Law of Thermodynamics, or energy equation, in three dimensions [27] is written

234 as:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho c_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho c_p u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \rho c_p v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \rho c_p w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right] \\ &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right] + q_v \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

235 The variables used in Eq. 1 are defined in Table 2.

236 Second, the momentum equation for the  $x$  direction [27] is:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \rho w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= \rho g_x - \rho \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

237 The formulation for the other directions can be easily adapted from Eq. 2 and  
 238 the variables used are gathered in Table 2. It is relevant to point out that since  
 239 the convective air flow is originated by buoyancy the gravity term in Eq. 2,  $\rho g_x$ ,  
 240 is expected to dominate the flow.

241 Third, the physical description of the system is completed by using a continuity  
 242 equation, also referred to as the equation of mass conservation [27]:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (3)$$

243 In this paper, steady state conditions are considered due to the need to repro-  
 244 duce steady state experimental results. Therefore, Eqs. 1, 2, and 3 can be  
 245 simplified by neglecting the time-dependent terms, i.e., all the terms showing  $\partial t$   
 246 in the denominator. Moreover, the volumetric heat generation term,  $q_v$ , in Eq. 1  
 247 can be neglected, as there are no heat sources or sinks within the pavement.

248 Furthermore, it is very important to keep in mind that the air flow in the  
 249 prototype pavement considered in this paper is a density driven phenomenon,  
 250 therefore, it is mandatory to allow the density of air to change based on its phys-  
 251 ical state. The variation of the density can be computed through Boussinesq's  
 252 approximation [28, 29, 30] or the low Mach number assumption [28, 31]. In this  
 253 paper, the low Mach number assumption is considered, thus, the pressure to use  
 254 in Eq. 1 for all the directions is written as:

$$p = P_{ref} + \rho_{\infty} g_i x_i + p^* \quad (4)$$



Variable	Physical meaning	Unit
$\rho$	density of fluid (air) in the system	$kg/m^3$
$c_p$	specific heat capacity	$J/(kgK)$
$T$	temperature	$K$
$t$	time	$s$
$u$	velocity in x-direction	$m/s$
$v$	velocity in y-direction	$m/s$
$w$	velocity in z-direction	$m/s$
$k$	thermal conductivity	$W/(mK)$
$q_v$	heat source	$W/m^3$
$g_x$	gravitational acceleration in x direction	$m/s^2$
$\mu$	dynamic viscosity	$kg/(m.s)$

Table 2: Variables used in Eq. 1 and Eq. 2.

255 where  $P_{ref}$  is the atmospheric pressure,  $\rho_\infty$  is the density at ambient tempera-  
256 ture and pressure,  $g_i$  is the gravity vector, and  $x_i$  is the distance vector from the  
257 origin. Due to the use of Eq. 4,  $p^*$  becomes the variable describing the pressure  
258 in the momentum equations.

259 All the equations described in this Section can be combined to computationally  
260 describe the physics in a temperature modifying pavement. Further details on  
261 this aspect can be found in Section 3.3.

### 262 3.2. Statistical analysis of the experimental results

263 In previous work by the authors, it was shown that simplified theoretical  
264 models are not fit to represent the wide variety of thermophysical phenomena  
265 that happen in the energy harvesting pavement under investigation [11].

266 It is, however, possible to analyse the relationship between all the parameters  
267 of interest in the system in order to (i) find out which variables have the high-  
268 est influence on the behaviour of the prototype and (ii) to check whether the  
269 application of the abovementioned equations is fit to represent the phenomena  
270 at work. A simple and effective way to study the relationship (if any) between

271 the measured data is the use of the dimensionless index called the Pearson's  
272 correlation coefficient [32, 33, 34] (or Pearson's  $r$ ), which provides a measure of  
273 the linear dependence between two variables. This coefficient ranges between -1  
274 and +1, where -1 means that there is a total negative correlation and +1 means  
275 that there is a total positive correlation between the variables [35, 32].  
276 Generally speaking, a value of the Pearson's coefficient close to -1 or +1 is a  
277 sign that a negative or positive linear relationship exists between the data being  
278 considered. In this paper, values below -0.8 or above +0.8 are considered as  
279 an indication of a strong linear relationship between the data, while values out-  
280 side this interval are considered as the sign of a moderate or weak correlation  
281 [33, 34]. No actual distinction is here made between the values in the interval  
282  $-0.8 < r < 0.8$ , as they are not relevant for the purposes of this study.  
283 The level of significance (2-tailed) of the results is reported along with the val-  
284 ues of the Pearson's correlation coefficient for all the parameters investigated  
285 [34, 36]. The choice of a 2-tailed test is motivated by the fact that no consis-  
286 tent directionality was seen in the raw data [36] and because the relationship  
287 between the datasets needs to be investigated in both directions in order to be  
288 able to provide accurate conclusions.

### 289 *3.3. Computational reproduction of temperature modifying pavements*

290 Along with a study of the relative influence of the parameters of interest  
291 in the system, a computational analysis of the temperature modifying setup  
292 was performed. In this paper, coupled heat and mass transfer are used to (i)  
293 reproduce the experimental results obtained with the experimental setup under  
294 analysis and (ii) to study possible improvements to the design of the prototype  
295 being investigated. These purposes were pursued by the means of computational  
296 fluid dynamic (CFD) simulations run with the software Autodesk CFD. The  
297 experimental setup was built as a 3D domain and meshed (see Fig. 5), then  
298 the relevant boundary conditions were applied to run the simulations. The  
299 reproduction of the experimental results was meant to assess the effectiveness  
300 of Eq. 1, Eq. 2, and Eq. 3 for the description of convection powered air flows

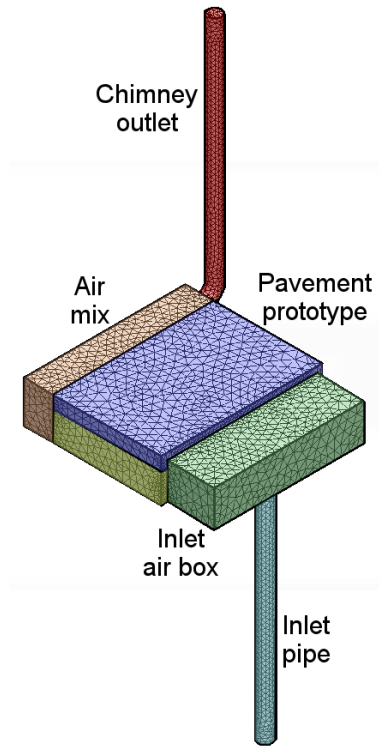


Figure 5: Meshed 3D model of the prototype pavement studied.

301 in channels installed under pavements and to tune the computational setup  
 302 of the problem. When this was achieved, fluid dynamics in the domain could  
 303 be effectively studied and the possible weaknesses of the experimental setup  
 304 identified.

### 305 *3.3.1. Boundary conditions in the computational study*

306 The computational domain considered for the study of thermo-fluid dynam-  
 307 ics in the pavement prototype consists of the inlet pipe, the inlet air box, the  
 308 pavement prototype, and the chimney outlet. This choice was motivated by the  
 309 fact that the shape of the air channels is expected to influence the air flow in  
 310 the system, since it includes a number of sharp turns. The presence of sharp  
 311 turns (see, e.g., Fig. 3) is a clear indication that, based on the air speed, there  
 312 will be head losses in the system.

313 In order that the results of the CFD model are not constrained by assumed  
314 boundaries that significantly differ from those actually experienced by the pro-  
315 totype pavement the boundary conditions used were the measured surface tem-  
316 perature in steady state, the temperature set at the inlet, and the environmental  
317 temperature at the end of the physical tests. Furthermore, the presence of the  
318 environmental pressure at the system inlet and outlet was considered by setting  
319 a gauge pressure equal to zero in both these openings.

320 It is important to keep in mind that the laboratory conditions allow phenom-  
321 ena such as surface convection and not perfectly constant ambient temperatures  
322 (even if in a small range), which were neglected in the computational problem  
323 setup. Therefore, the computational results are not expected to be an exact  
324 match to the experimental ones.

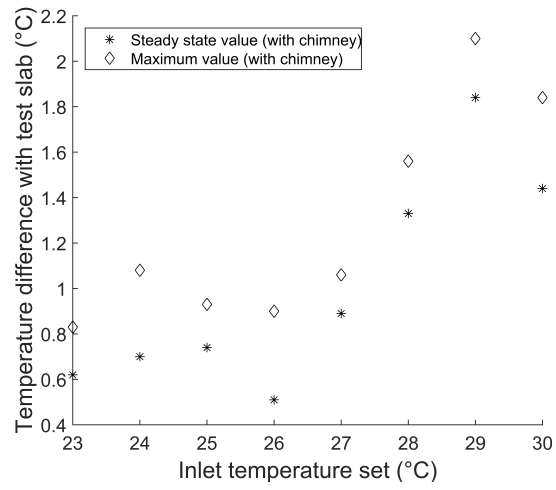
325 Since all the relevant temperatures are here used as boundary conditions, the  
326 computational results are compared to the experimental ones based on the out-  
327 let air speed. If the air speed was fixed, any other temperature of interest could  
328 be estimated based on the equations listed in Section 3.1.

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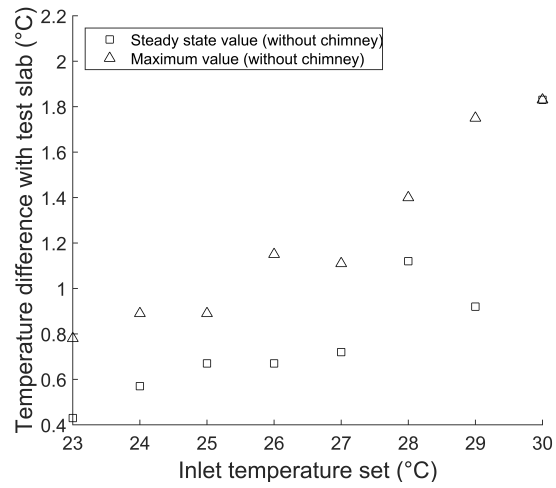
## 330 **4. Results and discussion**

### 331 *4.1. Experimental results*

332 The experiments run for this paper produced a very high amount of data,  
333 thus, only selected results are graphically shown in order to allow an under-  
334 standing of the phenomena at work and to facilitate comparison with the ex-  
335 isting literature [11, 10]. It is very important to focus on the fact that the  
336 temperature modifying setup considered here has two different roles in simu-  
337 lated winter and summer conditions, i.e., in winter the air flow releases heat to  
338 the pavement, while in summer the system removes thermal energy. For this  
339 reason, in order to understand the experimental results two different approaches  
340 must be followed. In the case of simulated winter conditions, the focus is on  
341 the increase in the surface temperature of the pavement prototype compared to



(a) Tests with chimney



(b) Tests without chimney

Figure 6: Temperature differences with control slab (Laboratory simulated winter conditions).

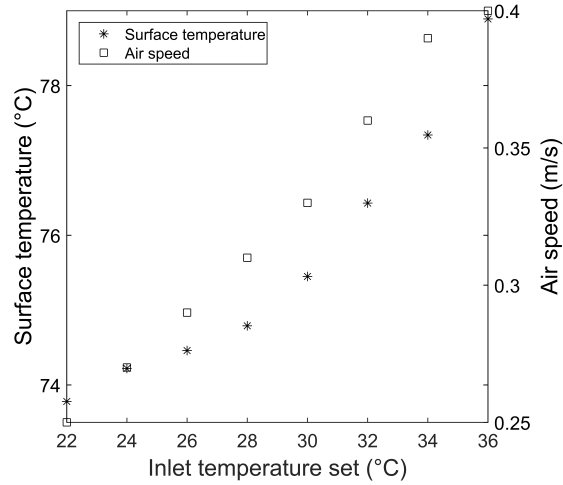


Figure 7: Surface temperature and air speed vs. Set inlet temperature (Laboratory simulated summer conditions, with chimney).

342 a traditional pavement, which can provide an estimation of the effectiveness of  
 343 the experimental setup. On the other hand, during simulated summer condi-  
 344 tions, the most interesting parameters are the outlet air speed and the surface  
 345 temperature, which are related to the amount of energy that is extracted from  
 346 the pavement [11, 10].

347 The experimental data concerning the temperature differences in simulated win-  
 348 ter conditions is shown in Fig. 6, while the surface temperatures and air speeds  
 349 for summer are represented in Fig. 7. A quick look at Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 suggests  
 350 that higher inlet temperatures always result in higher values on the relevant pa-  
 351 rameters shown on the y axes in both winter and summer simulated conditions.  
 352 A small scatter of the points can be observed in simulated winter conditions,  
 353 however, this is an effect of the slightly varying environmental conditions, which  
 354 cannot be kept in a perfectly stable thermodynamic state. As a result, the trend  
 355 in the data may seem not to be as clear as in the simulated summer conditions.  
 356 By comparing Fig. 6(a) with Fig. 6(b) it can also be observed that the results  
 357 in winter conditions are not highly influenced by the presence of the chimney.  
 358 Moreover, as a proof of the effectiveness of the concept shown in Fig. 2, it can

359 be observed that temperature differences obtained in winter conditions range  
360 between 0.4°C and 2.1°C. On the other hand, since the maximum pavement  
361 temperature with no energy abstraction in simulated summer conditions was  
362 80°C, temperature reductions between 2°C and 6°C were achieved.

363 It is interesting to notice that data in previous experiments showed that the  
364 air speed in summer conditions reached a peak value corresponding to a cho-  
365 sen configuration (chimney height, chimney diameter) of an energy harvesting  
366 pavement prototype [11], while this is not seen in Fig. 7. The reason for the  
367 different behaviour is that in the current experimental investigation the layout  
368 of the system was kept constant, thus, the air speed was solely influenced by the  
369 inlet temperature, which did not cause any local maximum or minimum point  
370 for the air speed in the range considered.

371 The other data gathered in the experiments and not graphically represented in  
372 the current Section is analysed more in detail in the next Section 4.2, where the  
373 correlation between all the parameters considered is investigated.

374 It is important to highlight that the use of equivalent temperatures proposed in  
375 this paper is not an exact approach, as weather conditions are not defined only  
376 by temperature differences, however, the approximation was deemed acceptable  
377 for the first tests run with this novel experimental setup. If a temperature  
378 difference is considered between the air entering the pipes and the surface tem-  
379 perature, the energy absorbed by the operating fluid is expected to approximate  
380 in-situ conditions. This is because this amount of energy depends on the heat  
381 transfer phenomena happening in the pavement prototype and on temperature  
382 differences rather than on temperatures alone.

#### 383 *4.2. Statistical analysis*

384 The experimental data gathered was used to calculate the Pearson's corre-  
385 lation coefficient between all the parameters under analysis. The results of the  
386 statistical analysis are reported in the next Sections separately for winter and  
387 summer conditions.

	$T_s$	$\Delta T_{max}$	$\Delta T_f$	$v_a$	$T_{control}$	$T_b$	$T_{top}$	$T_{air\ box}$	$T_{set}$
$T_s$	1								
$\Delta T_{max}$	0.129	1							
$\Delta T_f$	-0.275	0.846**	1						
$v_a$	-0.079	0.850**	0.835**	1					
$T_{control}$	0.959**	-0.137	-0.536	-0.316	1				
$T_b$	0.739*	0.734*	0.365	0.573	0.541	1			
$T_{top}$	0.996**	0.154	-0.273	-0.051	0.955**	0.752*	1		
$T_{air\ box}$	0.518	0.837**	0.557	0.766*	0.290	0.949**	0.531	1	
$T_{set}$	0.123	0.961**	0.853**	0.933**	-0.144	0.753*	0.141	0.891**	1

\*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

\*\*Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Legend:

$T_s$ =surface temperature of prototype pavement,  $T_{control}$ = surface temperature of control slab,

$\Delta T_{max} = \max(T_s - T_{control})$ ,  $\Delta T_f = (T_s - T_{control})_{steady\ state}$ ,

$v_a$ = air speed,  $T_b$ = temperature at 50 mm from bottom of prototype pavement,

$T_{top}$ = temperature at 50 mm from surface of prototype pavement,

$T_{air\ box}$ = temperature at inlet air box,  $T_{set}$ = inlet temperature chosen

Table 3: Pearson's correlation coefficient for the simulation of winter conditions.

#### 388 4.2.1. Winter conditions

389 The Pearson's r is reported in Table 3 along with the statistical significance  
390 for all the parameters studied in winter conditions. The results are analysed for  
391 the whole data gathered, considering experiments with and without chimney be-  
392 cause a preliminary assessment of the data suggested that in winter conditions  
393 (i.e., with small or negligible incident radiation) the presence of the chimney  
394 does not highly influence the results.

395 As can be observed in Table 3, the analysis of the Pearson's correlation co-  
396 efficient suggests that many linear correlations exist between the data under  
397 investigation. The most important result is the fact that a strong and statisti-  
398 cally significant positive linear correlation exists relating the temperature set at  
399 the inlet to the air speed ( $r = 0.933$ ) and to the surface temperature difference  
400 between the prototype and the control slab ( $r = 0.961$  for maximum value and  
401  $r = 0.853$  for steady state value). This result is a clear indication that the  
402 behaviour of the system can be controlled effectively by setting an appropriate



403 inlet temperature.

404 Furthermore, a strong and statistically significant positive linear correlation was  
405 found relating the temperature set at the inlet to the temperature in the air box  
406 ( $r=0.891$ ). This is an effect of the geometry of the system and is motivated by  
407 the fact that air stagnates in the inlet air box, thus, increasing its tempera-  
408 ture (for a more detailed discussion about this aspect see Section 4.4). If the  
409 geometry of the inlet was different, e.g., if the inlet pipe was connected to the  
410 prototype with a manifold, there would be no air accumulation in the inlet air  
411 box and the flow regime would clearly be different, thus, the measurement of  
412 what is here called  $T_{air\ box}$  would not be meaningful.

413 A less significant but still rather high positive linear correlation was found re-  
414 lating the inlet temperature to the bottom temperature of the asphalt slab  
415 ( $r=0.753$ ). This correlation is due to the fact that the prototype is thermally  
416 insulated, thus, if a higher temperature is set at the inlet a higher amount of  
417 heat will be accumulated in the pavement layers.

418 A statistically significant and positive correlation exists relating the surface tem-  
419 perature,  $T_s$ , to the temperatures in the pavement layers, i.e.  $T_{top}$  ( $r=0.996$ )  
420 and  $T_b$  ( $r=0.739$ ). This is in accordance with the physics that are considered,  
421 as the strong linear correlation in the first layer corresponds to thermal con-  
422 duction, while the weaker correlation with the temperature at a lower depth is  
423 an indication of the additional presence of thermal convection, which is not a  
424 linear phenomenon[27].

425 Finally, it is important to notice that the air speed has a strong and statis-  
426 tically significant positive correlation with the temperature difference between  
427 the pavement prototype and the control slab ( $r = 0.850$  for maximum value  
428 and  $r = 0.835$  for steady state value). This is in accordance with the previous  
429 literature on energy harvesting pavements, where it was reported that a higher  
430 speed improves the heat transfer phenomena due to an increase in the convec-  
431 tive heat transfer coefficient [5]. This positive correlation means that a higher  
432 temperature increase is reported when the air speed is higher.

	$T_s$	$v_a$	$T_b$	$T_{top}$	$T_{air\ box}$	$T_{set}$
$T_s$	1					
$v_a$	0.917**	1				
$T_b$	0.995**	0.932**	1			
$T_{top}$	0.997**	0.942**	0.996**	1		
$T_{air\ box}$	0.774*	0.516	0.738*	0.739*	1	
$T_{set}$	0.907**	0.997**	0.928**	0.935**	0.485	1

\*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

\*\*Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Legend:

$T_s$ =surface temperature of prototype pavement,  $v_a$ = air speed,

$T_b$ = temperature at 50 mm from bottom of prototype pavement,

$T_{top}$ = temperature at 50 mm from surface of prototype pavement,

$T_{air\ box}$ = temperature at inlet air box,  $T_{set}$ = inlet temperature chosen

Table 4: Pearson’s correlation coefficient for the simulation of summer conditions.

#### 4.2.2. Summer conditions

An analysis of the Pearson’s correlation coefficient for simulated summer conditions is shown in Table 4. In the case of summer conditions, only the results obtained with the outlet chimney installed are here analysed. The reason for this is that in previous research the authors reported that the absence of a chimney is a negative aspect for the reduction of the pavement temperatures in summer conditions [11, 10] and this was confirmed by the experimental campaign run with the novel experimental setup. To be specific, the absence of a chimney causes the outlet speed to be extremely low, or even null, unless the inlet temperature is very high, thus, the results obtained with no chimney are disregarded as they do not represent the desired conditions for a functional temperature reducing pavement in the summer. This is because during summer the air mass flow is supposed to be generated by the absorption of heat from the pavement and only in winter can it be accepted to have an air flow powered by the inlet temperature alone.

The most striking aspect in the data shown in Table 4 is that the correlations between the variables under analysis are mostly linear, as proven by the rather high values of the Pearson’s coefficient. Moreover, it is interesting to notice that

451 all the values shown in Table 4 are positive and higher than 0.485, as opposed  
452 to those seen in Table 3.

453 Thus, in the case of simulated summer conditions, the data suggests that the  
454 set temperature has a strong and statistically significant correlation with the  
455 surface temperature ( $r=0.907$ ), the air speed ( $r=0.997$ ), the bottom tempera-  
456 ture ( $r=0.928$ ), and the top temperature ( $r=0.935$ ). Consequently, a lower inlet  
457 temperature will generally cause lower pavement temperatures. If the inlet tem-  
458 perature set is lower, the temperature difference between the pavement and the  
459 air flowing in the channels is higher, which causes the heat transfer phenomena  
460 to be more effective. For this reason, when the inlet temperature is lower the  
461 pavement will be cooler not only because the incoming air is cooler but also as  
462 a consequence of a higher rate of heat transfer.

463 Furthermore, it is relevant to notice that the correlation between air speed and  
464 all the pavement temperatures is statistically significant and positive. This can  
465 be explained by the fact that when the mass flows of air mix at the outlet be-  
466 fore the chimney the resulting mass of air is at a higher temperature when the  
467 pavement is hotter, thus, the higher energy content is the reason of a higher air  
468 speed at the outlet. It is interesting to point out that the air speed in laboratory  
469 simulated winter conditions is not linearly related to the surface temperature  
470 ( $r=-0.079$ ), while in the case of summer it is ( $r=0.917$ ). This is probably related  
471 to the different boundary conditions in the experiments, as in summer an inci-  
472 dent heat flux is directly providing energy to the pavement and, therefore, to  
473 the air flowing under it, while in winter the air is releasing low-temperature heat  
474 to the pavement. This clearly shows that during laboratory simulated summer  
475 conditions the air movement is caused by the incident heat flux, and, therefore,  
476 by the pavement temperatures, while during winter the velocity is caused by  
477 the inlet temperature that is chosen. As a consequence the effect of the heat  
478 transfer during winter is hardly seen on the pavement itself, i.e., there is no  
479 linear relationship between surface temperature and air speed.

480 Finally, once again it can be observed that the linear correlation between the  
481 surface temperature and the other pavement temperatures is statistically sig-

482 nificant and positive. The linear correlation between the temperatures in the  
483 domain is the confirmation of the acceptability of the equations shown in Sec-  
484 tion 3.1 for the description of the relevant physical phenomena happening in  
485 the prototype pavement in simulated summer conditions, too. The fact that in  
486 simulated summer conditions the correlation between surface temperature and  
487 bottom temperature is higher than in winter is likely to be related to the fact  
488 that in summer the surface heat flux is far more significant than the convection  
489 flux in the pipes. Therefore, the non-linear effect due to thermal convection has  
490 less impact on the experimental results.

#### 491 *4.3. Comparison between computational and experimental results*

492 In Fig. 8(a) and Fig. 8(b) the values of air speed obtained with the CFD  
493 simulations in winter conditions are shown along with experimental results. The  
494 comparison is here presented for winter conditions due to the fact that this al-  
495 lows a more accurate discussion, since configurations both with and without  
496 chimney can be considered for the calculation of the outlet air speed. As men-  
497 tioned in Section 4.2.2, the absence of a chimney in simulated summer conditions  
498 results in a null air speed with almost all experimental inlet temperatures. Fur-  
499 thermore, for the purpose of the examination of CFD methods to represent the  
500 physical phenomena at work, the use of simulated summer or winter conditions  
501 does not make a difference, since the boundary conditions in the computational  
502 setup of the problem are selected according to an identical logic.

503 A visual comparison between the computational and experimental results seen  
504 in Fig. 8(a) and Fig. 8(b) suggests that the various experimental configura-  
505 tions can be effectively represented with the methods described in Section 3. In  
506 particular, it is important to notice that the fitting lines for experimental and  
507 computational results are very close to one another and that the trend in the  
508 data is the same. To allow a more accurate comparison the slope and good-  
509 ness of fit of the lines shown in Fig. 8(a) and Fig. 8(b) can be calculated. The  
510 slopes for the experimental results are  $0.0181 \text{ m}/(\text{s}^\circ\text{C})$  and  $0.0219 \text{ m}/(\text{s}^\circ\text{C})$  for  
511 the experiments with and without chimney respectively, while the correspond-

512 ing values of goodness of fit are 0.929 and 0.871. On the other hand, the slopes  
513 for the CFD simulations are 0.0182 m/(s°C) and 0.0224 m/(s°C) for the simula-  
514 tions with and without chimney respectively, with goodness of fit of 0.936 and  
515 0.873. These numerical results combined with a visual assessment of Fig. 8(a)  
516 and Fig. 8(b) confirm that CFD simulations can be used to describe the phe-  
517 nomena at work in this novel experimental setup, thus, computational studies  
518 can be regarded as a good method to provide insight to improve the design of  
519 the system.

520 It is, however, important to mention that an effective simulation of the perfor-  
521 mance of the technology strictly depends on the choice of the right boundary  
522 conditions, which in this paper were fixed based on the experimental values ob-  
523 tained. The aim pursued here was to assess whether CFD simulations could be  
524 used to effectively represent the phenomena ruling air flow in the system under  
525 analysis or not, thus, the most important target was to match the values of air  
526 speed obtained in the laboratory. As a matter of fact, if all the simulations had  
527 been performed with the same surface temperature or incident heat flux and  
528 the exact same ambient temperature the results would show a smoother evo-  
529 lution. For these reasons, if a prediction of the behaviour of the system under  
530 investigation in real life conditions was needed, the input data for the com-  
531 putational model should come from weather databases for a specific location.  
532 Such weather data need to include surface temperatures, air temperatures, and  
533 soil temperatures at a given depth. In addition, accurate boundary conditions  
534 for the inlet and the outlet need to be used to reduce the small mismatch be-  
535 tween the experimental and simulated values of air speed seen in Fig. 8(a) and  
536 Fig. 8(b) because buoyancy powered flows are highly affected by temperature  
537 and pressure gradients in a chosen system.

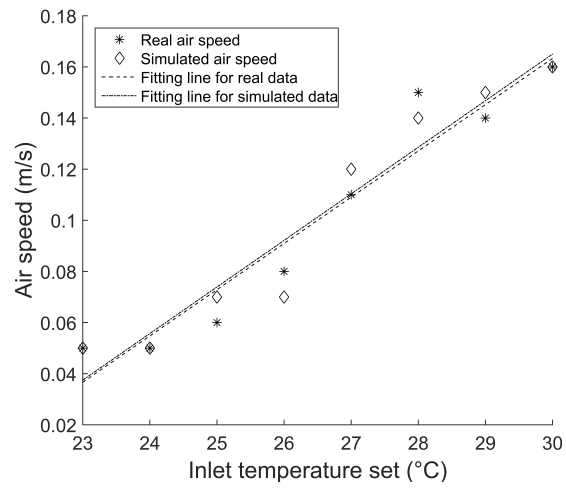
538 The CFD simulations performed for this paper were run in steady state condi-  
539 tions as they were meant to reproduce the results obtained in the laboratory,  
540 where it is usually possible to reach stable results. This would typically not be  
541 possible in the case of a real life installation due to the fact that environmental  
542 conditions constantly change and influence the dynamics of the air flow. For this

543 reason it is clear that a steady state simulation is not fit for the study of such  
544 a dynamic system in real life conditions, therefore, the use of transient analyses  
545 is recommended for the design of practical applications of the technology.

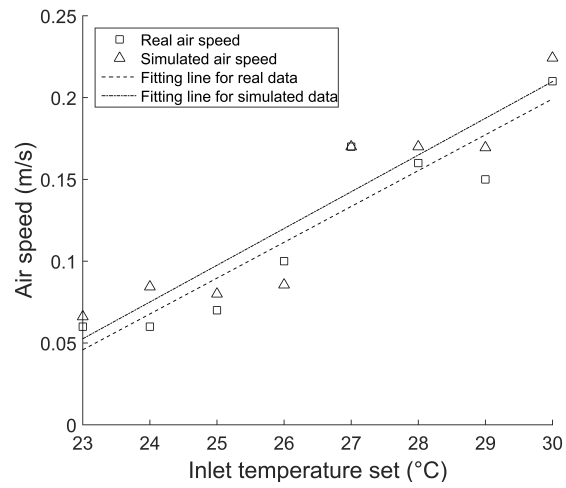
#### 546 *4.4. Further insight and future developments*

547 The good accuracy of the results discussed in Section 4.3 suggest that CFD  
548 simulations are fit to describe the fluid dynamics happening in the system under  
549 investigation, thus, it is interesting to look at the computational results more  
550 closely.

551 To begin with, in Section 4.2.1, it was mentioned that the air stagnates in the  
552 inlet air box. This can be confirmed by examining the particle traces in the  
553 computational reproduction of the experimental setup along with the temper-  
554 ature profile in a cross section of the system (see Fig. 9). The particle traces  
555 were generated using Autodesk CFD by creating a circular grid of seeds at the  
556 system inlet. The traces in Fig. 9(a) are coloured by velocity magnitude, thus,  
557 it is possible to see how air interacts with the solid boundaries of the ground  
558 source heat simulator. In Fig. 9(a), it can be seen that the air velocity in the  
559 inlet air box is very low (close to 0 m/s) and this is due to the geometry of the  
560 system: the air comes from the inlet pipe, then it is scattered by the walls of  
561 the inlet air box, and finally enters the pipes embedded in the aggregate layer  
562 of the prototype pavement. This geometry is functional for a first study of the  
563 performance of the system, however, energy is lost by the air in the inlet air box  
564 due to friction/eddy effects. As a matter of fact, the same phenomenon is seen  
565 in the outlet box where air mass flows mix, thus, the use of optimised geomet-  
566 ric configurations should be pursued. The experimental setup described in this  
567 paper proved effective. However, it is expected that with a more accurate study  
568 of the shape of the air channels a higher performance could be achieved. The  
569 effect of stagnation is seen also in the temperature profile shown in Fig. 9(b),  
570 where the temperature is close to the inlet temperature chosen (30°C, in this  
571 case) across the whole inlet air box. In the outlet box, the same phenomenon  
572 is reported, as the air speed is approximately the same in the whole section.

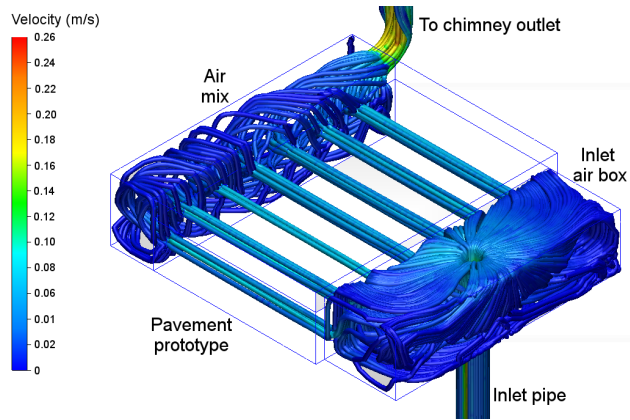


(a) Tests with chimney

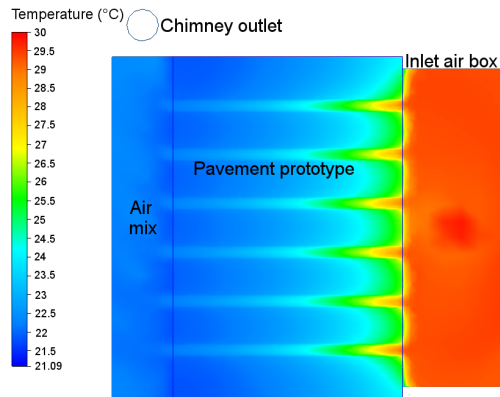


(b) Tests without chimney

Figure 8: Real data vs. computational results (Winter conditions).



(a) Particle traces with velocity magnitude



(b) Cross section with temperature profile

Figure 9: Stagnation of air in the inlet air box (Winter conditions).

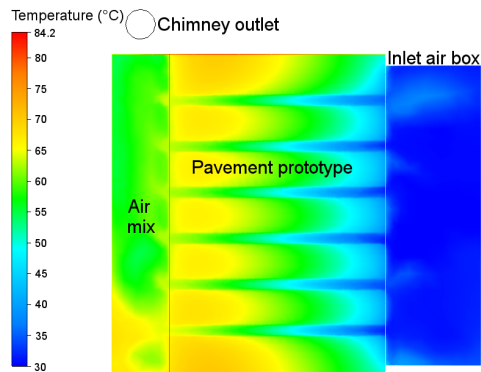


Figure 10: Cross section with temperature profile (Summer conditions).



573 Furthermore, it is interesting to examine the temperature profile in the pipes  
574 shown in Fig. 9(b). A visual analysis of the temperature profile in the pipes  
575 shows that the temperature of air is highly affected by the inlet temperature  
576 chosen for a certain length, then it decreases thanks to the release of heat to the  
577 pavement. A similar phenomenon happens in summer conditions, however, in  
578 this case the temperature in the pipes increases through the length of the pipes  
579 due to the energy abstraction process (see Fig. 10). In addition, the stagnation  
580 phenomenon seen in winter conditions is also present in summer conditions, as  
581 shown by the mostly constant inlet box temperature.

## 582 **5. Preliminary testing in the environment**

583 Since all the experiments mentioned above were performed in a controlled  
584 laboratory environment the experimental setup was also tested in real life con-  
585 ditions for 9 days. This was done in order to assess whether the pavement  
586 prototype would provide a measurable temperature control effect with varying  
587 environmental conditions or not. The testing took place at the University of  
588 Nottingham, UK, during the last two weeks of August 2015. The same equip-  
589 ment described in the previous sections was used, setting a sampling interval of  
590 15 minutes in the data logger. Note that the ground source heat simulator was  
591 fully weatherproofed, however, no precipitation was recorded throughout this  
592 preliminary test. During these 9 days, the environmental temperature ranged  
593 between 7°C and 24°C (see Fig. 11), which consistent with late summer tem-  
594 peratures in the area.

595 The data in Fig. 11 clearly shows that the pavement prototype reached higher  
596 surface temperatures than the control slab during cold periods and lower surface  
597 temperatures than the control slab during hot periods. For the whole period  
598 of time under analysis, daily maximum temperature differences of +6°C and  
599 nightly temperature differences of -6°C were found between the control slab and  
600 the pavement prototype. This was achieved with an air inlet temperature of  
601 15°C, which is a realistic value for a geothermal heat source, unlike those used

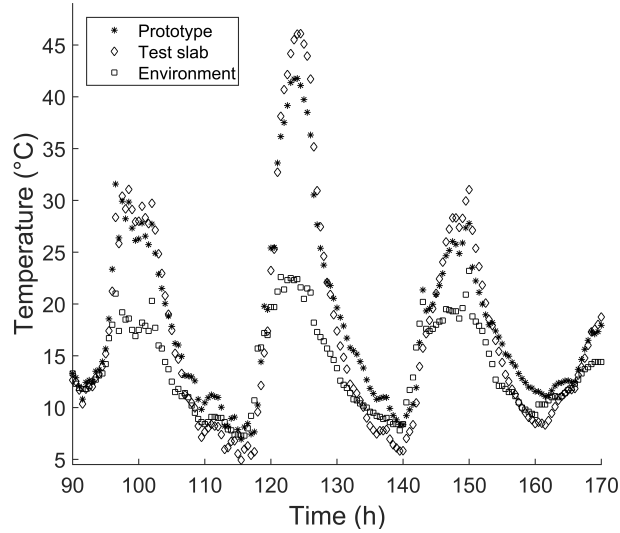


Figure 11: Temperature difference between prototype and control slab (hours 90 to 170).

602 in the laboratory experiments.

603 The results obtained during this preliminary testing period are very promising,  
 604 thus, the authors recommend that further research should focus on a compre-  
 605 hensive analysis of the relationship between the performance of the system and a  
 606 number of parameters defining the weather conditions, e.g., the air temperature,  
 607 the air humidity, and the precipitation.

## 608 6. Conclusions

609 In this paper, a novel experimental setup for the analysis of temperature-  
 610 managed pavements operated by air convection was presented and used to anal-  
 611 yse the performance of a pavement prototype from both a statistical and com-  
 612 putational point of view.

613 The following conclusions can be drawn:

- 614 • It is possible to simulate a soil temperature by the means of the ground  
 615 source heat simulator designed.

- 616 • The performance of a temperature-managed pavement can be influenced  
617 controlling the inlet temperature of air.
- 618 • In simulated winter conditions, temperature increases of between 0.4°C  
619 and 2.1°C were achieved.
- 620 • In simulated summer conditions, temperature decreases of between 2°C  
621 and 6°C were achieved.
- 622 • Linear relationships between the parameters of interest were found by  
623 analysing the Pearson's correlation coefficient. In particular, increasing  
624 values of the inlet air temperature were shown to cause an increase in the  
625 surface temperature in both simulated winter and summer conditions.
- 626 • Computational simulations were identified as an effective mean to describe  
627 the physics of temperature-managed pavements powered by air convection.
- 628 • The analysis of the results of computational simulations can provide use-  
629 ful insight for the design of this kind of systems, especially about the  
630 geometric configuration of the path of air.
- 631 • Preliminary testing in real life conditions proved the validity of the ap-  
632 proach and its effectiveness. Temperature differences between the pave-  
633 ment prototype and the control slab ranging from about -6°C to +6°C  
634 were measured with the experimental equipment.

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