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# Relationship between City Size, Coastal Land Use, and Summer Daytime Air Temperature Rise with Distance from Coast

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**Abstract:** The relationship between city size, coastal land use, and air temperature rise with distance from coast during summer day is analyzed using the meso-scale weather research and forecasting (WRF) model in five coastal cities in Japan with different sizes and coastal land use (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Sendai) and inland cities in Germany (Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe). Air temperature increased as distance from the coast increased, reached its maximum, and then decreased slightly. In Nagoya and Sendai, the amount of urban land use in coastal areas is less than the other three cities, where air temperature is a little lower. As a result, air temperature difference between coastal and inland urban area is small and the curve of air temperature rise is smaller than those in Tokyo and Osaka. In Sendai, air temperature in the inland urban area is the same as in the other cities, but air temperature in the coastal urban area is a little lower than the other cities, due to an approximate one degree lower sea surface temperature being influenced by the latitude. In three German cities, the urban boundary layer may not develop sufficiently because the fetch distance is not enough.

**Keywords:** distance from coast; air temperature; land use; city size; Japan; Germany

## 1. Introduction

Urban heat island intensity is defined by the air temperature difference between an urban area and its surrounding suburbs. Oke [1] revealed that urban heat island intensity is proportional to the logarithm of the population, based on observations in a number of cities in North America and Europe. Fukuoka [2] and Park [3] both showed the same relationship in Japanese and Korean cities and revealed that the slope of the relationship is steep for cities with more than 300,000 people. Sakakibara and Kitahara [4] also showed a similar relationship for cities in Nagano Prefecture, Japan; however, the change in slope, such as that found by Fukuoka [2] and Park [3], was not obtained.

In these studies, population was used to indicate the degree of urbanization. An increase in population, for example, was associated with high-rise buildings and land use change, as well as with an expansion of the urban area. More specific indicators—such as urban area, artificial land coverage, and average building height—should be used to implement more effective heat island countermeasures. The mesoscale weather research and forecasting (WRF) model (Skamarock et al. [5]),

which is used generically worldwide, is effective for these studies (Iizuka et al. [6], Kusaka et al. [7]). Moriyama et al. [8] have reported that air temperature is more influenced by the building coverage rate than the building height. When the building coverage rate is small or the building height is low, air temperature is low.

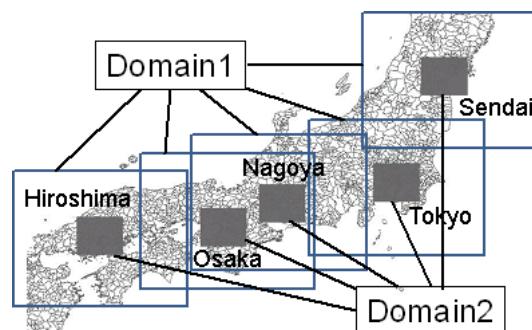
In this study, for the purpose of actual recognition of urban heat island phenomenon, as the target five coastal cities in Japan with different sizes and coastal land use (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Sendai), we have analyzed the relationship between city size, coastal land use and air temperature rise with distance from coast during summer day, while the other factors such as the climatic environment depending on the surrounding topography, the shape of the coastline, and the location would be considered. In the previous study, the authors confirmed that air temperature near ground surface observed in the daytime during the summer days in Osaka city was explained by the distance from the coast, rather than building volume ratio, artificial exhaust heat, natural coverage ratio, roughness length (Takebayashi et al. [9]). Air temperature around the coast was about two degrees lower than that at about 10 km inland. However, both measurement sites are urbanized to almost the same extent. The purpose of this study is to analyze the air temperature distribution within the urban land use rather than the air temperature distribution due to different land use. From this point of view, we do not change the land use parameters for urban land use in both Japanese and German cities. Kusaka et al. [10] have simulated numerically the effects of land-use alternation on the sea breeze and daytime heat island in the Tokyo metropolitan area. By comparison between 1900 and 1985, they pointed out a clearer definition of the sea breeze front, two hours delay of the sea breeze arrival to the inland area and the maximum temperature rise in the inland area. Yamaoto et al. [11] have investigated the relationship between sea breeze penetration and anomalously high summer daytime temperatures in the inland suburbs of Tokyo, with consideration of the relative position of sea breeze fronts, by using data from the high-density temperature observation network (Extended-METROS). The high temperature in the inland area was considered based on the penetration condition of the sea breeze. The original definition of urban heat island intensity by Oke [1] is the annual maximum air temperature difference. However, since the higher air temperature in the summer is noticed socially, which causes a deterioration of the thermal environment in outdoor space and an increase of energy consumption, the higher air temperature period of the summer was selected as the objective period in this study. It was targeted at 14:00, when the maximum temperature is likely to occur. Hardin et al. [12] have analyzed regional air temperature variability and urban heat island magnitude by using a high-density network of urban and rural weather stations. They pointed out the need for consideration of spatial distribution of air temperature for the analysis of urban heat island intensity. The spatial distribution of air temperature was treated as the object in this study. In addition, we have similarly analyzed inland cities (Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe in Germany).

## 2. Outline of Calculation

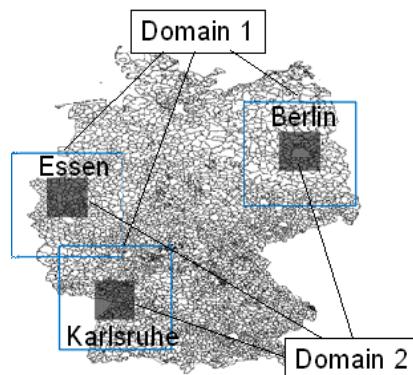
We used mesoscale weather research and forecasting (WRF) model (version 3.0.1.1-ARW). For the turbulence model (planetary boundary layer scheme), we used the Mellor–Yamada–Janjic model. The Noah-LSM was used for the land surface model, and the urban canopy model was applied in urban areas (Kusaka et al. [13]). The objective study areas are shown in Figures 1 and 2. The outer square is domain 1 (3 km grid, 360 km square) and the inner filled square is domain 2 (1 km grid, 103 km square). The nesting technique was used in each region. The latitude of each city is as follows; Tokyo: N35°, Osaka: N34°, Nagoya: N35°, Hiroshima: N34°, Sendai: N38°, Berlin: N52°, Essen: N51°, Karlsruhe: N49°. The calculation results of air temperature at 2 m high and wind velocity at 10 m high in domain 2 were used for the analysis.

Calculation conditions are shown in Table 1. The period for which calculations were done was from August 1 to 31, 2010 for Japanese cities, from July 23 to August 23, 2008 for German cities. In Japanese cities, based on digital national land information (spatial resolution of 100 m) and a normalized vegetation index (NVI) created from Landsat7 ETM+ data, urban areas were classified into

three categories according to the previous study (Kitao et al. [14]), for using the urban canopy model (Kusaka et al. [13]); Urban A: high-rise and high-density (mean building height: 10 m, gross building ratio: 44 %), Urban B: middle-rise and moderate-density (mean building height: 7.5 m, gross building ratio: 38 %), Urban C: low-rise and low-density (mean building height: 5 m, gross building ratio: 29 %). In German cities, they were classified based on USGS data as shown in Table 1.



**Figure 1.** Objective study areas in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Sendai (Domain 1: 3 km grid, 360 km square, Domain 2: 1 km grid, 103 km square).



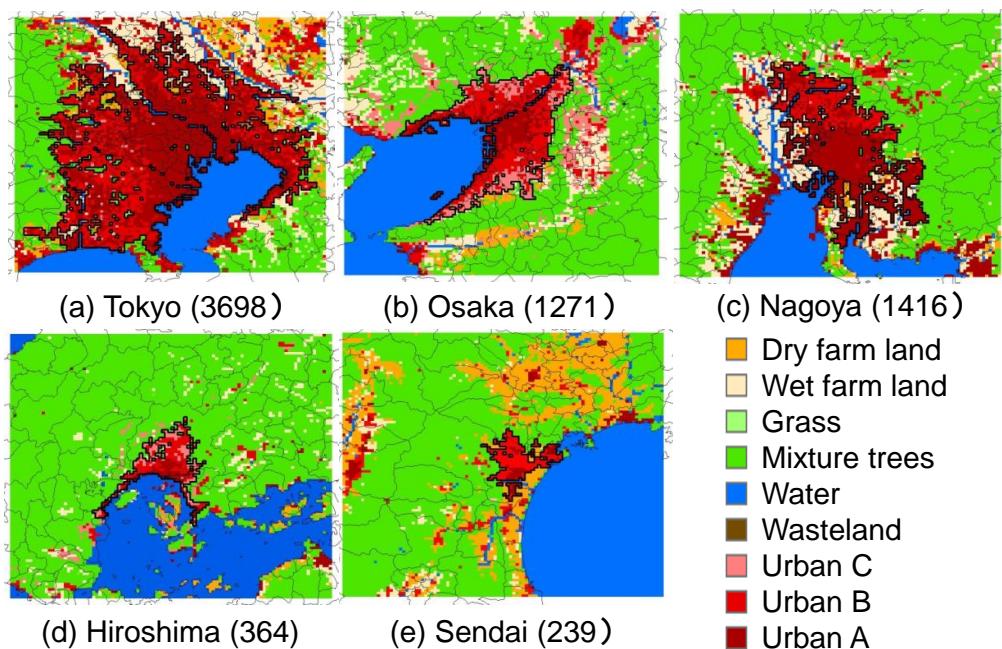
**Figure 2.** Objective study areas in Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe (Domain 1: 3 km grid, 360 km square, Domain 2: 1 km grid, 103 km square).

**Table 1.** Calculation conditions for WRF model.

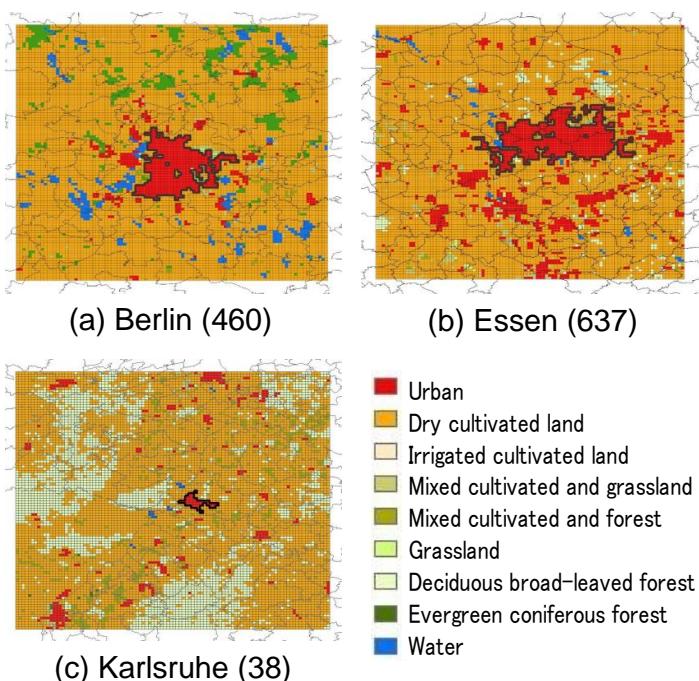
|                                    | For Japanese Cities   | For German Cities   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Period                             | August 1–31, 2010   | July 23–August 23, 2008   |
| Vertical grid                      | 28 layers (surface - 100 hPa)   |   |
| Horizontal grid                    | Domain 1: 3 km (120 x 120 grids), Domain 2: 1 km (103 x 103 grids)                    |   |
| Meteorological data                | JMA: Meso-scale analysis<br>(3 hourly, 10 km grid, 20 layer)                          |   |
|                                    | NCEP: final analysis (6 hourly, 1 degree grid, 17 layer)                              |   |
| Geographical data                  | Terrain height<br>Digital map (50 x 50 m resolution)                                  |   |
|                                    | Land use<br>Digital national land information<br>(about 100 x 100 m resolution) + NVI | United states geological survey<br>(about 100 x 100 m resolution) |
| Microphysics process               | Purdue Lin et al. scheme  |   |
| Radiation process                  | Long wave<br>RRTM long wave scheme  |   |
|                                    | Short wave<br>Dudhia short wave scheme  |   |
| Planetary boundary layer process   | Mellor–Yamada–Janjic PBL scheme   |   |
| Surface process                    | Urban area<br>UCM (urban canopy model)  |   |
|                                    | Non-urban area<br>Noah LSM  |   |
| Cumulus parameterization           | None  |   |
| Four-dimensional data assimilation | None  |   |

Land use conditions and number of urban meshes in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Sendai; and Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe are shown in Figures 3 and 4. The numbers of urban land use meshes are 3,698 in Tokyo; 1,271 in Osaka; 1,416 in Nagoya; 364 in Hiroshima; 239 in Sendai; 460 in

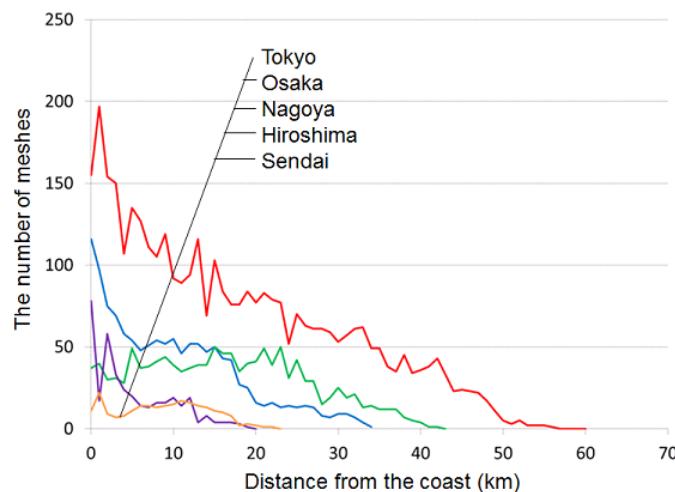
Berlin; 637 in Essen; and 38 in Karlsruhe. Frequency of urban land use at each distance point from the coast for Japanese cities is shown in Figure 5. Main wind direction is not specified for German cities where the natural land use is located around the city. Frequency of urban land use in Japanese cities is larger in the coastal area and decreases gradually in the inland area. In Tokyo, the number of urban land use meshes is very large in comparison with other cities all over the inland from the coast. The number of urban land use meshes along the coastal area in Nagoya and Sendai is slightly smaller compared to those for Tokyo, Osaka, and Hiroshima.



**Figure 3.** Land use conditions and number of urban meshes in (a) Tokyo, (b) Osaka, (c) Nagoya, (d) Hiroshima, and (e) Sendai (1 km grid, 103 km square).



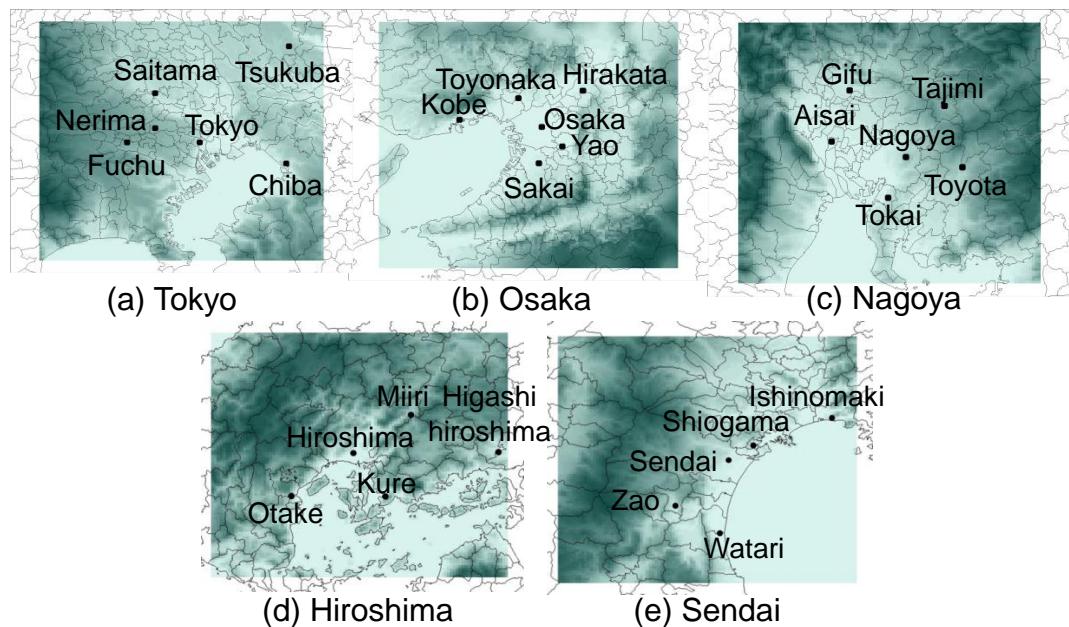
**Figure 4.** Land use conditions and number of urban meshes in (a) Berlin, (b) Essen, and (c) Karlsruhe (1 km grid, 103 km square).



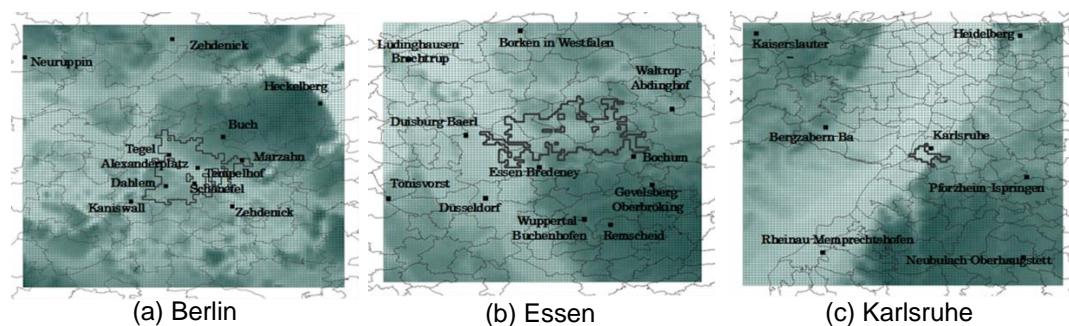
**Figure 5.** Frequency of urban land use at each distance point from the coast.

### 3. Calculation Accuracy

Fine days conditions were selected according to weather conditions as follows; weather: mostly sunny and sunny, sunlight hours: more than 7.0 hours, solar radiation: more than  $19 \text{ MJ/m}^2$ , precipitation: less than 0.5 mm. Sea breeze conditions only for Japanese cities were selected according to weather conditions as follows; wind velocity: more than 2.0 m/s at observatory, wind direction: main wind direction at each observatory, duration time: more than six hours under the above conditions. The calculated values and observed values, which are instantaneous values every hour, are compared using observation station data in domain 2 of each city. Position of measurement sites are shown in Figures 6 and 7. Since the number of measurement sites was limited, observation data in land use other than the urban land use were also used for verification. The calculation accuracies of air temperature and wind velocity for various observatories at Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Sendai; and Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe are shown in Tables 2 and 3. For the five Japanese cities, calculation accuracy is comparable to previous studies (Kitao et al., 2009 and Moriyama et al., 2014). The accuracy of the nighttime air temperature calculation results is a little worse than during the daytime. The error during the daytime was within  $1^\circ\text{C}$ , while it was over  $2^\circ\text{C}$  during the nighttime. Calculation results during the day are used for analysis in the following. Most of measurement sites in Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya areas are located within metropolitan areas, whereas most of measurement sites in Hiroshima and Sendai areas are located outside metropolitan areas. At measurement sites outside metropolitan areas, a bit of poor calculation precision of wind velocity is confirmed due to the local topography. It is a similar problem for Karlsruhe with a narrow metropolitan area. However, we judged that it does not significantly affect the study of air temperature distribution in the urban area. A comparison of observed and calculated period average air temperatures at the Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Sendai; and Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe observatories are shown in Figures 8 and 9. The difference was a little large in Sendai, but it was not noticeable in Table 2. It was recognized that the difference was large in Karlsruhe since the comparison could be carried out only in the land use other than urban, while it was done in the urban land use in Berlin and Essen.



**Figure 6.** Position of measurement sites in (a) Tokyo, (b) Osaka, (c) Nagoya, (d) Hiroshima, and (e) Sendai (103 km square).



**Figure 7.** Position of measurement sites in (a) Berlin, (b) Essen, and (c) Karlsruhe (103 km square).

**Table 2.** Calculation accuracies of air temperature and wind velocity for Japanese cities.

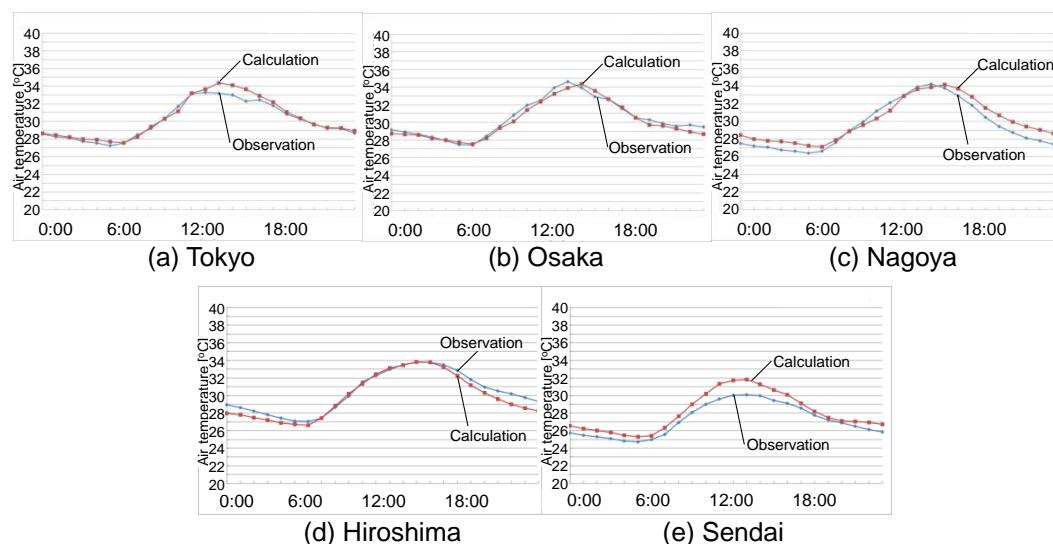
|                  |          | Air Temperature |           |             | Wind Velocity |            |             |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Measurement site |          | Bias (°C)       | RMSE (°C) | Correlation | Bias (m/s)    | RMSE (m/s) | Correlation |
| Tokyo area       | Tokyo    | 0.50            | 0.72      | 0.92        | -0.38         | 0.54       | 0.78        |
|                  | Nerima   | 0.72            | 0.79      | 0.92        | 1.74          | 1.85       | 0.63        |
|                  | Fuchu    | 1.80            | 2.14      | 0.90        | 0.01          | 0.72       | 0.70        |
|                  | Saitama  | 1.13            | 1.19      | 0.91        | 0.41          | 0.72       | 0.69        |
|                  | Tsukuba  | 0.82            | 0.88      | 0.94        | 0.73          | 0.95       | 0.74        |
|                  | Chiba    | -0.24           | 0.28      | 0.90        | -0.97         | 1.03       | 0.78        |
| Osaka area       | Osaka    | 0.20            | 0.31      | 0.92        | -0.13         | 0.43       | 0.67        |
|                  | Kobe     | 0.30            | 0.45      | 0.89        | -1.14         | 1.19       | 0.59        |
|                  | Sakai    | 0.40            | 1.15      | 0.91        | 0.28          | 0.71       | 0.58        |
|                  | Toyonaka | 0.43            | 0.54      | 0.91        | -0.18         | 0.52       | 0.62        |
|                  | Yao      | 0.92            | 0.98      | 0.92        | -0.71         | 0.92       | 0.56        |
|                  | Hirakata | 0.42            | 0.63      | 0.87        | 0.86          | 0.94       | 0.47        |
| Nagoya area      | Nagoya   | 0.71            | 0.80      | 0.90        | -0.46         | 0.56       | 0.64        |
|                  | Tokai    | 0.24            | 0.48      | 0.89        | 0.97          | 1.02       | 0.53        |
|                  | Aisai    | -0.18           | 0.32      | 0.93        | 1.37          | 1.52       | 0.62        |
|                  | Toyota   | 0.59            | 0.75      | 0.93        | 0.42          | 0.58       | 0.33        |
|                  | Gifu     | 0.97            | 1.01      | 0.90        | -0.29         | 0.40       | 0.64        |
|                  | Tajimi   | 0.47            | 0.84      | 0.93        | 0.46          | 0.59       | 0.53        |

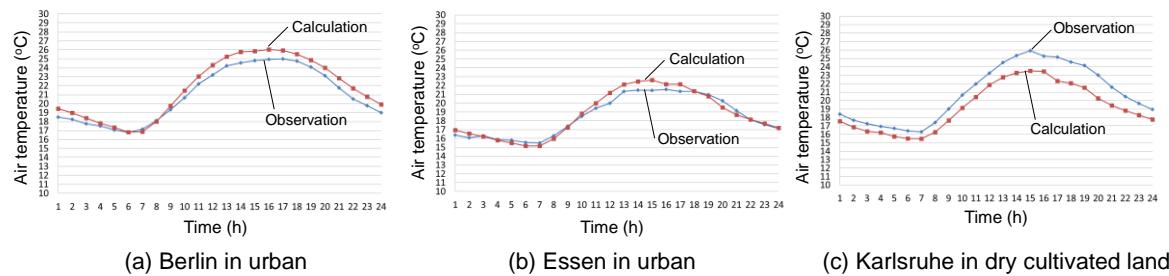
**Table 2.** Cont.

|                |                   | Air Temperature |      |      | Wind Velocity |      |      |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| Hiroshima area | Hiroshima         | 0.01            | 0.02 | 0.91 | -0.56         | 0.77 | 0.56 |
|                | Kure              | -0.05           | 0.06 | 0.93 | 0.04          | 0.55 | 0.59 |
|                | Otake             | 0.05            | 0.05 | 0.86 | -0.70         | 0.74 | 0.41 |
|                | Higashi hiroshima | -0.08           | 0.08 | 0.94 | -0.50         | 0.77 | 0.30 |
|                | Miiri             | 0.03            | 0.03 | 0.89 | -1.38         | 1.68 | 0.01 |
| Sendai area    | Sendai            | -0.03           | 0.04 | 0.90 | -0.19         | 0.44 | 0.46 |
|                | Watari            | -0.06           | 0.06 | 0.81 | -0.36         | 0.62 | 0.31 |
|                | Shiogama          | 0.47            | 1.08 | 0.91 | 1.38          | 1.45 | 0.32 |
|                | Zao               | -0.02           | 0.04 | 0.83 | -0.82         | 0.90 | 0.12 |
|                | Ishinomaki        | -0.05           | 0.06 | 0.83 | -0.74         | 0.82 | 0.57 |

**Table 3.** Calculation accuracies of air temperature and wind velocity for German cities.

|                  |                          | Air Temperature |           |             | Wind Velocity |            |             |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Measurement site |                          | Bias (°C)       | RMSE (°C) | Correlation | Bias (m/s)    | RMSE (m/s) | Correlation |
| Berlin area      | Alexanderplatz           | 0.11            | 0.61      | 0.93        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Buch                     | -0.30           | 0.58      | 0.93        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Dahlem                   | 1.44            | 1.84      | 0.94        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Marzahn                  | 0.47            | 0.73      | 0.93        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Tegel                    | 0.59            | 0.78      | 0.94        | 1.29          | 1.35       | 0.84        |
|                  | Tempelhof                | 0.73            | 0.84      | 0.94        | 0.97          | 1.08       | 0.82        |
|                  | Neuruppin                | -0.15           | 1.27      | 0.90        | 2.08          | 2.14       | 0.79        |
|                  | Potsdam                  | -0.74           | 1.88      | 0.91        | 0.86          | 0.90       | 0.74        |
|                  | Zehdenick                | -0.28           | 0.95      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Heckelberg               | 0.02            | 0.94      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
| Essen area       | Bochum                   | -0.15           | 0.73      | 0.87        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Borken in Westfalen      | -0.53           | 1.84      | 0.90        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Essen-Bredeney           | 0.47            | 0.76      | 0.92        | 1.37          | 1.40       | 0.74        |
|                  | Toenisvorst              | -0.69           | 0.95      | 0.92        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Wuppertal-Buchenhofen    | 1.19            | 1.34      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Remscheid                | -0.56           | 0.82      | 0.90        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Luedinghausen-Brochtrup  | -0.82           | 0.92      | 0.92        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Duisburg-Baerl           | -1.00           | 1.32      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Waltrop-Abdinghof        | -0.12           | 0.45      | 0.92        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Gevelsberg-Oberbroekking | -0.60           | 0.88      | 0.90        | -             | -          | -           |
| Karlsruhe area   | Bergzabern-Ba            | -1.63           | 1.70      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Heidelberg               | -2.93           | 3.00      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Kaiserslautern           | -0.99           | 1.15      | 0.93        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Karlsruhe                | -1.60           | 1.73      | 0.92        | -0.54         | 0.61       | 0.73        |
|                  | Pforzheim-Ispringen      | -0.13           | 0.72      | 0.92        | 0.46          | 0.66       | 0.61        |
|                  | Rheinau-Memprechtshofen  | -0.44           | 0.71      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |
|                  | Neubulach-Oberhaugstett  | 0.12            | 0.94      | 0.91        | -             | -          | -           |

**Figure 8.** Comparison of observed and calculated period average air temperatures at the (a) Tokyo, (b) Osaka, (c) Nagoya, (d) Hiroshima, and (e) Sendai observatories.

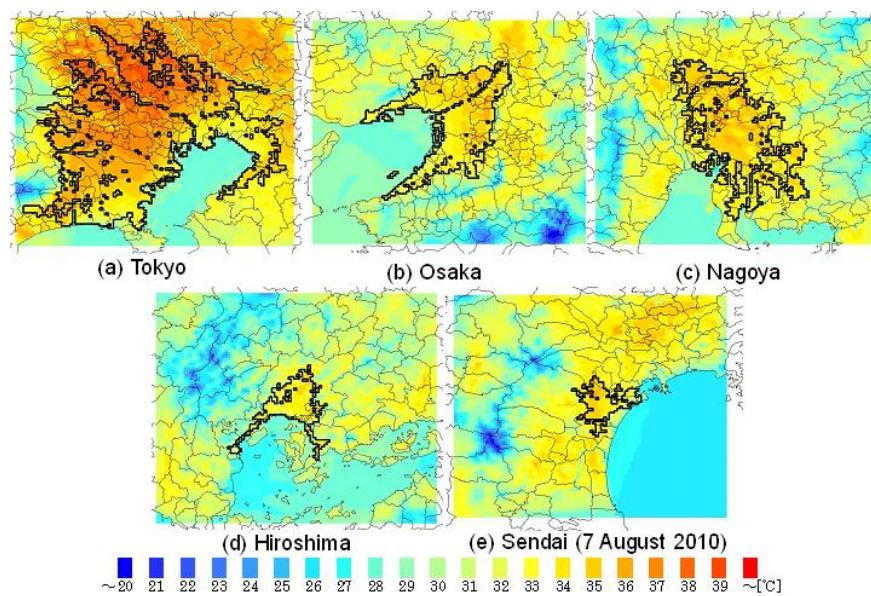


**Figure 9.** Comparison of observed and calculated period average air temperatures at the (a) Berlin, (b) Essen, and (c) Karlsruhe observatories.

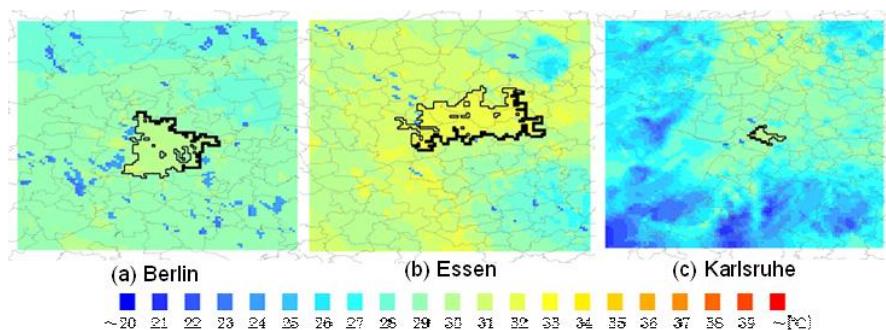
#### 4. Analysis on Air Temperature Distribution

Air temperature distribution at 2 m height in Japanese cities, at 2:00 p.m., 25 August 2010 is shown in Figure 10. However, it is 7 August only in Sendai, due to weather condition. Air temperature was lower in the coastal areas and higher in the inland areas. Number of higher air temperature points in Tokyo was larger than those in the other cities, which are located mainly in the inland areas. Air temperature distribution at 2 m height at 2:00 p.m., in 25 July for Berlin and Karlsruhe, in 24 July for Essen, 2008 is shown in Figure 11. The time when maximum air temperature occurred was selected from the hottest period in Japan and Germany, respectively, based on statistical analysis of meteorological data measured on meteorological observatory. Air temperature was lower in the boundary areas with the suburbs and higher in inner urban areas. Although we selected for cities with relatively large and small metropolitan areas, since the metropolitan areas in Berlin and Essen are half or less of those in Osaka and Nagoya, it is difficult to confirm the trend of air temperature distribution in the urban area. It is especially difficult in Karlsruhe with a narrow metropolitan area. Relationship between distance from the coast and air temperature in Japanese cities at 2:00 p.m., 25 August 2010 is shown in Figure 12. In all five cities, as the distance from the coast increases, air temperature rises. The curve of air temperature rise varies in five cities. It is also different from day to day in a city. It is considered that the cause is the cloud amount during the night and the sea surface temperature during the day. In the previous study [15], we analyzed the relationship between wind velocity, altitude, and air temperature in the same way, but could not obtain higher correlation coefficients than those in Figure 12. Since the objective area is distinguished in only urban A, B, C, we cannot see the correlation with land use condition. Relationship between distance from the windward boundary with the suburbs and air temperature at 2:00 p.m., in 25 July for Berlin and Karlsruhe, in 24 July for Essen, 2008 is shown in Figure 13. In all three cities, as the distance from the suburb increased, air temperature rose.

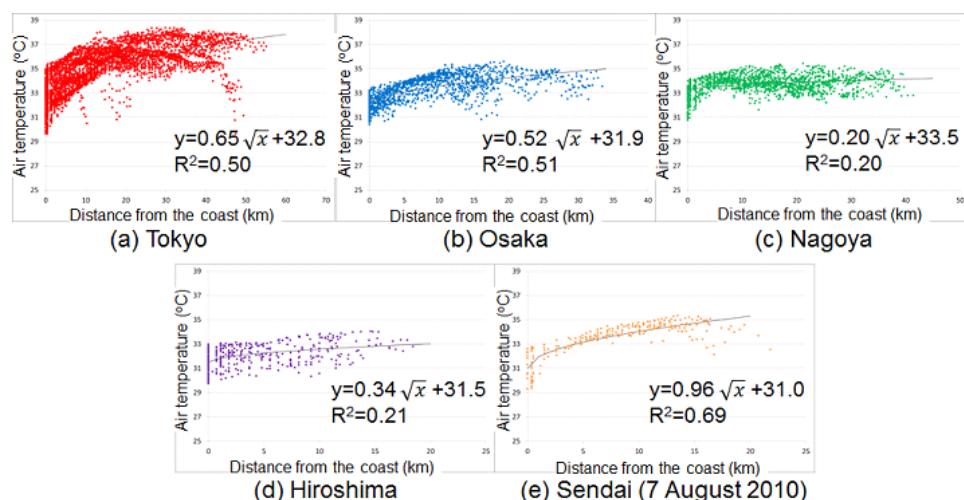
The relationship between distance from the coast and air temperature at 14:00 averaged in fine weather conditions for Japanese cities is shown in Figure 14. Air temperature rise increases with distance from coast and they are nearly the same in Tokyo and Osaka. The number of higher air temperature points in Tokyo was larger than those in Osaka and Nagoya, which are located mainly in the inland areas. The heat island intensities of Osaka and Tokyo were almost the same at the same distance points from the coast regardless of different urban areas. There is no relationship between city size and air temperature rise. City size is indicated by the distance from the coast to the inland edge of each city as shown in Figure 14; Tokyo 60 km, Osaka and Nagoya 35–40 km, and Hiroshima and Sendai 20 km. In Hiroshima, the urban area is spread along coastal line as in Tokyo and Osaka, and the inland urban area is less than these cities, where air temperature is a little higher. As a result, the curve of air temperature rise in Hiroshima is smaller than those in Tokyo and Osaka.



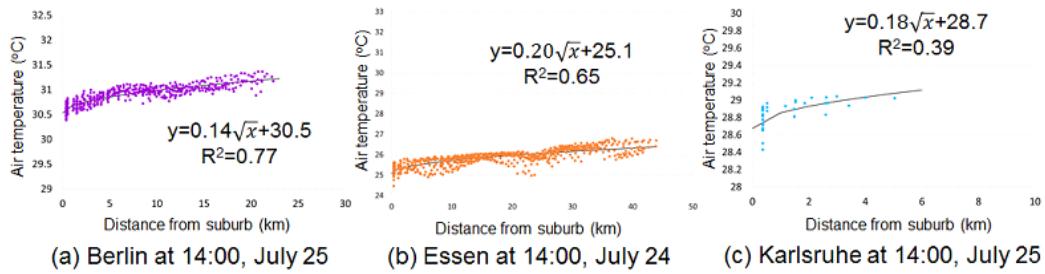
**Figure 10.** Air temperature distribution at 2 m height in Japanese cities (103 km square). (a) Tokyo, (b) Osaka, (c) Nagoya, (d) Hiroshima, and (e) Sendai.



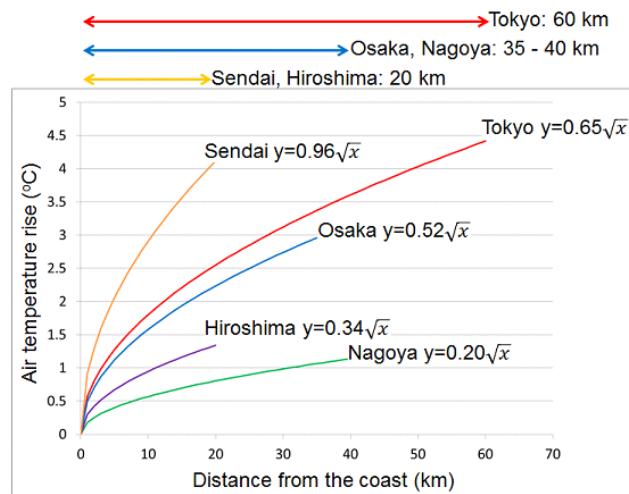
**Figure 11.** Air temperature distribution at 2 m height in German cities (103 km square). (a) Berlin, (b) Essen, and (c) Karlsruhe.



**Figure 12.** Relationship between distance from the coast and air temperature in Japanese cities. (a) Tokyo, (b) Osaka, (c) Nagoya, (d) Hiroshima, and (e) Sendai.

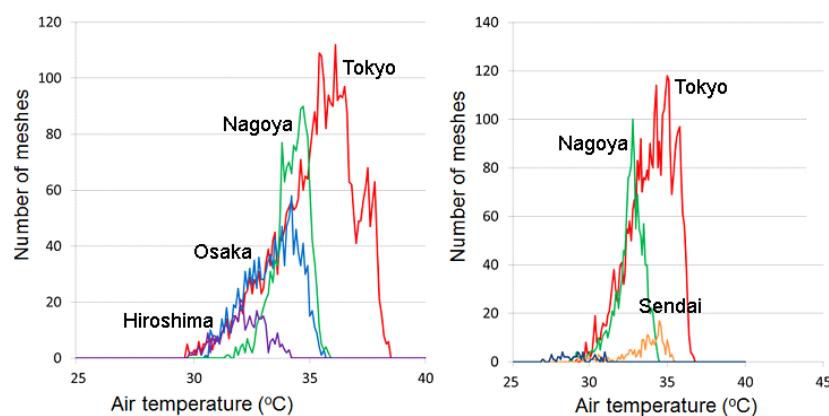


**Figure 13.** Relationship between distance from the suburb and air temperature in German cities.  
(a) Berlin, (b) Essen, and (c) Karlsruhe.



**Figure 14.** Relationship between distance from the coast and air temperature at 2:00 p.m. averaged in fine weather condition for Japanese cities.

Frequencies of air temperature at 2:00 p.m. on August 25 and 7, 2010 are shown in Figure 15. In these days, the cities indicated in the figure were fine and sea breeze condition. In Nagoya and Sendai, the number of urban land use in coastal areas is less than the other three cities, where air temperature is a little lower. As a result, air temperature difference between coastal and inland urban area is small and the curve of air temperature rise is smaller than those in Tokyo and Osaka. In Sendai, air temperature in the inland urban area is the same as in the other cities, but air temperature in the coastal urban area is a little lower than the other cities, due to an approximately 1-degree lower sea surface temperature influenced by the latitude. As a result, the air temperature difference between coastal and inland urban area is large and the curve of air temperature rise is larger than those in Tokyo and Osaka. As described above, coastal land use has a large influence on air temperature rise.



**Figure 15.** Frequencies of air temperature at 14:00 on August 25 (left) and 7 (right), 2010.

## 5. Discussion

Distance from boundary and air temperature rise in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe is shown in Figure 16. Air temperature rises in three German cities are almost the same as that in Nagoya. The development of the urban boundary layer is expressed by following equation (1), if the advection by the sea breeze is dominant, as a function of the distance from the boundary  $L$  (m). Air temperature distribution is affected by a wider range of pressure systems; however, since air temperature distribution only in the urban area is focused in this study, this equation is assumed.

$$\Delta T = \sqrt{\frac{2(1+k)HL\alpha}{C_p\rho U}} \quad (1)$$

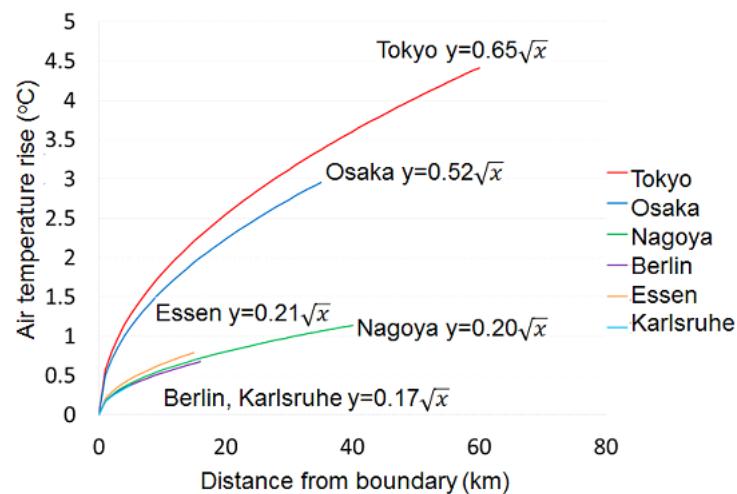
where  $k$  is the ratio of entrainment (0 to 1),  $H$  is the sensible heat flux from the ground surface ( $\text{W/m}^2$ ), which is calculated reflecting the advection effect on upper air by the sea breeze,  $\alpha$  is air temperature gradient ( $\text{K/m}$ ),  $C_p$  is the specific heat of air ( $=1000 \text{ J/(kgK)}$ ),  $\rho$  is air density ( $=1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ), and  $U$  is wind velocity ( $\text{m/s}$ ). Assuming  $\alpha = 0.006 (\text{K/m})$ , it becomes

$$\Delta T = (0.0032 \sim 0.0045)\sqrt{H/U}\sqrt{L} \quad (2)$$

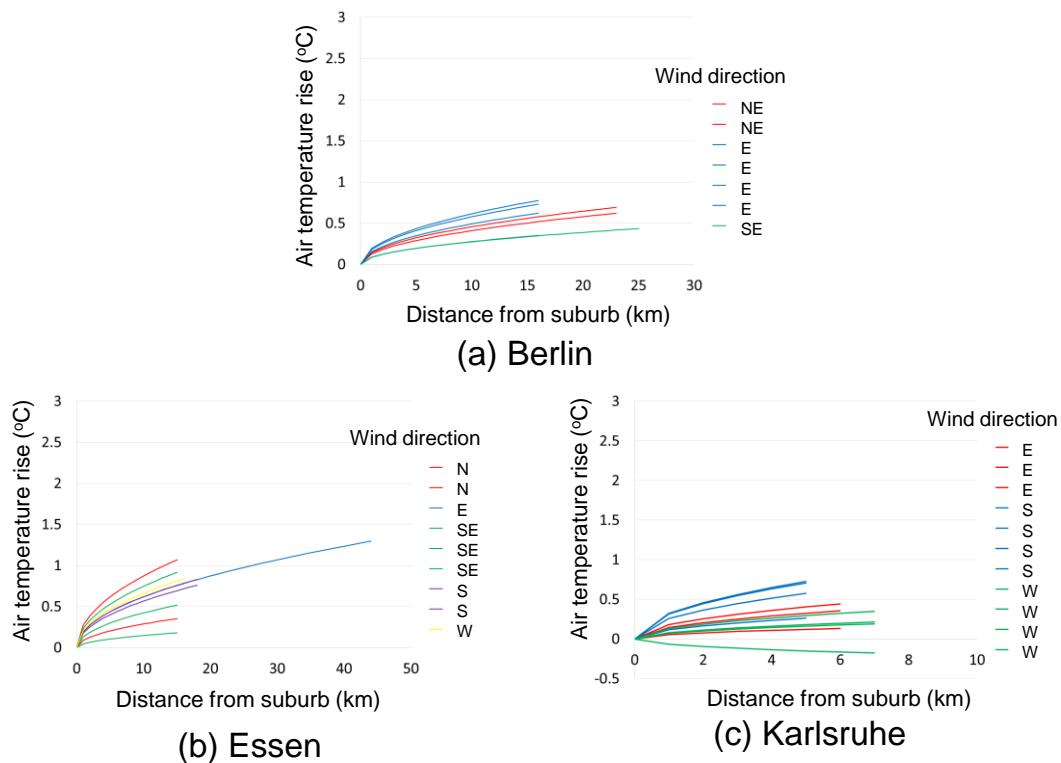
Assuming  $H = 150 (\text{W/m}^2)$ ,  $U = 5 (\text{m/s})$ , it becomes

$$\Delta T = (0.55 \sim 0.78)\sqrt{x} \quad (3)$$

where  $x (= 1000 L)$  is the distance from the boundary (km). Air temperature rises in Tokyo and Osaka are almost consistent with Equation (3). Approximate curves of air temperature rise of each day in fine days in German cities are shown in Figure 17. Although the distance from the inflow boundary to the outflow points in urban area differs according to the wind direction, they are almost 15 km in Berlin and Essen, and 5 km in Karlsruhe. In three German cities, the urban boundary layer may not develop sufficiently because the fetch distance is insufficient.



**Figure 16.** Distance from boundary and air temperature rise in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe.



**Figure 17.** Approximate curves of air temperature rise of each day in fine days in German cities. (a) Berlin, (b) Essen, and (c) Karlsruhe.

## 6. Conclusions

The relationship between city size, coastal land use, and air temperature rise with distance from coast during summer day is analyzed using the meso-scale weather research and forecasting (WRF) model in five coastal cities in Japan with different sizes and coastal land use (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, and Sendai). In addition, the similar analysis is carried out for inland cities (Berlin, Essen, and Karlsruhe in Germany). Air temperature increased as distance from the coast/the suburb increased, reached its maximum, and then decreased slightly. Air temperature increases with distance from coast and they are nearly the same in Tokyo and Osaka. The number of higher air temperature points in Tokyo was larger than those in Osaka and Nagoya, which are located mainly in the inland areas. The heat island intensities of Osaka and Tokyo were almost the same at the same distance points from the coast regardless of different urban areas. There is no relationship between city size and air temperature rise. In Nagoya and Sendai, the number of urban land use in coastal areas is less than the other three cities, where air temperature is a little lower. As a result, air temperature difference between coastal and inland urban area is small and the curve of air temperature rise is smaller than those in Tokyo and Osaka. In Sendai, air temperature in the inland urban area is the same as in the other cities, but air temperature in the coastal urban area is a little lower than the other cities, due to an approximately one-degree lower sea surface temperature influenced by the latitude. Coastal land use has an influence on air temperature rise. In three German cities, the urban boundary layer may not develop sufficiently because the fetch distance is not enough.

To summarize the above, in cities such as Tokyo and Osaka that have sufficiently large urban areas, the urban boundary layer develops from the windward boundary, and it is possible to explain air temperature distribution according to the distance from the boundary. However, it is difficult to confirm the development of the urban boundary layer in cities such as Nagoya, Hiroshima, Sendai and German cities where urban areas are not well developed. Analysis presented in this study is effective for cities with large metropolitan areas where air temperature distribution occurs within the urban land use. In that case, it is possible to discuss the thermal mitigation strategy by assuming

air temperature rise with the half power of the distance from the boundary as an index. At present, discussions on adaptation measures to the extremely hot temperature influenced by heat waves are drawing attention around the world. It is often directed to a high temperature during the daytime, discussion on air temperature distribution influenced not only by land use, but advection would also be effective for situations such as this study.

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