

National Distributed Water Infrastructure Facility (NDWIF) at the University of Sheffield



- 600m² of specialist laboratory space
- 1350m³ waterproof test cell 45m long by 5m deep by 5m deep with in-situ instrumentation
- Straight test length of 38m
- In-pipe and surface flows of up to 200 l/s
- Pressure transient shocks of up to 10bar
- Actuators able to impose complex cyclic loads of up to 10kN/m²



National Research Facility for Water and Wastewater Treatment at Cranfield University

- Advanced Sensors Lab
- Sewer Loops rig
- Point-of-use Water Treatment Development lab
- Test and control drinking water treatment rig
- Sediment Erosion Flume
- Breakthrough Innovation Hub



National Green Infrastructure Facility (NGIF) at Newcastle University

- Can hold 600m³ of water and is capable of handling 50mm of rainfall in one hour
- Large-scale, heavily instrumented lysimeters that allow unique trials of experimental SuDS specifications
- A 130m 'extreme event' swale enabling research and demonstration of leaky barriers for urban water attenuation
- A 100m ensemble of variably planted bioretention cells to investigate the influence of planting regime and management on hydrological performance



National Buried Infrastructure Facility at University of Birmingham

- 25m x 10m x 5m deep pit with moveable floor sections, including a 10m x 5m moveable floor section to simulate subsurface ground displacements
- Material storage and test assembly areas
- Pipeline and small-structure testing rigs
- Material characterisation facilities
- Visualisation suite and knowledge transfer rooms



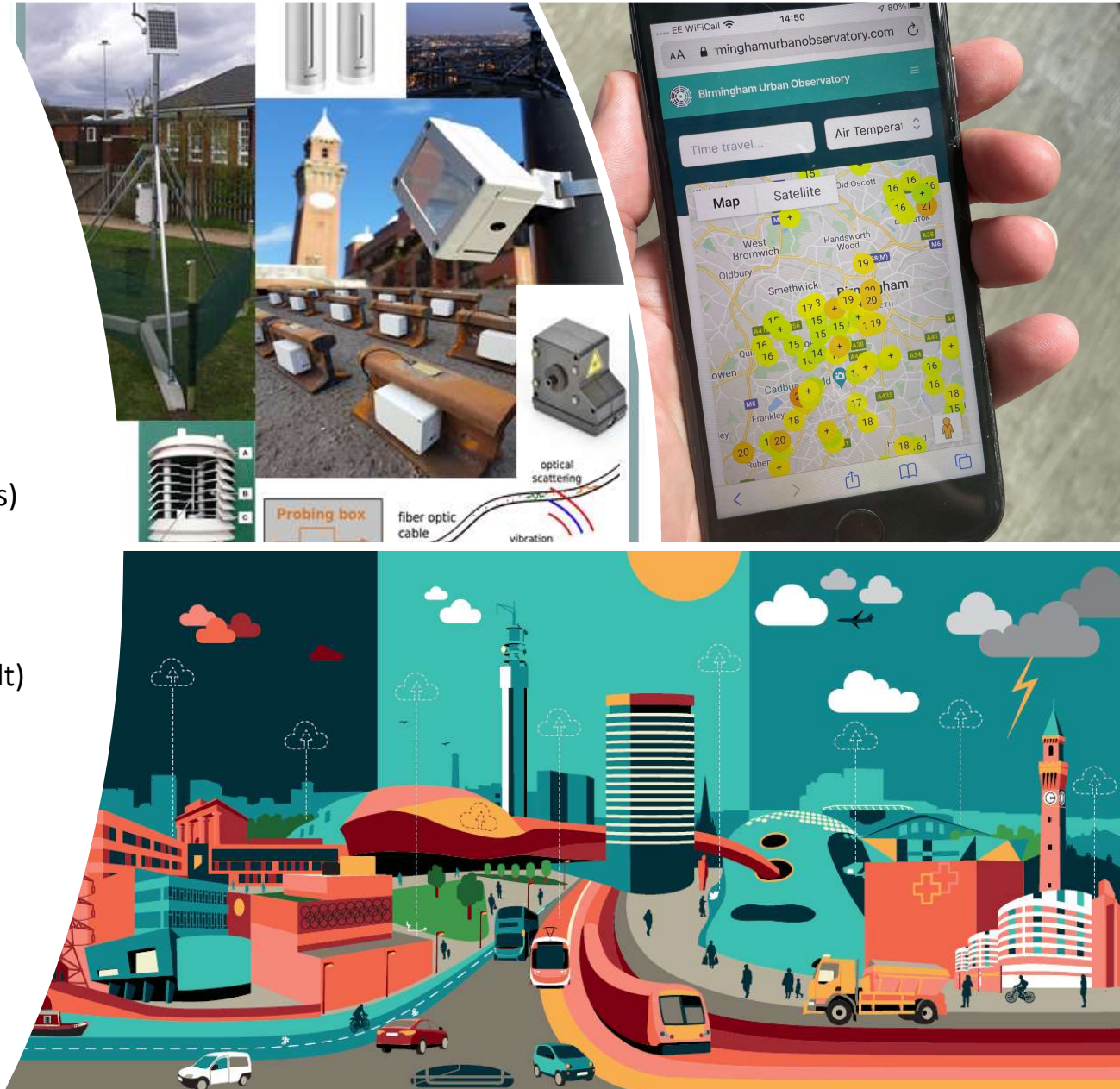
National Network of Urban Observatories



Birmingham Urban Observatory

- B'ham observatory monitors everyday impacts on green and grey infrastructure in urban areas (and much more).
- Supersite and distributed sensor network approach:
 - High resolution meteorological sensing:
 - Distributed weather sensors
 - Opportunistic sensing (citizen weather stations)
 - Meteorological supersite
 - Grey infrastructure sensors:
 - Road Surface Temperature (UoB built)
 - Rail temperature + leaves on the line (UoB built)
 - Environmental sensors
 - Soundscapes
 - Air quality (some UoB built)
 - DAS capability linked with NBIF
- Non-proprietary data visualisation platform:

<https://birminghamurbanobservatory.com/>



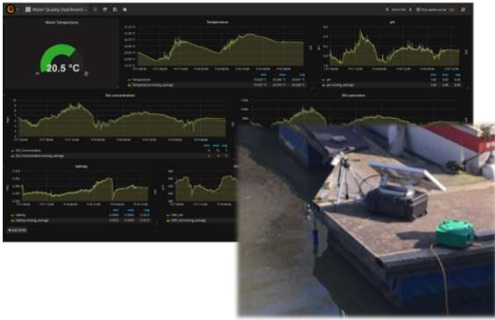
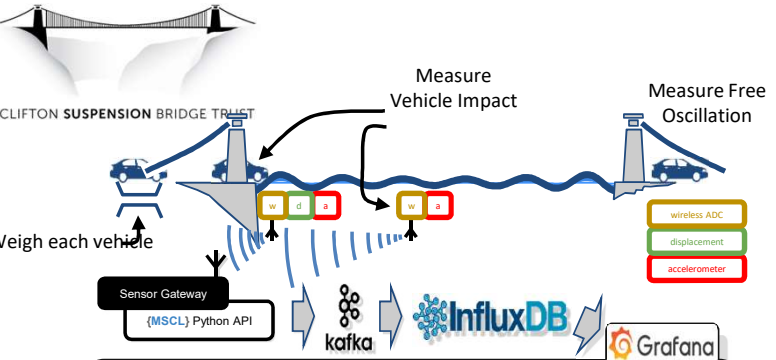
The Infrastructure Collaboratory: Bristol's Urban Observatory

Our sensing platforms facilitate integrated infrastructure interventions with our partners, e.g.,

- Infrastructure asset monitoring and digital twin development: structural health monitoring, asset performance management (**Clifton Suspension Bridge**)
- Energy Systems: monitoring energy performance, microgeneration and peer-to-peer trading, consumer behaviour (**University Campus**)
- Mobility and people-space interaction: intelligent transport systems, electric and micro mobility, multi-modal mobility, people's perception of space, ...
- Water quality: condition and quality monitoring, prediction and early warning (**Bristol Floating Harbour**)
- Citizen sensing and mobile making: STEM outreach, upskilling, citizen-driven urban innovation and ultimately co-creation (**Local Citizens**)



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Our projects include:



Some of our PhD researchers have been sponsored in part by:





Cranfield Urban Observatory

- Self-contained and fully controlled rural location at the heart of the Ox-Cam Arc.
- Integration with other activities and infrastructure (e.g. UKCRIC Water Hub/WWTW, Global Research Airport, Digital Aviation Research and Technology Centre (DARTEC), FAAM, MUAEVI sensed vehicle test road).
- Sensor/IT testbeds with safe working access.
- Campus wide IoT Wi-Fi network and 4G IoT networking.
- Datahub including real-time visualization.
- Sensor capability includes:
 - Multiple weather stations including at solar farm and WWTW
 - Air quality network including reference site, campus/airport deployment and sensors deployed across Ox-Cam Arc.
 - Indoor air quality network including ultrafine/nano particulates.
 - Water quality network including water level, quality and inline flow meters.
 - Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) with sensing including multiple flow cytometers for monitoring pathogens, bacteria (unique research capability), and 100 sensors across pilot hall to monitor WWTW performance.
 - Water use and behavior change - ~450 shower sensors across halls of residence and water meters and novel water use sensors across residential and technical site.
 - Soil and buried infrastructure – multiple soil sensors and distributed bragg sensor system and High Fidelity Acoustic Sensor (HDAS) for buried infrastructure monitoring.
 - Wildlife monitoring – multiple acoustic recorders and photo/video cameras.
 - Rapid deployment sensor suit (e.g. air quality, video).
 - Low cost ubiquitous sensing capability.
 - Links to existing data (e.g. solar farm, energy use) and sensors (e.g. bioaerosols, noise monitoring station).
 - Planned linking to existing novel sensor/data platforms/facilities including MUAVI road (LiDAR & radar) and digital remote control tower, DARTEC passenger experience lab and B737.

<https://www.livinglab.ac.uk>



UK's largest open urban sensing network

- 10 billion + data points
- Only open weather radar data in the UK
- 4000+ deployed sensor streams
- Scalable data platform, APIs and downloads
- 65+ Variables (ANPR, bus GPS feeds, People movement, air quality, weather, water quality.....)
- 500+ CCTV feeds
- 200,000 images processed daily
- 10,000 observations every minute
- Largest air quality monitoring network in the UK

National Urban Observatory Facility Newcastle

<http://newcastle.urbanobservatory.ac.uk>

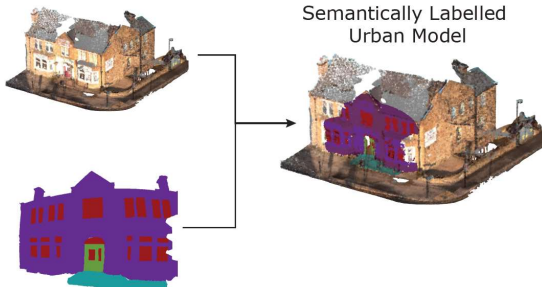
**From Newcastle.
For the world.**

We aspire to help cities to **thrive within the carrying capacity of the planet** by developing a globally leading understanding of the flows of **energy and resources**.

Our objectives:

- Quantify how our consumption of energy/resources impacts on the environment – **GHG emissions** & **air quality** & to identify **levers for change**
- Understand the **Urban Metabolism** required to deliver a **Circular Economy**,
- Provide an **evidence base** that facilitates local & national decision making

Geometry &
Mass Reconstruction



Component &
Material Detection

