

FACTORS CONTROLLING LOCAL CLIMATE

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Summary

The local climate is determined by the climate forming factors of finer scale, than the factors forming macrorelief. There are mesorelief, urban building, large tracts of forest etc. The features of local climate develop under the influence of differences between the components of heat and water balances of active surface in various climatic zones. All components of heat and water balances (solar radiation, which comes to the inclined and vertical surfaces, atmosphere transparency, evaporation amount, turbulence intensity etc) change in cross-country with specific properties of underlying surface (asphalt coverings, roofs of buildings, crowns of trees) and in the presence of pollutants. As a result the special types of local climate are created: urban climate, forest climates, and island climates.

1. Introduction

To reveal the regularities of local climate it is necessary to isolate them, to observe according to their scales and to find the factors determining them. Meteorological stations should be located not regularly, as it is accepted when studying macroclimate and weather, but depending on physical-geographic conditions. Thus we can study the surface air layer which is under the influence of underlying surface and processes occurring in troposphere. The main factors determining the climatic features of surface air layer are heat and water cycles.

The heat balance of active surface can be written down as:

$$R - P - LE - B = 0 \quad (1)$$

where R - radiation balance, B - heat flow into the ground, P - turbulent heat flow in the surface air layer, E - evaporation or condensation of water vapor, L - latent heat of vapor formation.

The heat balance of active surface includes not only the processes of heating and cooling of air and soil, but also two important components of water cycle: evaporation and condensation.

So the physical analysis of local climate features is the analysis of heat and water balances of active surface and its components. The role of global meteorological conditions is also taken into account to find out the reasons of similarity or, on the contrary, the differences of local climates in different climate zones.

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