

HOW DO WE SEE THE FUTURE (OF ARCHITECTURE)?

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Overview:

The future is coming at us with increasing speed, driving more rapid changes and ever-greater complexity into our industry. In response, our profession has been fragmenting into increasingly narrow areas of specialty. An examination of project delivery must include a perspective from the highest levels to recognize the forces splintering project teams and provide awareness of the hidden gaps emerging between specialists. This presentation will return our attention toward unifying the team around the humanitarian themes of sustainability, diversity and community.

Learning Objectives:

1. Offer a framework, analysis and critical assessment of the challenges and opportunities inherent in the AEC systematic transformation.
2. Guide how evolving social expectations of building – like urbanism or sustainability – change the inherent expectations of design results and the architect's role.
3. Expand your knowledge and sharpen your foresight on where the future of project delivery is heading.
4. Enlighten how market demands press the AEC industry to leverage technology to improve and meet the challenges of twenty-first century construction and minimize implications on global climate change.
5. Provide direction for a new era in architectural creation that can be understood and managed by a profession that must become better equipped to direct Project Delivery and deliver the future.

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**Q&A:
4:00 – 4:15 PM**

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Loblolly House

Elements of a
New Architecture

Stephen Kieran
James Timberlake

Preface by Barry Bergdoll
Introduction by Michael Stacey

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How Manufacturing Methodologies Are
Poised to Transform Building Construction

Stephen Kieran James Timberlake



CELLOPHANE HOUSE

ALLUVIUM

Dhaka, Bangladesh, in the Crossroads of Water

Stephen Kieran James Timberlake

Extracts from Seven Years of the Dhaka Design-Research Lab
at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design



31%

Percentage decrease in the cumulative area of water bodies in Dhaka between 1975 and 2003

32%

Percentage decrease in wetlands and low-lands in Dhaka between 1975 and 2003

39%

Percentage decrease in vegetation in Dhaka between 1975 and 2003

29%

Percentage decrease in cultivated land in Dhaka between 1975 and 2003

290%

Percentage increase in built-up land in Dhaka between 1975 and 2003

145%

Percentage increase in filled-in land in Dhaka between 1975 and 2003

868 m²

Estimated area of lowland and wetland filled by one sand barge crew in one day

\$60 /ft²

Cost in US dollars per square foot of land in prime residential districts of Dhaka

\$32.30 /ft²

Cost in US dollars per square foot of land in New York City

1988; 1998; 2004

Years when Dhaka experienced severe, monsoon-induced flooding

627; 644; 410 km²

Area of flood water per year during these years

10

Years required to build an embankment to protect Dhaka’s western edge from flood
1988-1998

4.38 m

Height by which the water level is expected to increase in Dhaka due to sea level rise in the Bay of Bengal by 2050

9.4m

Height of the embankment wall in meters

10.4 m

Height of the embankment wall needed to secure the city during a flood event after 2050

2001

Year that Dhaka passed the Urban Water Body Protection Law to preserve the natural drainage channels from infill

1.23% /year

Rate of wetland loss per year between 1988 and 1999

5.67% /year

Rate of wetland loss per year between 2000 and 2005

2002

Year that Bangladesh imposed a nation-wide ban on plastic shopping bags to reduce the clogging of the city’s drainage infrastructure and embankment floodgates

57 %

Percentage increase in jute yield following the ban on plastic shopping bags

1,080,000 tons

Amount of jute produced in 2012

3,800,000,000

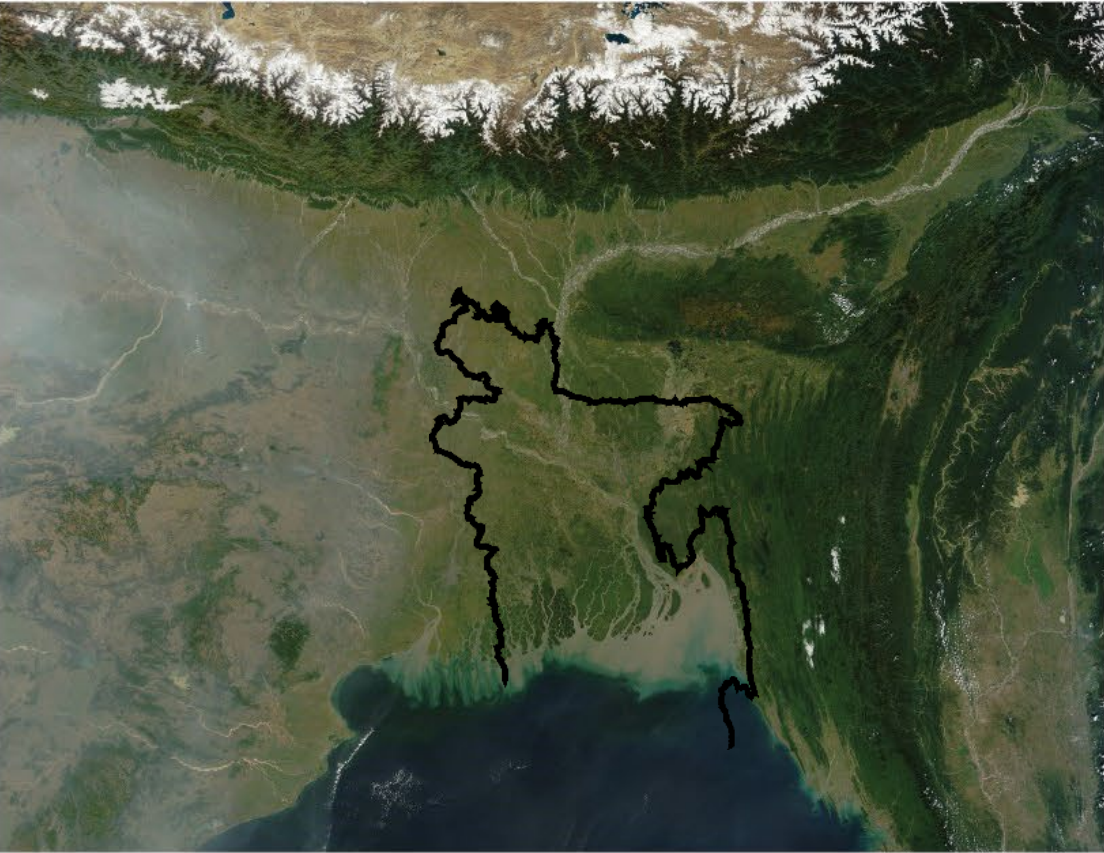
Number of sustainable shopping bags made from 1.08 million tons of jute

2

Bangladesh’s current global position as an exporter and producer of jute
NUMBER ONE: INDIA

RIVERS AND SEDIMENT IN BANGLADESH

Bangladesh was formed at the mouth of this river system, where sediment was deposited to form an extremely low topography with vulnerable shifting land. The minimal change in elevation across the area of the deltaic basin creates floodplains for enormous amounts of seasonal rainfall.



Sediment discharged at the mouth of the mega-delta



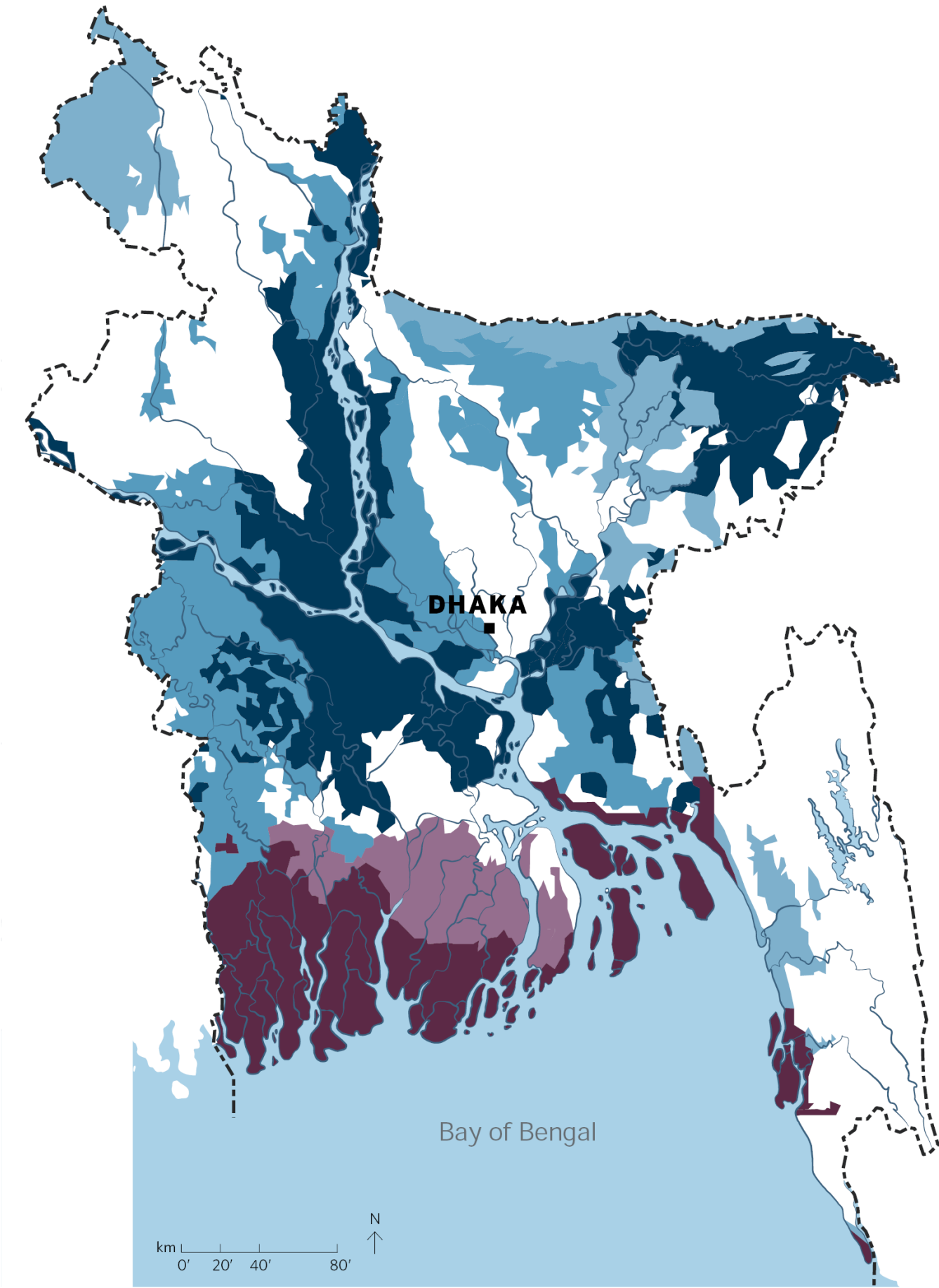
River density in Bangladesh

FLOODPLAINS IN BANGLADESH

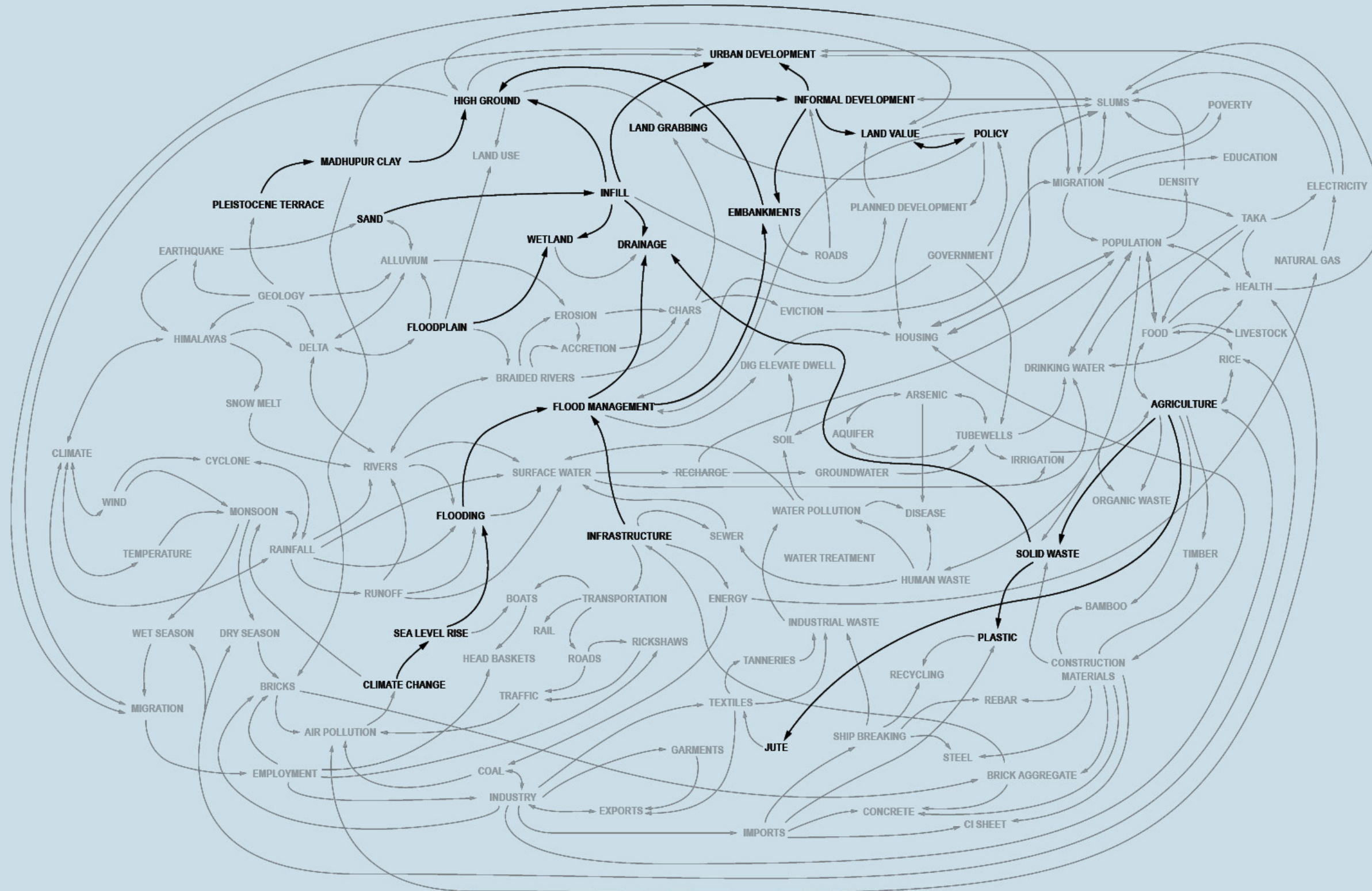
Massive rainfall, runoff from the Himalayas and the entire Ganges-Brahmaputra river basin, and cyclone-driven tidal surges combine with the extremely low geographic elevation of the country to put eighty percent of the country at risk of being inundated at some point during the annual monsoon and cyclone seasons.

Areas affected by floods and tidal surge

- Severe-moderate river flood
- Low river flood
- Flash flood
- Moderate tidal surge
- Severe tidal surge

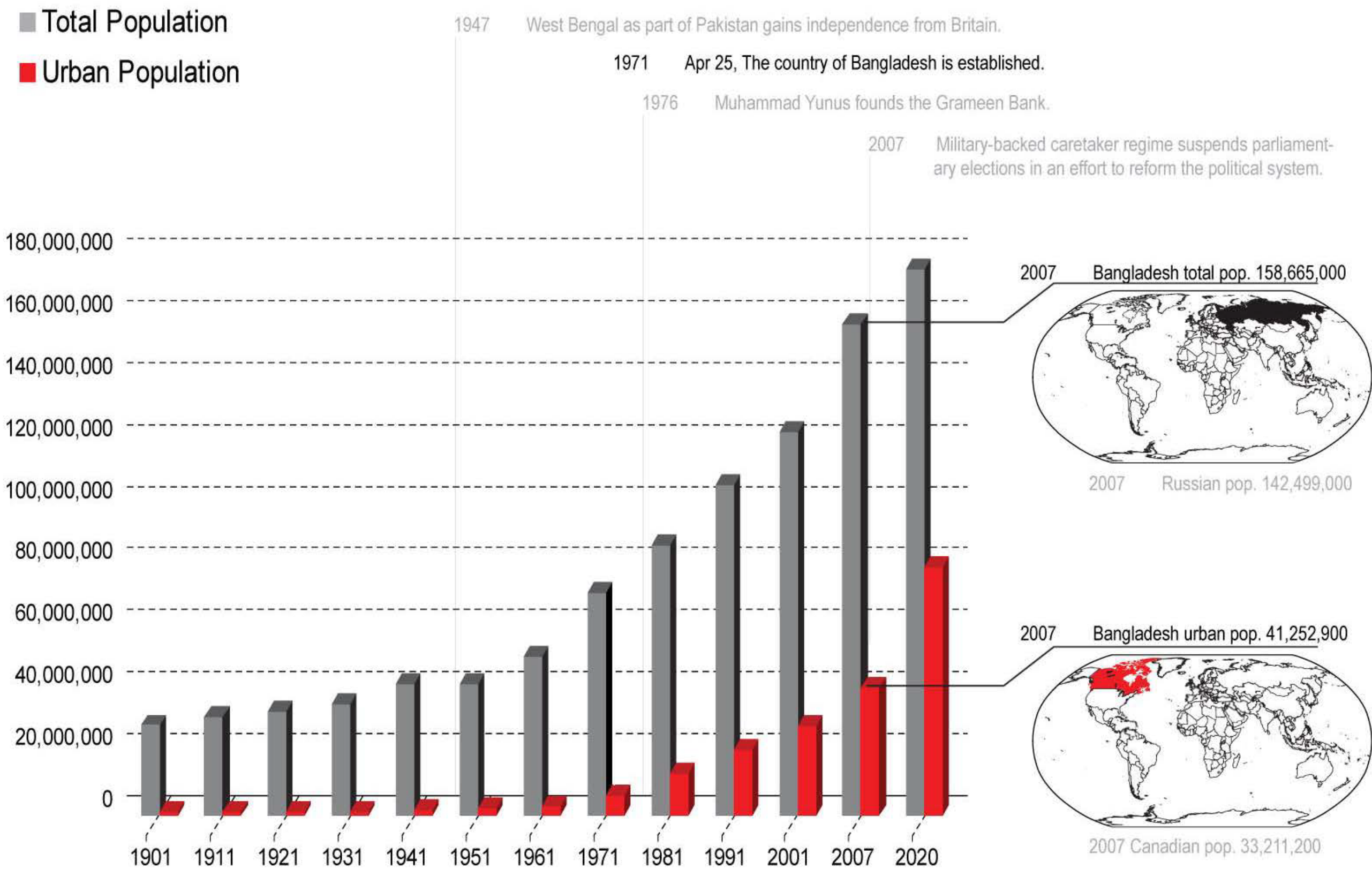






Rural-Urban Migration

Urbanization in Bangladesh, 1901-2020



Sources: Image: http://www.atimes.com/atimes/images/earth_night.jpg
Graphic: PKM





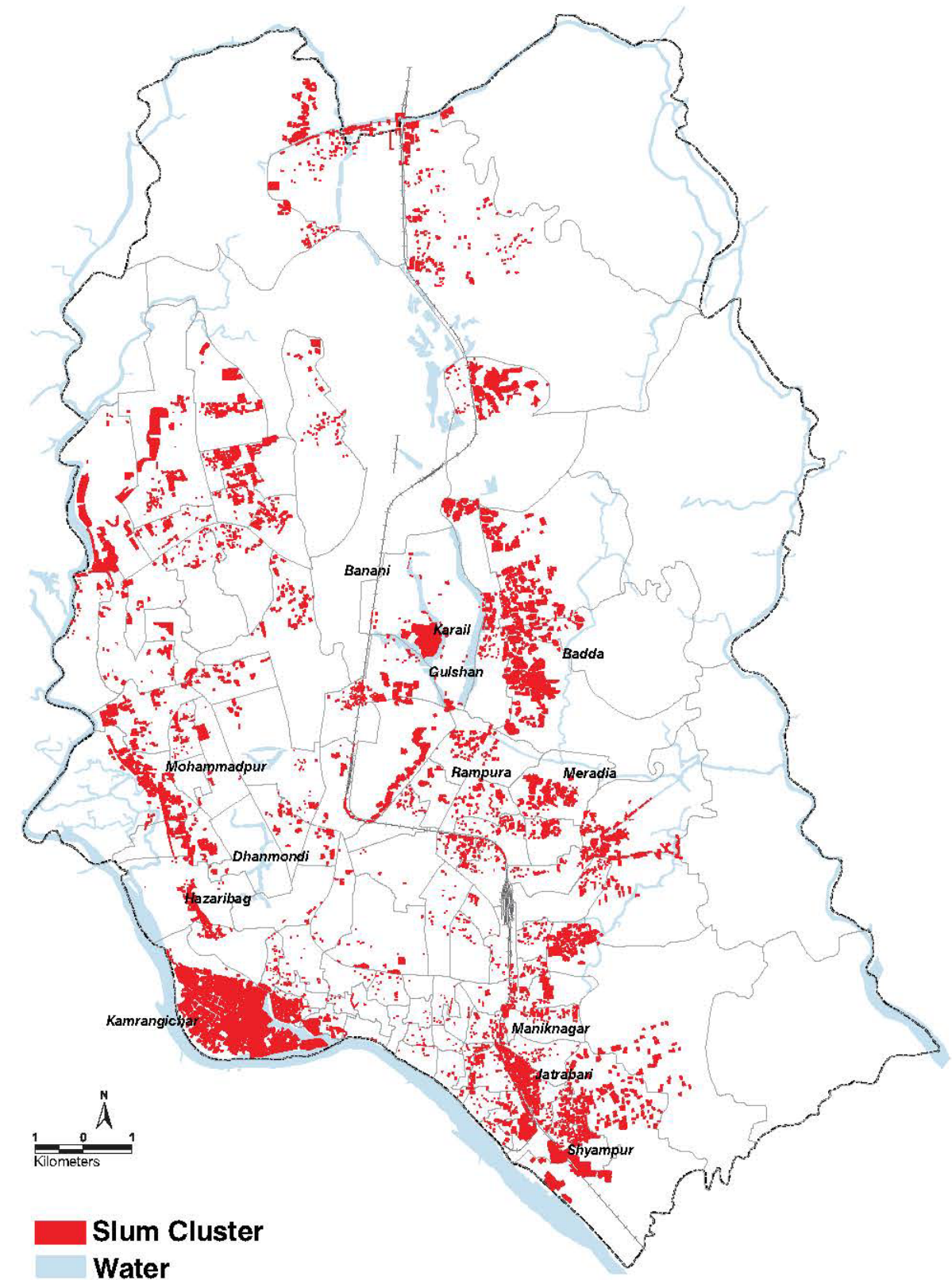




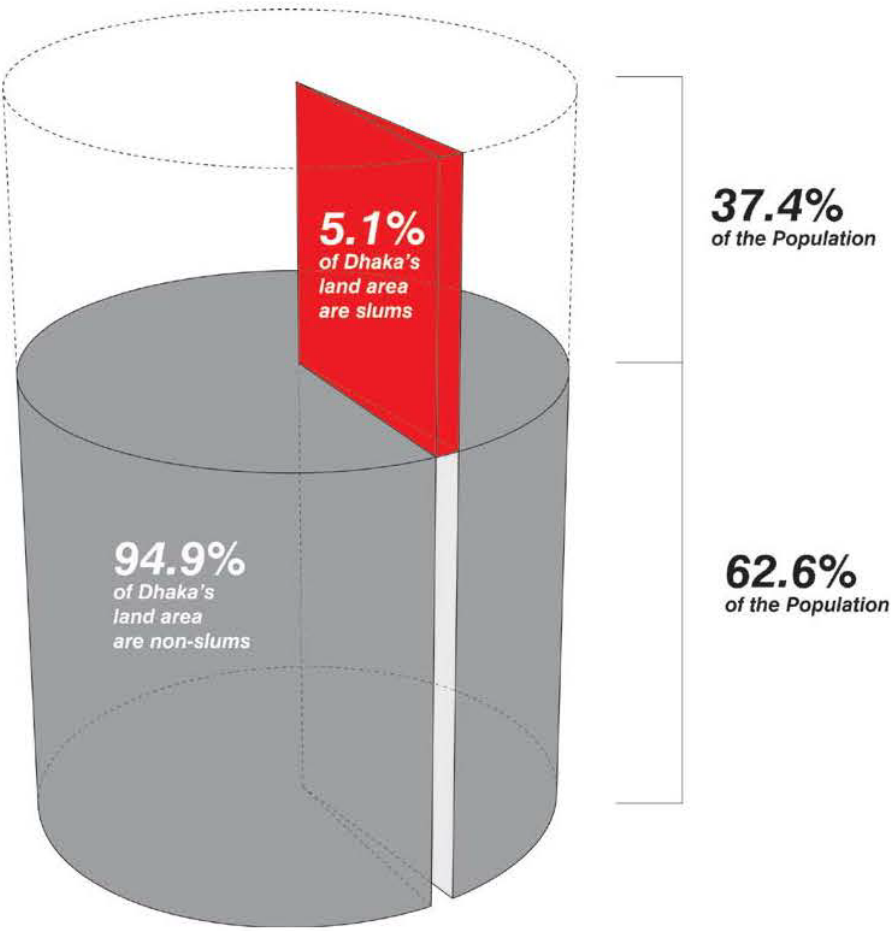


Challenges to Urban Growth

Location of Slums in Dhaka Metropolitan Area



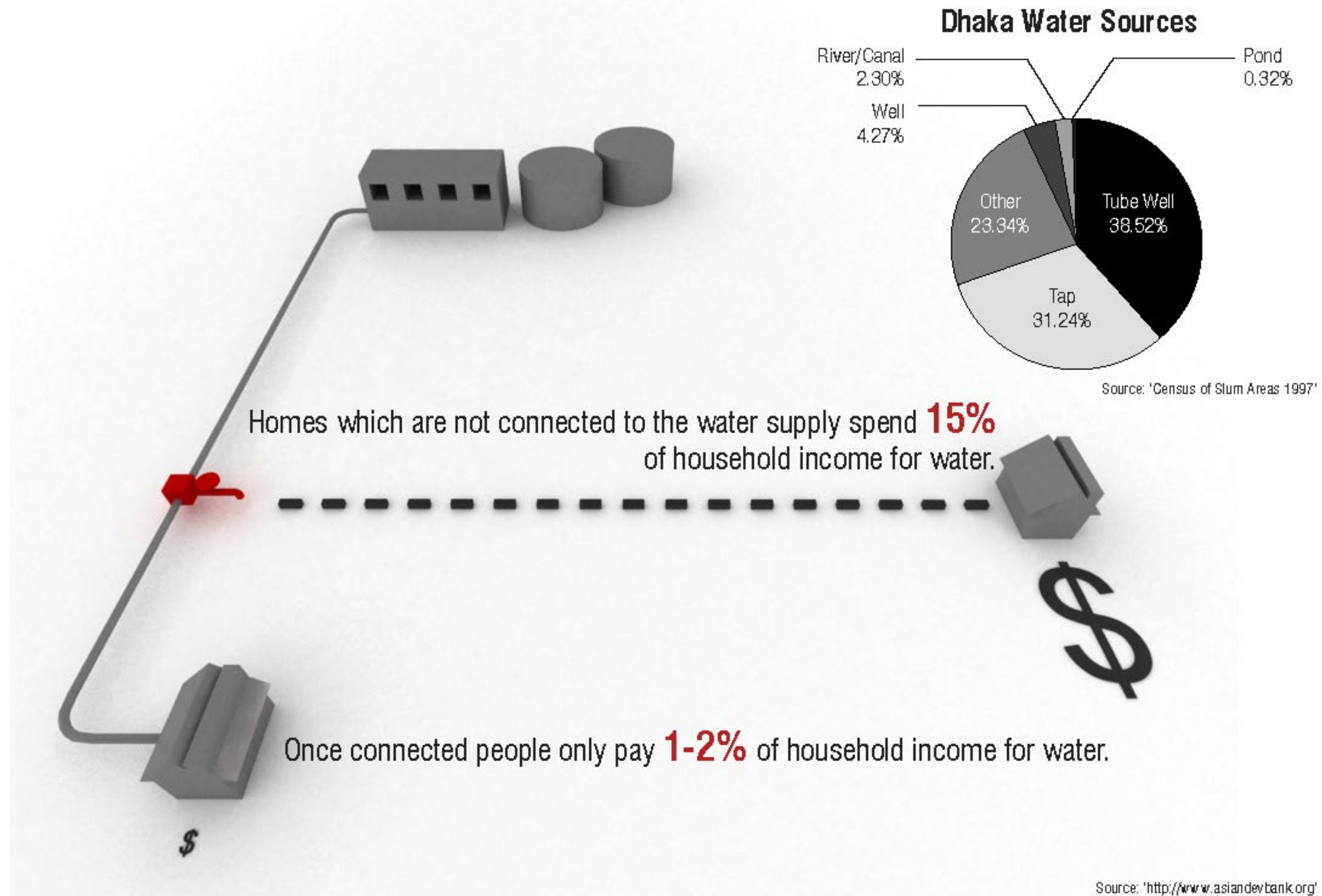
“In Dhaka, slums occupied 5.1 percent of the city’s total land area but accomodated 37.4 percent of the population”



Sources: Data: Centre for Urban Studies, 2005.
Image Data: Centre for Urban Studies, 2005
Graphics: APF



CHALLENGES IN BANGLADESH: POTABLE WATER



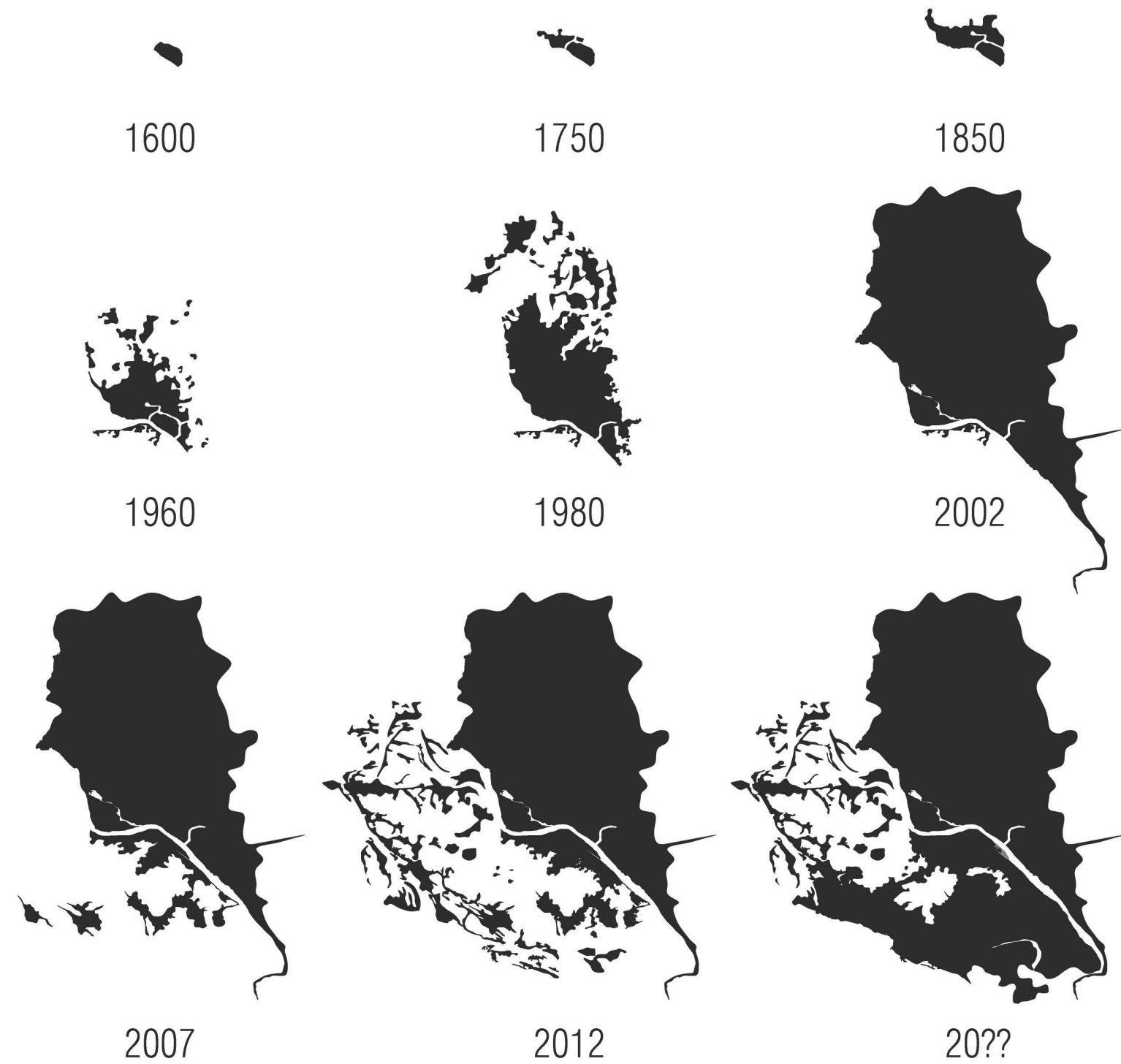








HOW DOES DHAKA GROW IN THE FUTURE?





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THE RUNAWAY BESTSELLER
THE SYMPTOMS OF FUTURE SHOCK ARE WITH
US NOW. THIS BOOK CAN HELP
US SURVIVE OUR COLLISION WITH TOMORROW.

Future Shock

by
Alvin
Toffler

'FAST FORECASTS FOR 2050'

Most of the fish stocks that existed in 2015 are now extinct.

5 billion of the world's projected 9.7 billion people now live in water-stressed areas.

6 million people now die per year from complications with air pollution.

Neurotechnologies enable users to interact with their environment and other people by thought alone.

6.3 billion people will live in cities.

Robotics are involved in 50% of all construction projects in the US.

Coffee becomes a luxury due to climate change and the loss of suitable farming land

Skyscrapers (an arcology) that function as cities are built to address growing populations

Athabasca Glacier disappears by losing 5 metres per year since 2015

China's "South-to-North Water Transfer Project" is fully built

Share of global car sales taken by autonomous vehicles equals 90 per cent

(Moore's Law) Calculations per second, per \$1,000, equals 10^{23} (equal to all human brain power globally)

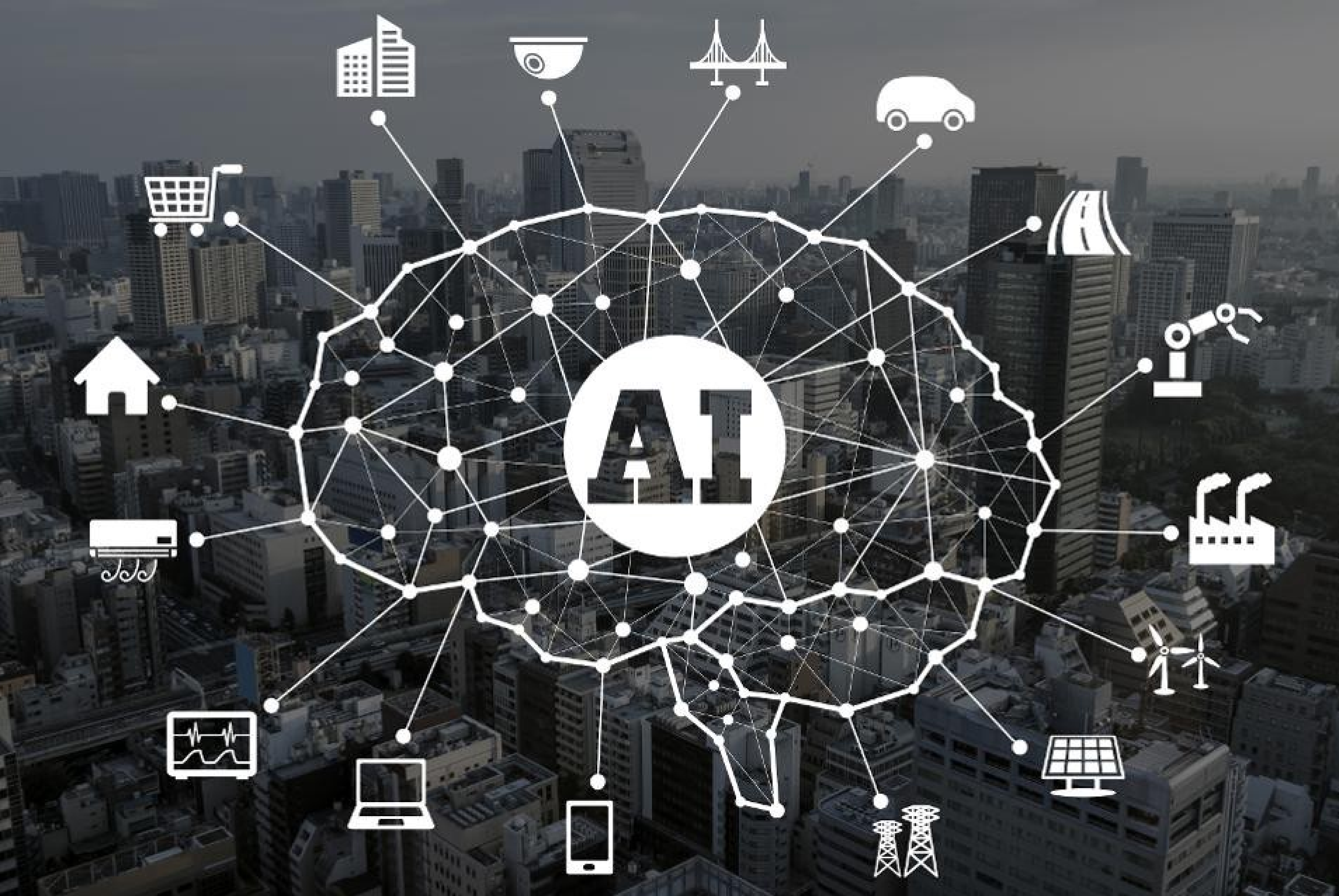
Average number of connected devices, per person, is 25

AI affects 4 out of 5 households in the US – assisting, doing, making

Worst case forecasted rise in global temperatures, above pre-industrial levels, is 2.5 degrees Celsius

Forecasted rise in global temperatures, above pre-industrial levels, is 2 degrees Celsius

Optimistic forecasted rise in global temperatures, above pre-industrial levels, is 1.89 degrees Celsius









What is our agency?





How do we build sturdy and comfortable homes quickly?

Ideal Choice Homes

Philadelphia, PA + Ahmedabad, Pune & Mumbai, India
2011 - Ongoing

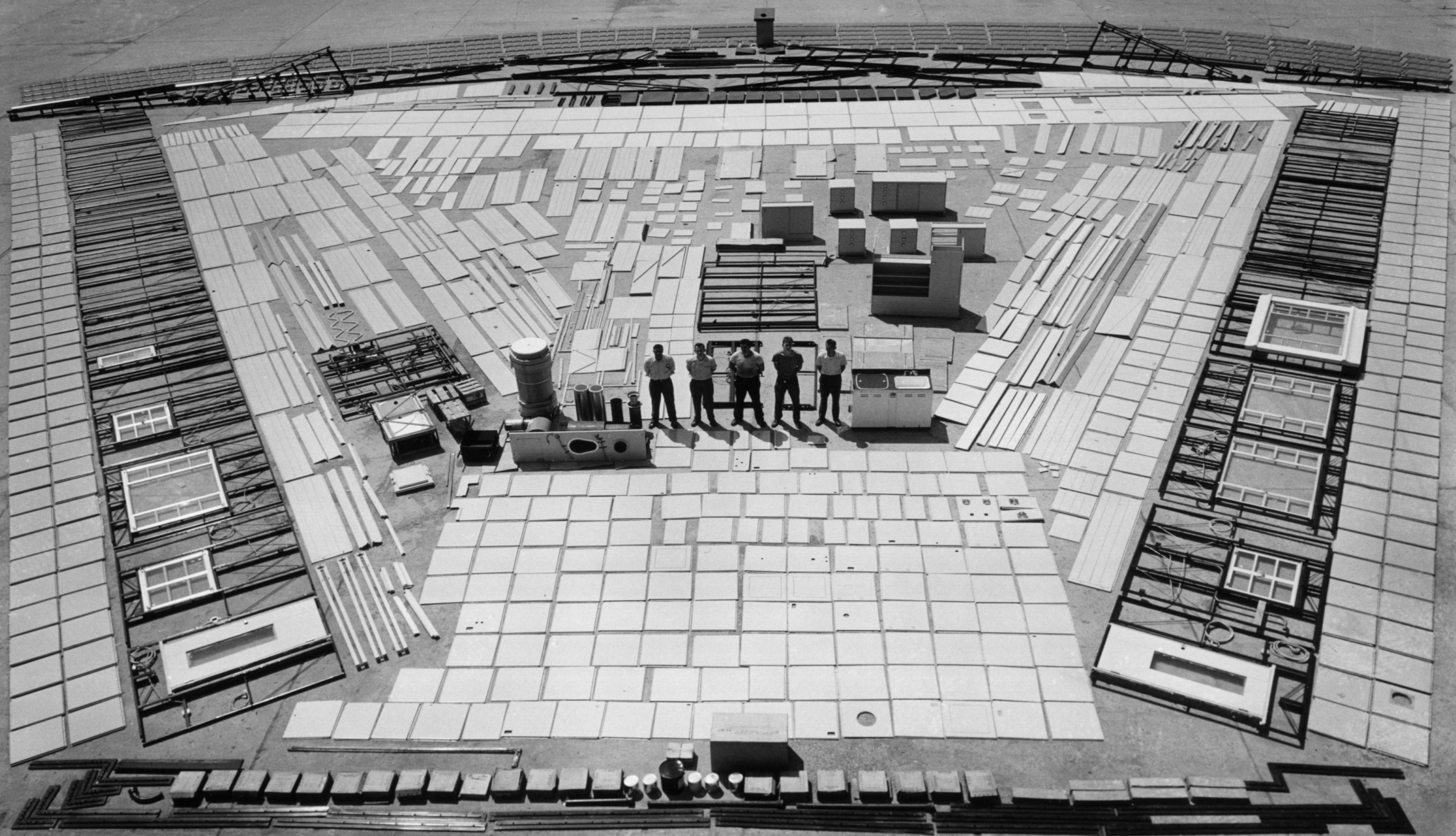


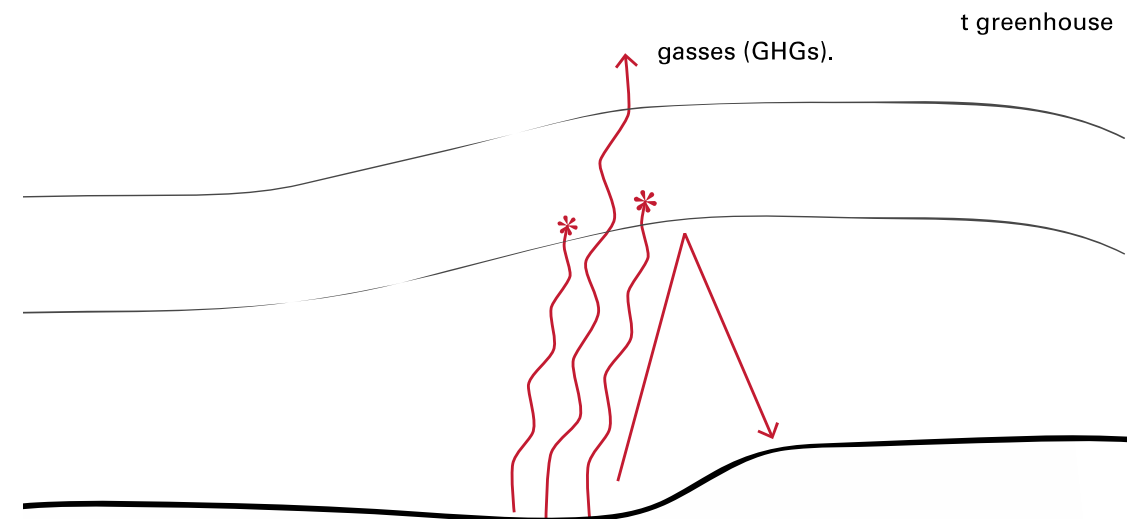


How do we measure environmental impact?

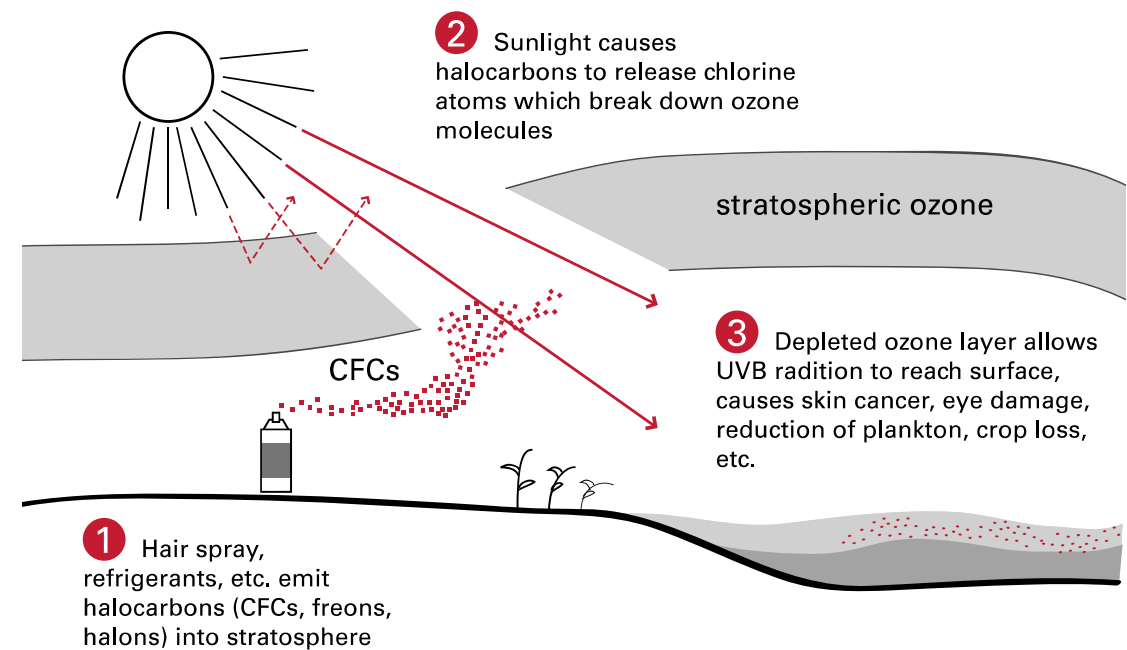
Tally

Worldwide
2011-Ongoing

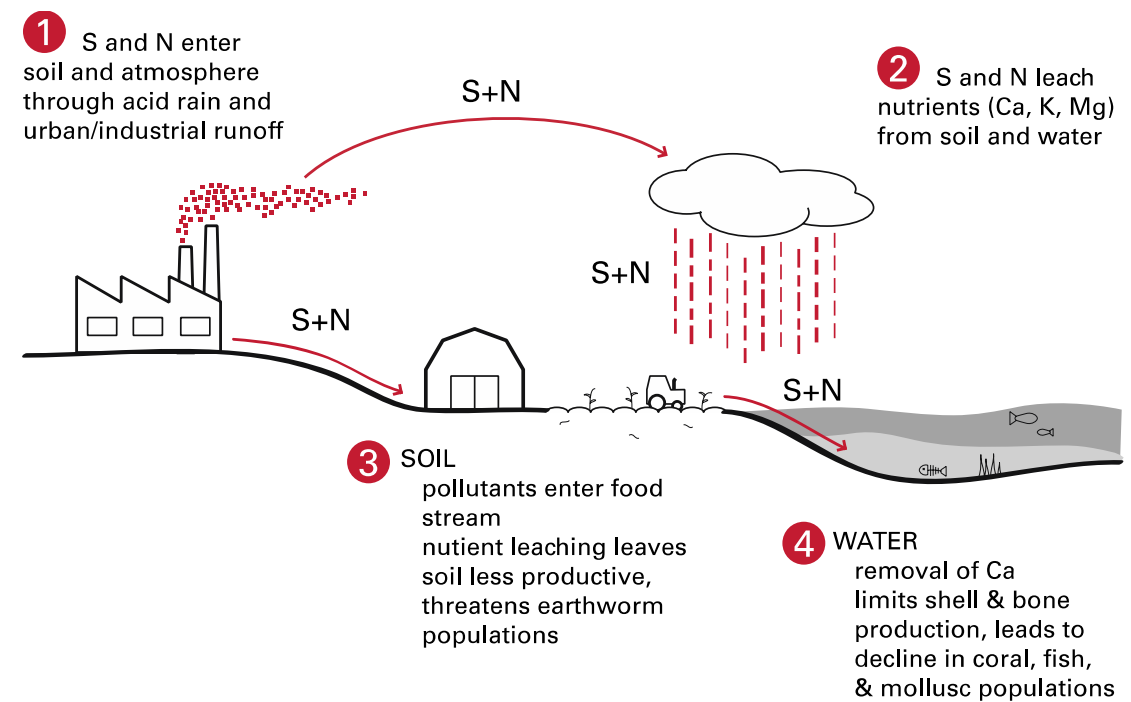




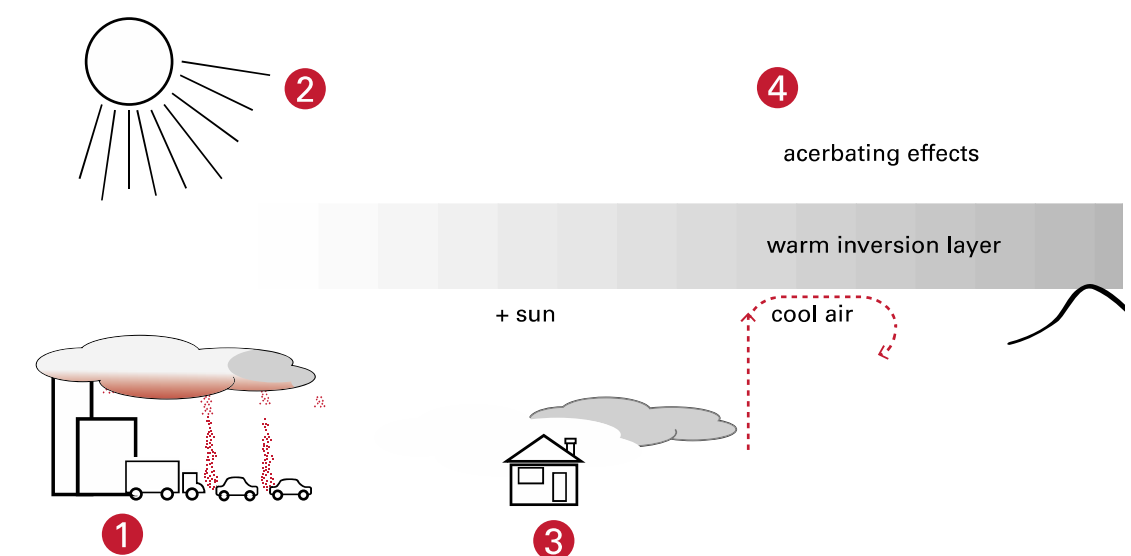
GLOBAL WARMING



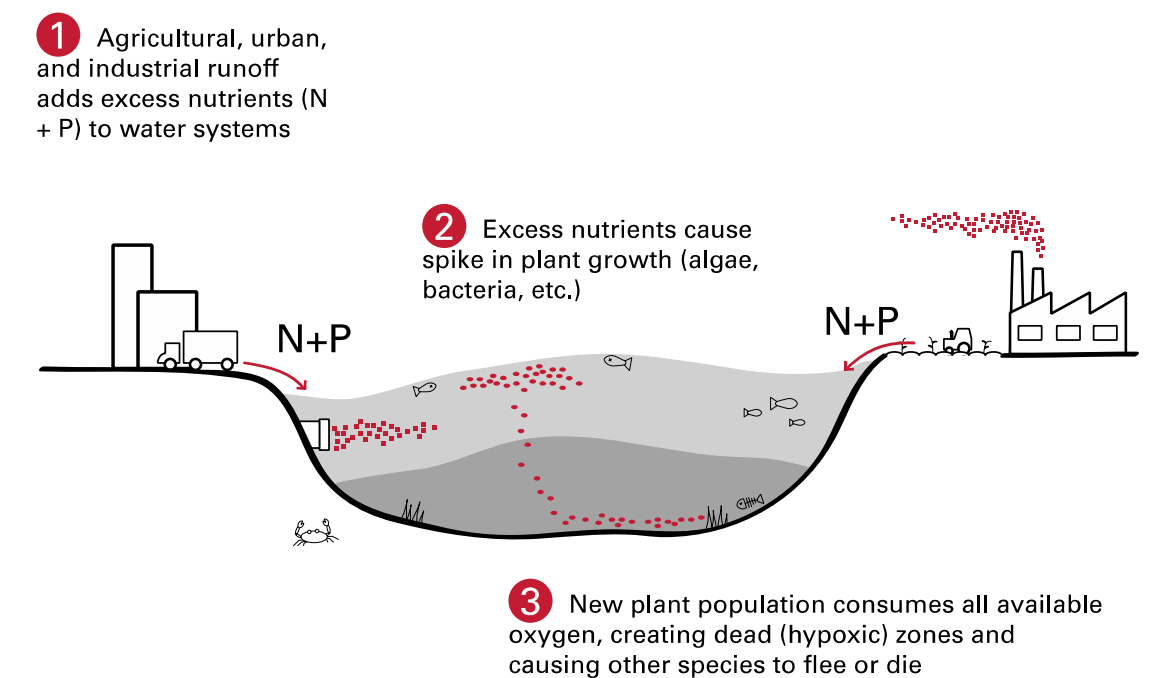
OZONE DEPLETION



ACIDIFICATION



SMOG



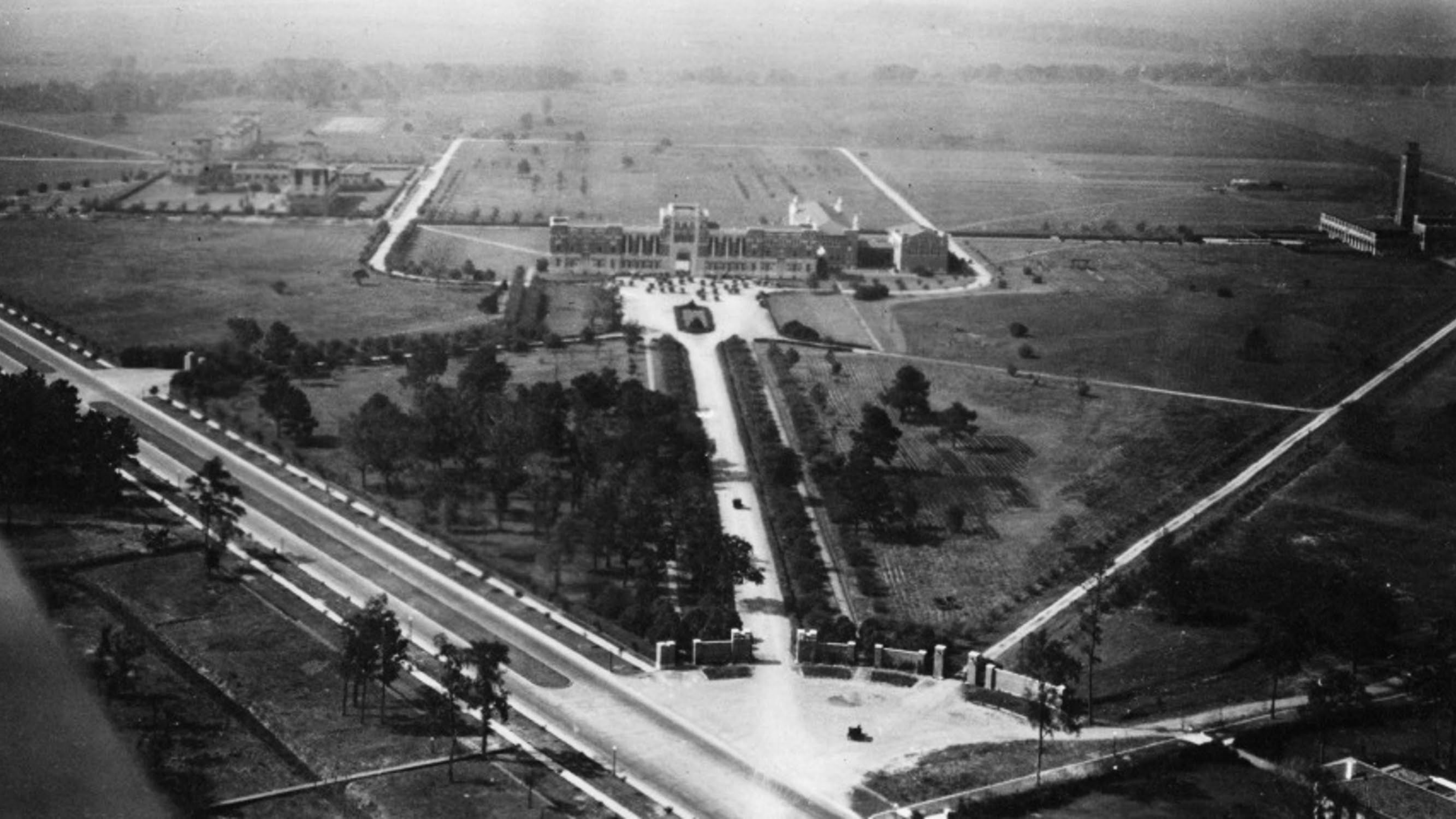
EUTROPHICATION

	Type	Example	Unit
Non-Renewable	Energy	Coal combustion for electricity	MJ
	Material	Crude oil as material input to plastic	MJ
Renewable	Energy	Bio-fuel	MJ
	Material	Wood burned in a furnace	MJ

PRIMARY ENERGY DEMAND

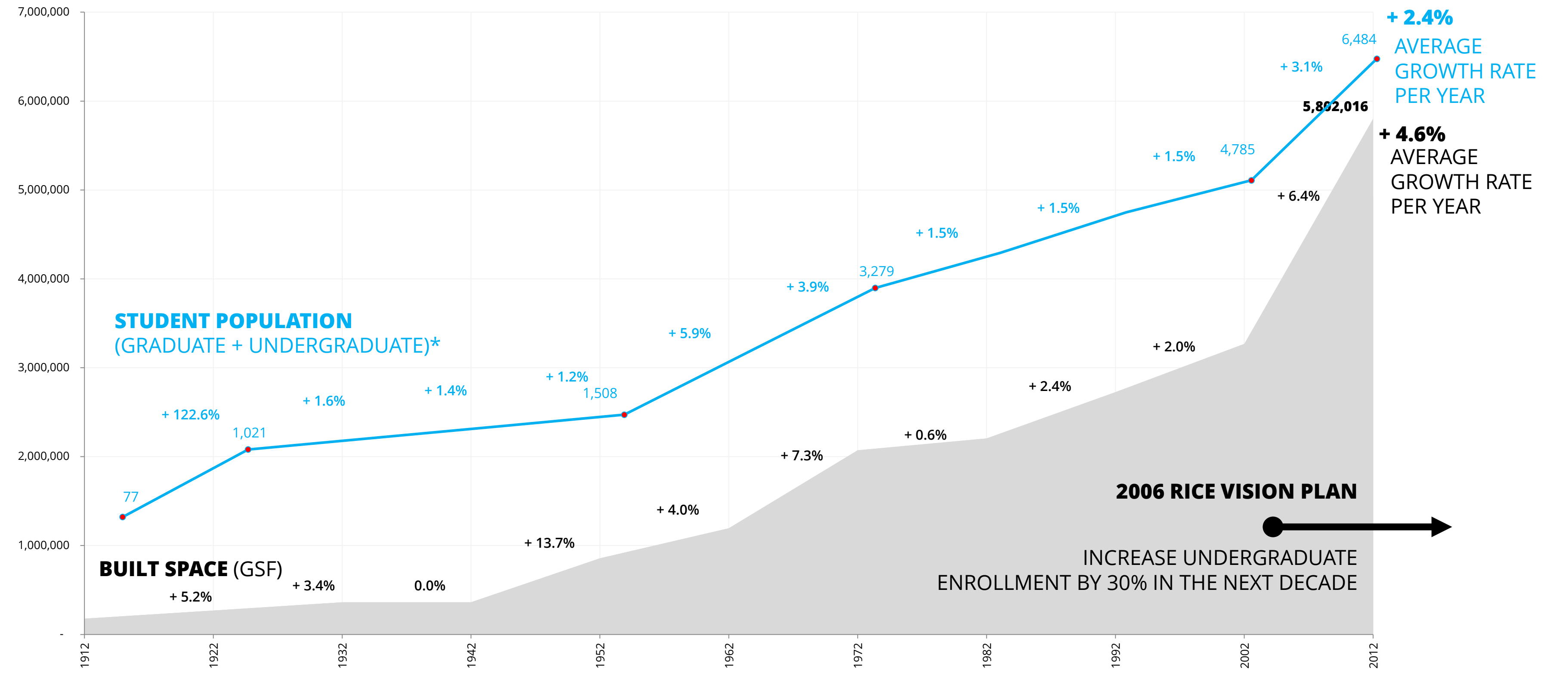
How do we balance physical, financial, political and functional systems in a framework for the future?

Rice Integrated Campus Planning



Rice Campus Historical Growth

Built Space + Student Population

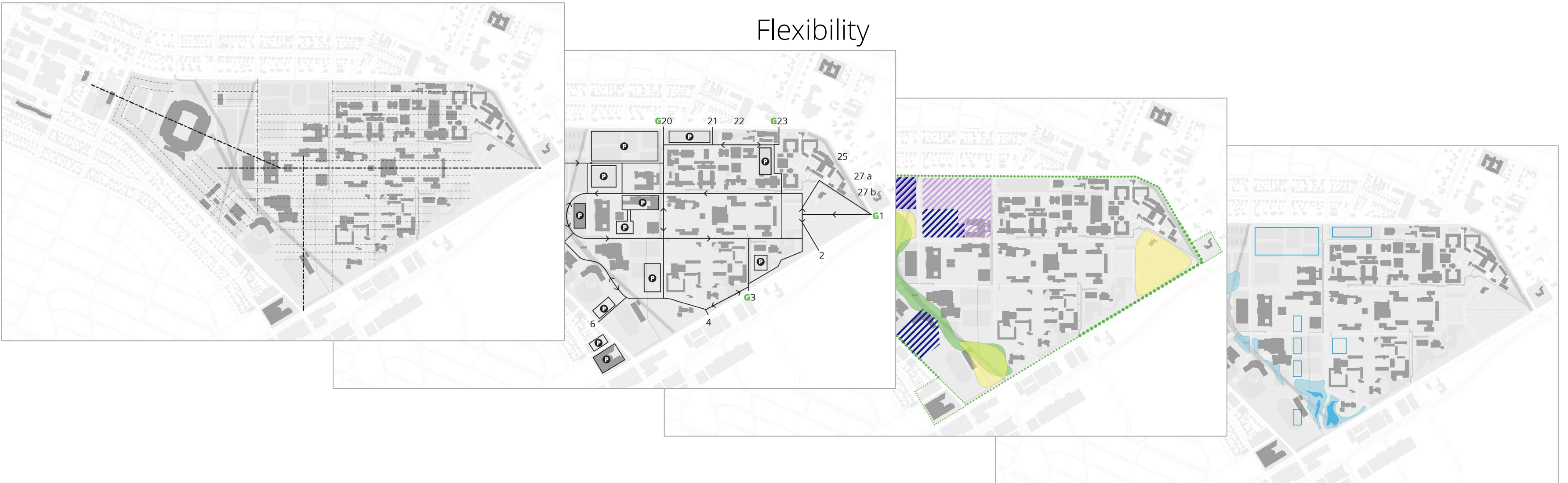




Land Supply and Use Pressures Administrative Decision Drivers

- Buildings
- Infrastructure
- Circulation and Vehicular Parking
- Open and Recreation Space
- Stormwater Management

- Institutional and Academic Ambitions
- Needs, Opportunities, and Problem Solving
- Resources and Constraints
- Campus Character
- Regulations
- Risk Management
- Flexibility



Base Case



What are the spatial and temporal dynamics of urban open space?

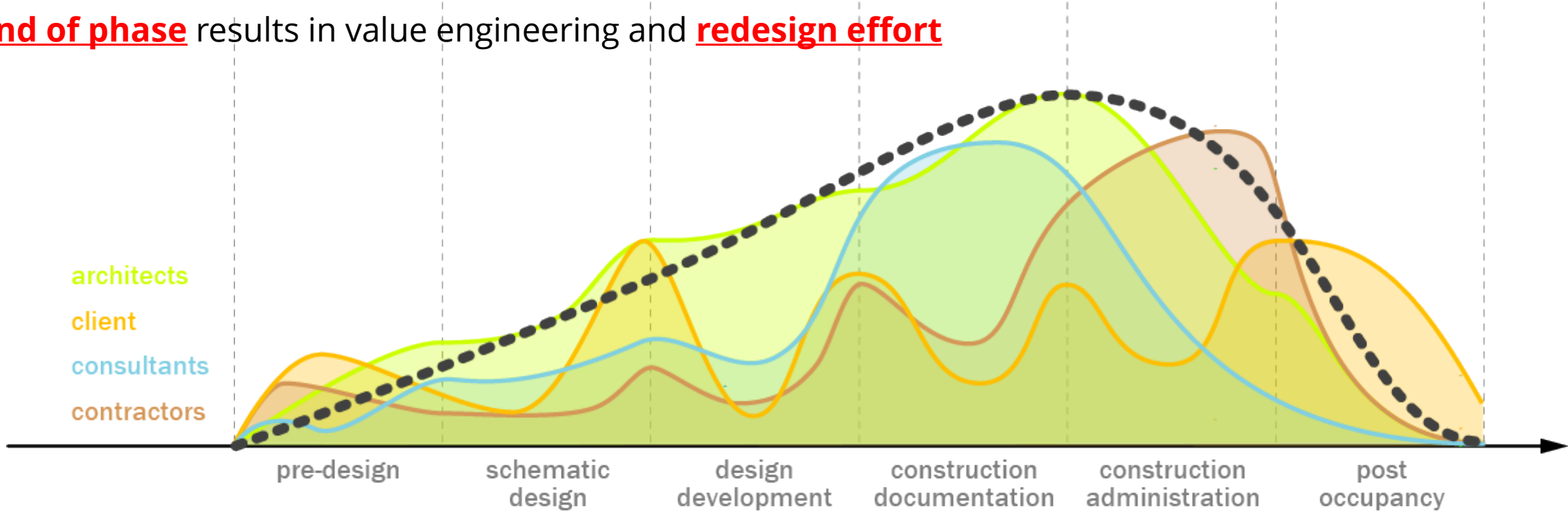
Searching Across Months



A Changed Perspective

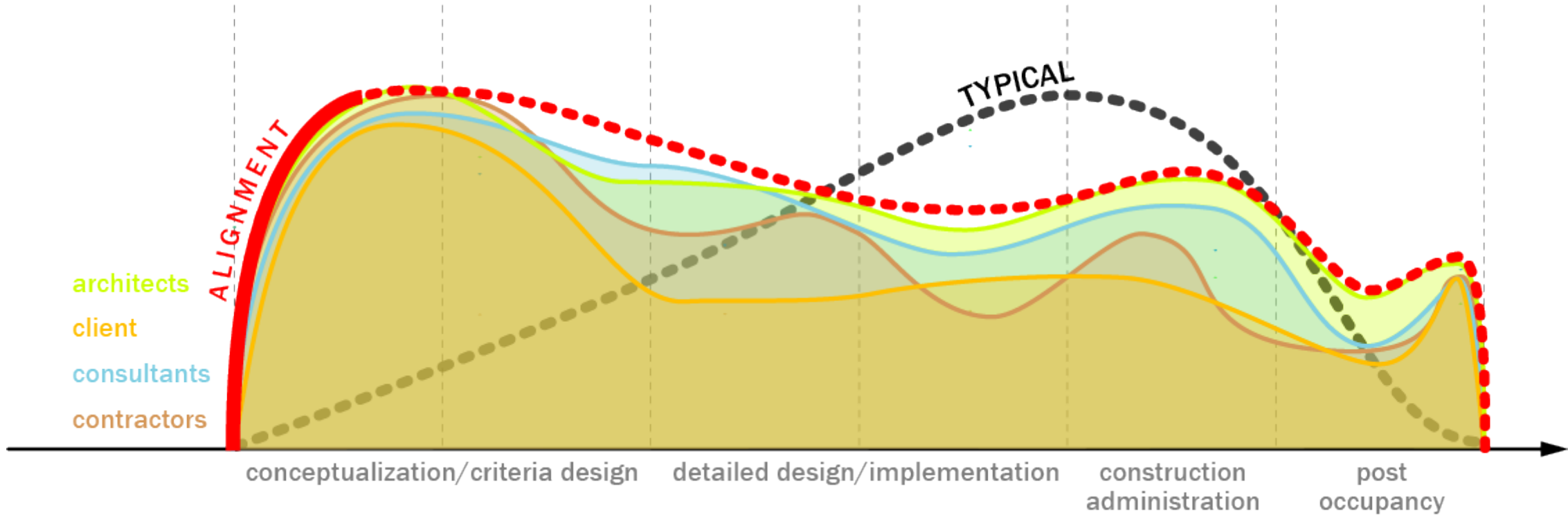
TRADITIONAL WORK PLAN

Cost estimating at end of phase results in value engineering and redesign effort



INTEGRATED WORK PLAN

Cost modeling to inform design results in target value design



DESIGN BID BUILD ¹

New Science Building at University of Toronto
TBD

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ⁷

AS AGENT ²

FASTC
AECOM
Iowa State University Innovation Center
JE Dunn

AT RISK ⁵

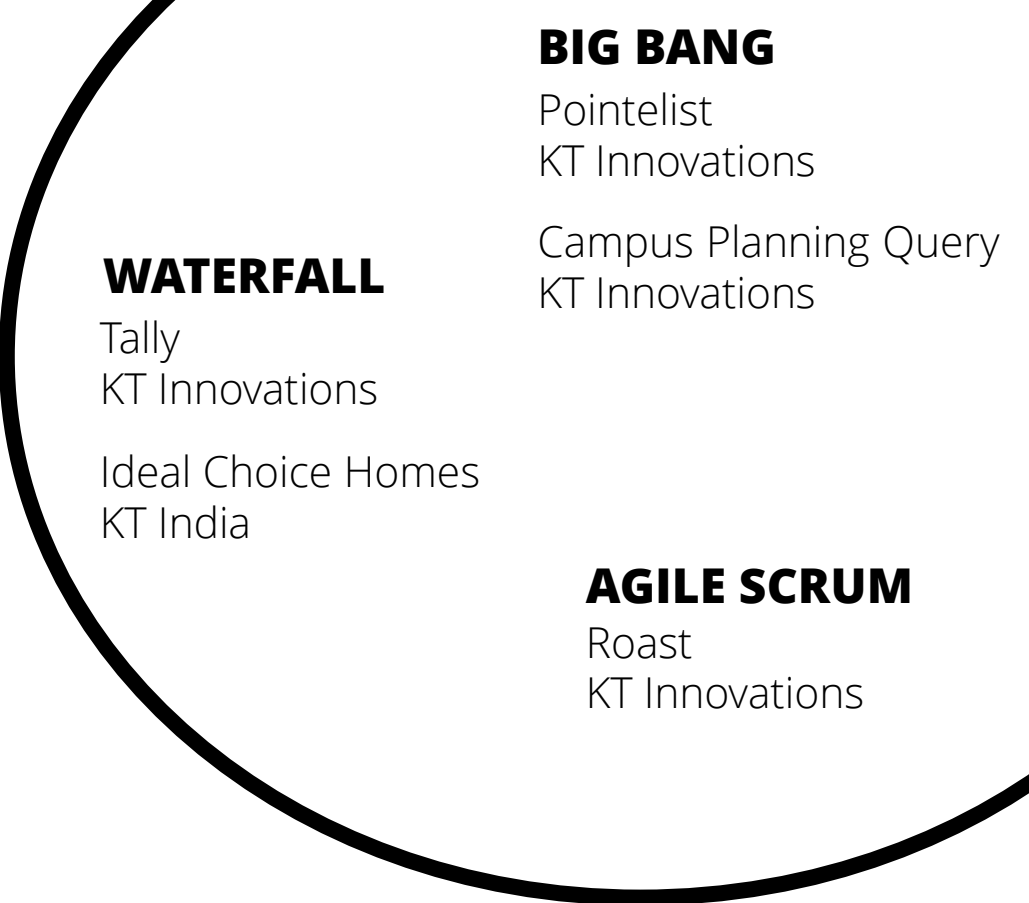
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Harvard Lowell House
Consigli
EARLY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT
UCSB Henley Hall
Sundt
New York University 181 Mercer
Turner
PARTIAL DESIGN BUILD
UCSF Minnesota Street Housing
Skanska

DESIGN BUILD ¹

University of Washington Student Housing, Oak Hall
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INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY ¹

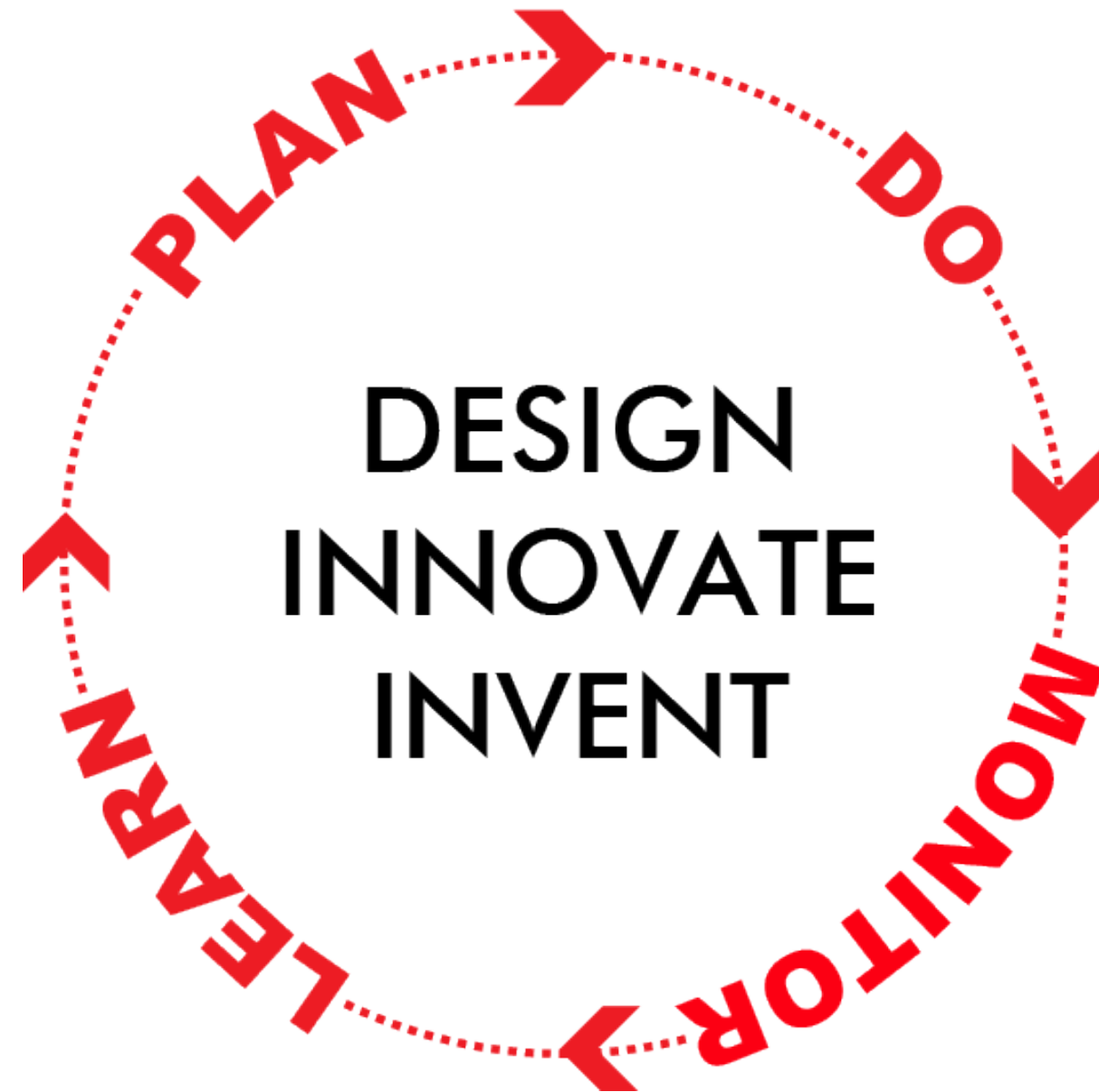
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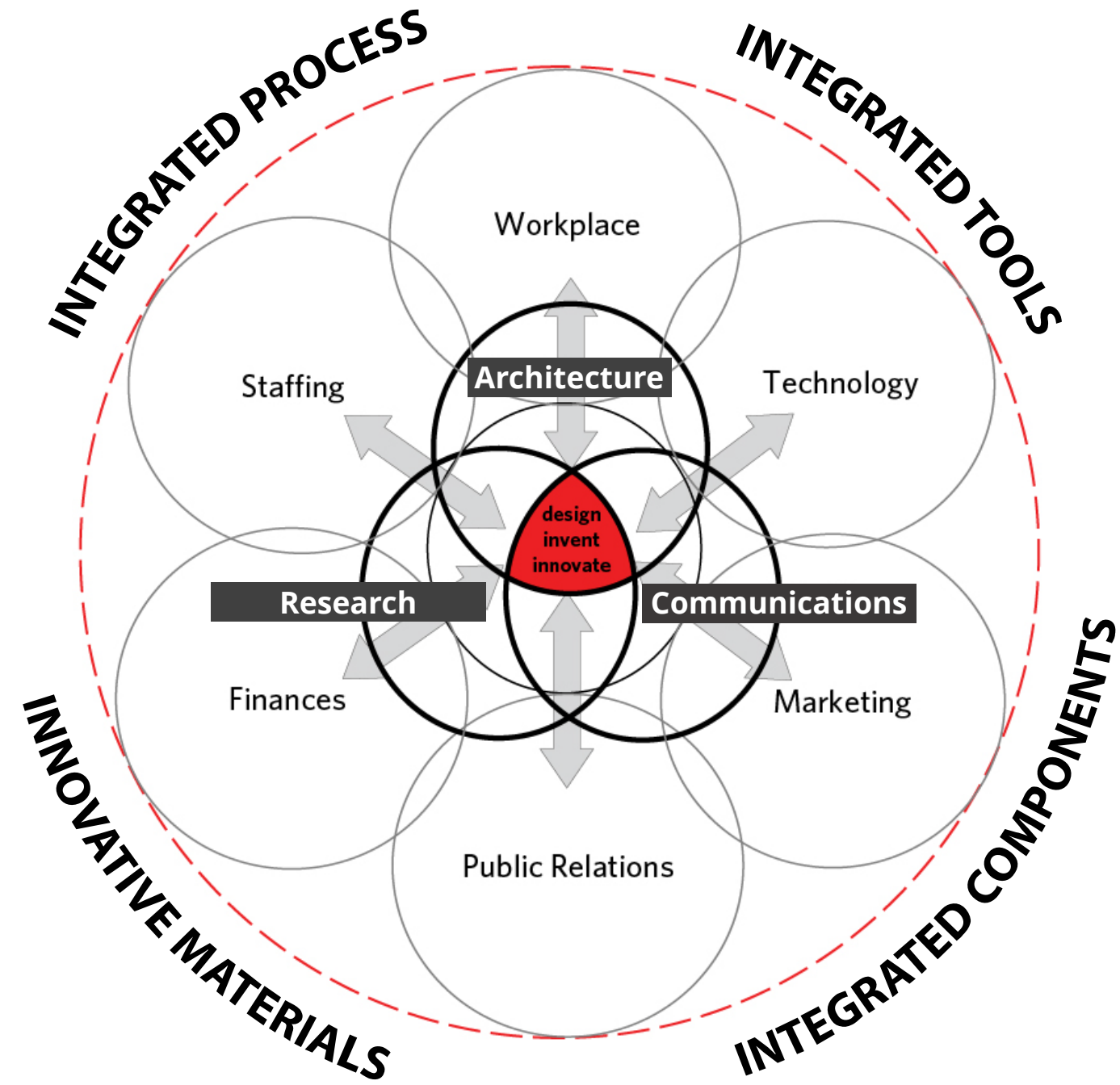


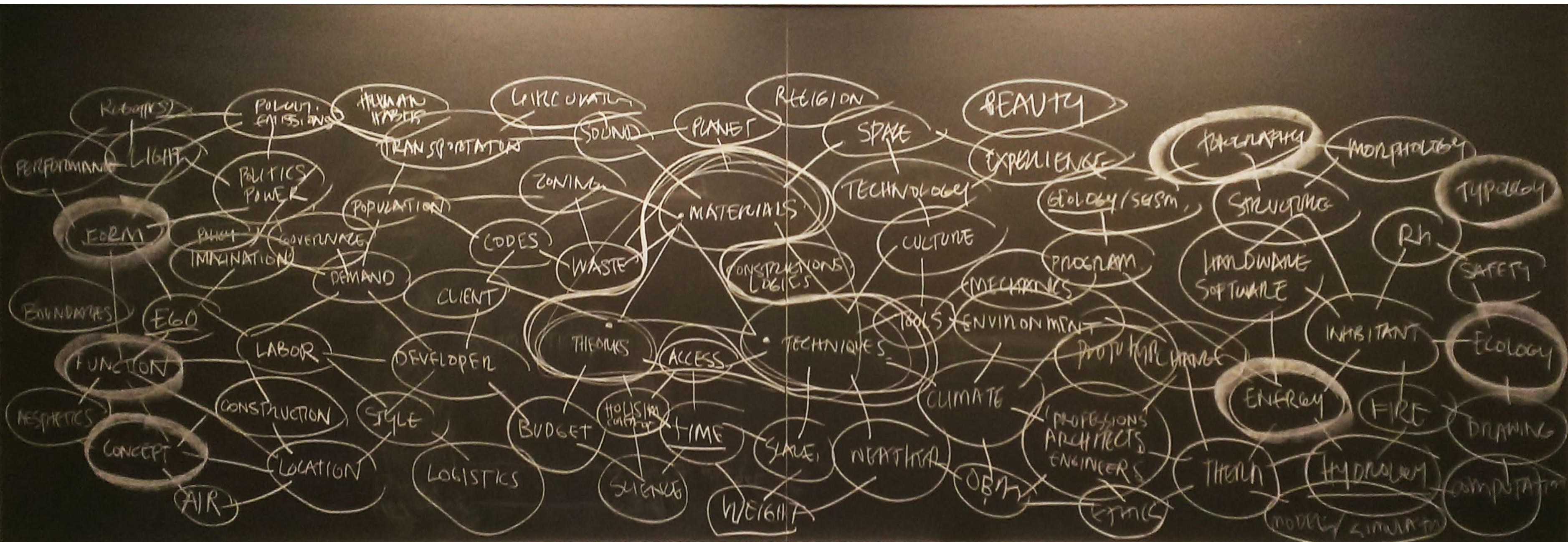
Inclusivity and Diversity



Thinking Broadly







An Expanded View

The duration of a project is...

36 months



...dwarfed by that of an existing building...

10, 25, 50 years?



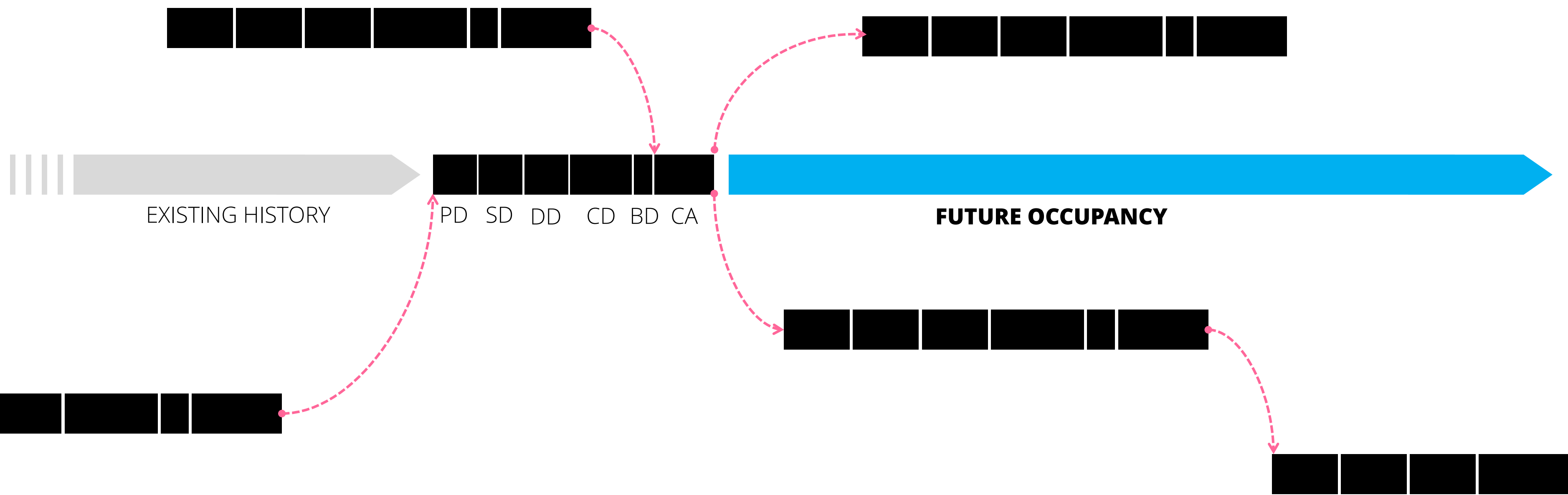
...and if we are optimists, future occupancy.

25, 50, 100 years?



No project exists in isolation.

6 projects of varying states of completion



An Expanded Horizon

An Expanded Scope

An Expanded Scale

