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Creating capacity to connect
science, policy and people

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Workshop Programme

- I. Systems approach
- II. Stakeholders and different perspectives
- III. Connection between science and policy

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Part I

The systems perspectives on cities and climate change



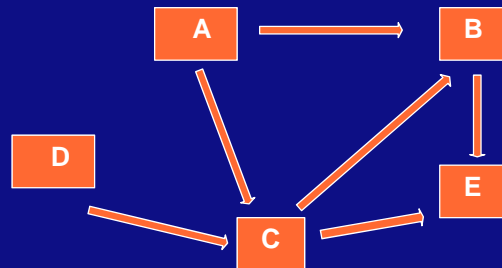
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Systems Thinking

- Typical approach



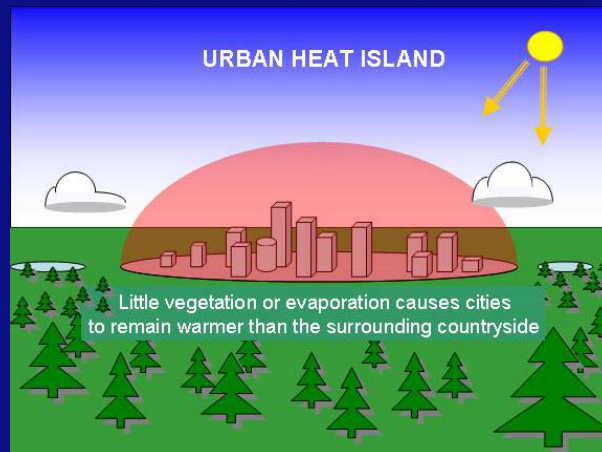
- Systems approach



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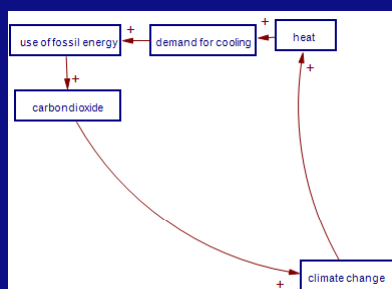
Climate change: Heat

CO₂ → Climate change → Heat in cities → Demand for cooling

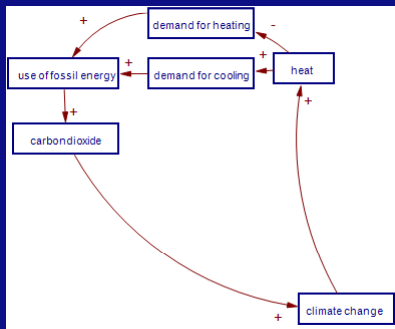


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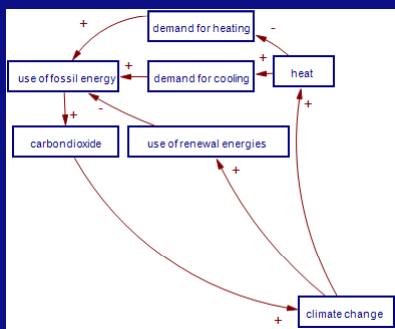
How to solve the problem?



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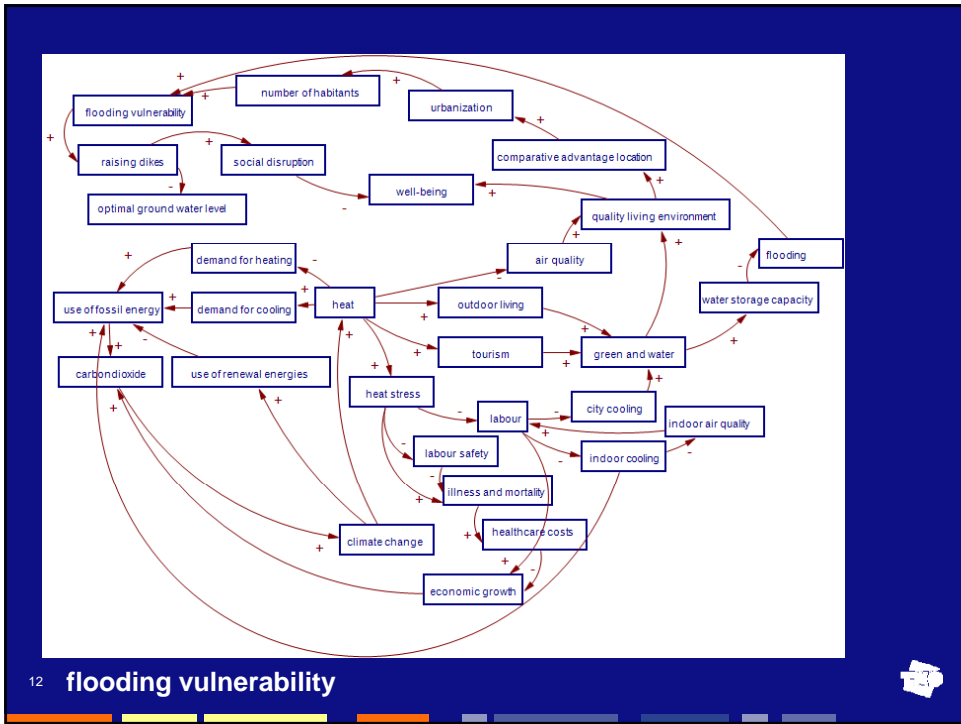
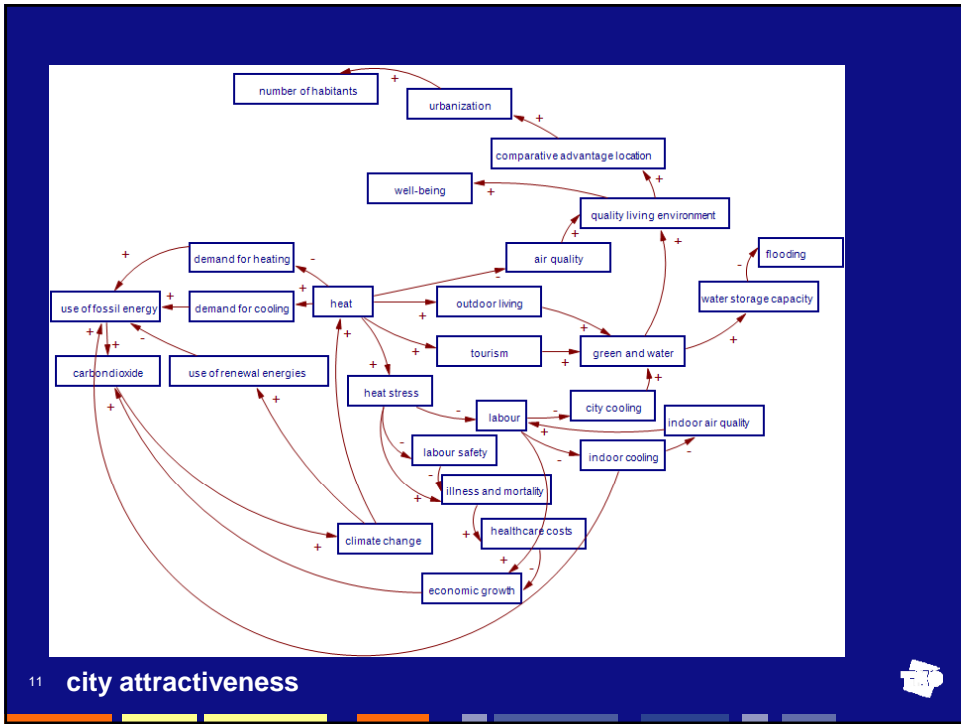


7 **seasonal compensation?**

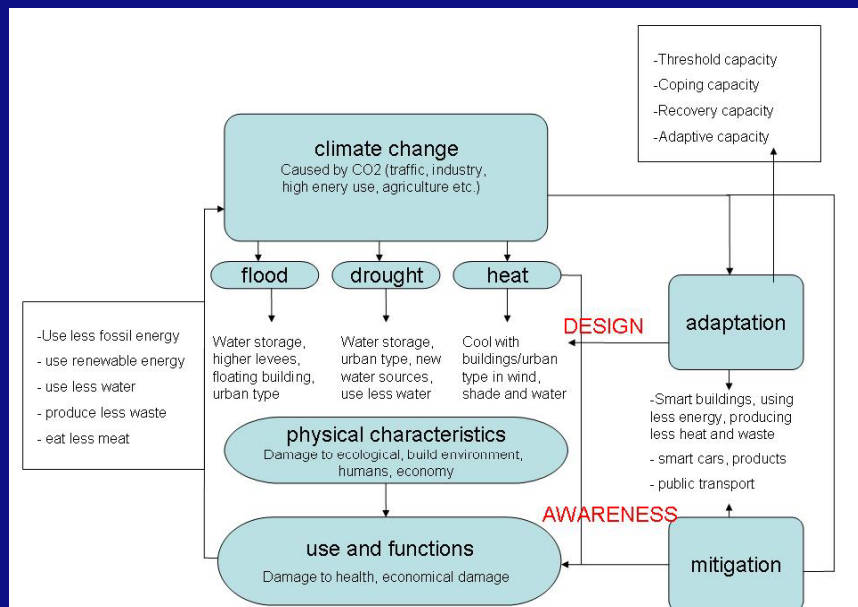
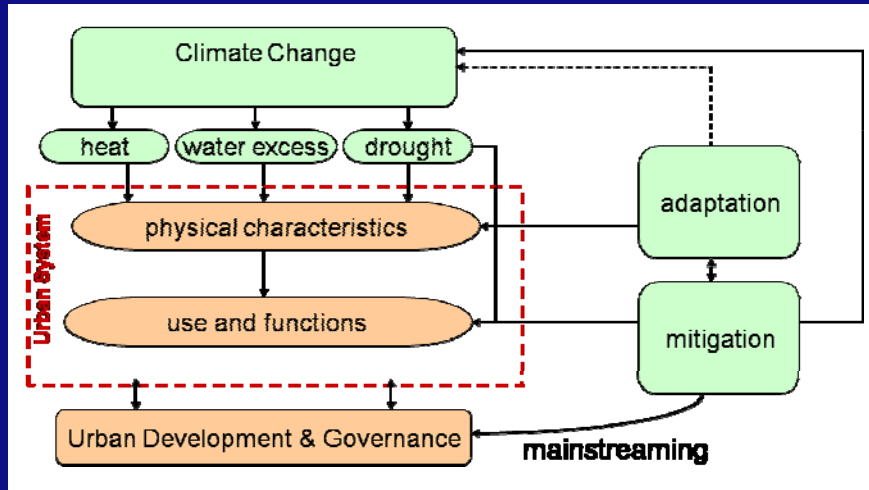


8 **climate awareness and climate policy**

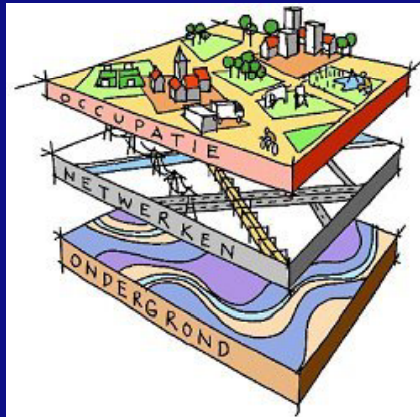




Conceptual model



Layer approach to determine the interrelations



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Heat demands for more cooling

CO2-emissions increases



Which forces contribute to this pattern?



Statement 1

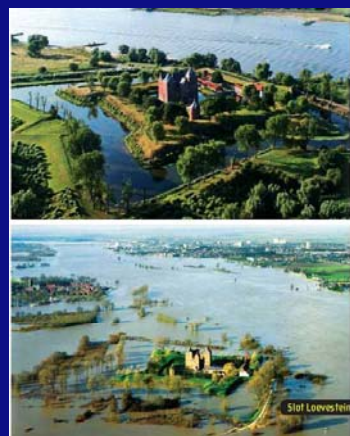
**A system approach is necessary
for effective urban climate
measures**

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Part II

In complex situations with
many stakeholders:
Different perspectives on
problems and solutions



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Example of stakeholders' perspectives

Three groups:

- Users: economic reasoning, challenges, technology as solution, short term oriented
- Controllers: societal risk between boundaries, belief in regulations and authority, medium term oriented
- Guardians: preserve ecosystems, "natural sediments", long term oriented



Language and blind spots

	Language	Blind spots
Controller	Government: Control & Regulation Danger/Safety of sediments Research (predict outcomes)	Unusual, "risky", solutions Ownership of solutions Costs are no "hurdle"
Guardian	Damage to Nature/Ecosystem Waste Risk Regulation	Economically viable Efficient solutions Short term impact Costs
User	Challenge and Profit Technology Pragmatic Costs	Long term impact Ecosystem Risk Control & regulation



How to deal with these perspectives?

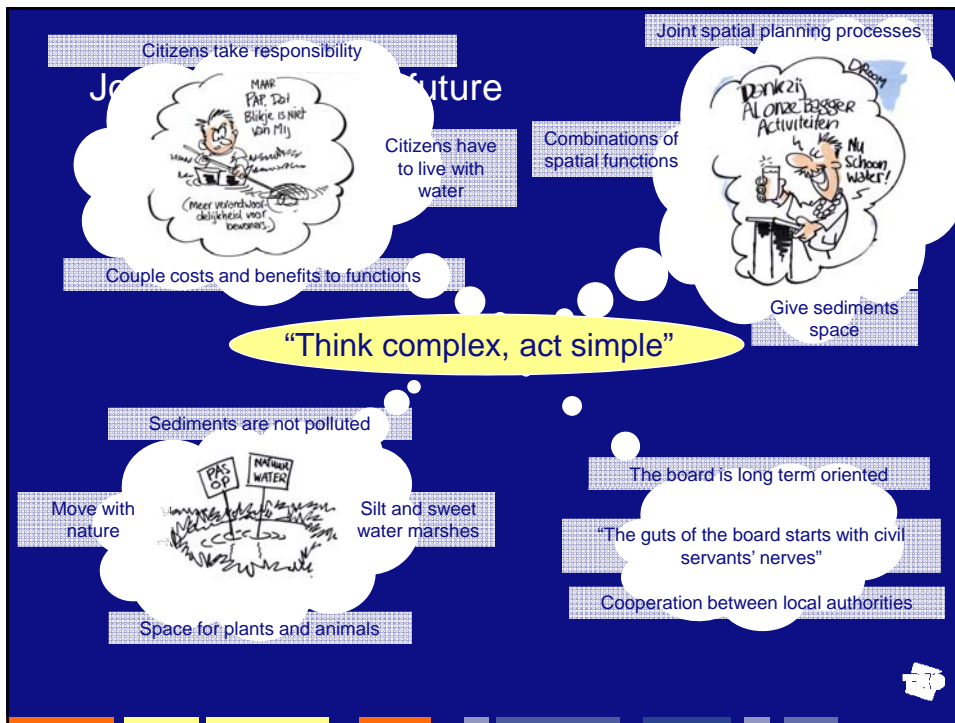
- Know the perspectives
- Involve them in the process



Why involve stakeholders?

- Innovative solutions
- Robust solutions
- Use stakeholders knowledge
- Awareness
- Counteract obstructive power





Statement 2

Stakeholder involvement leads to added value in climate decision making

Part III

Connecting Science and Policy for complex policy problems

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Connecting science and policy increasingly complicated

Two trends:

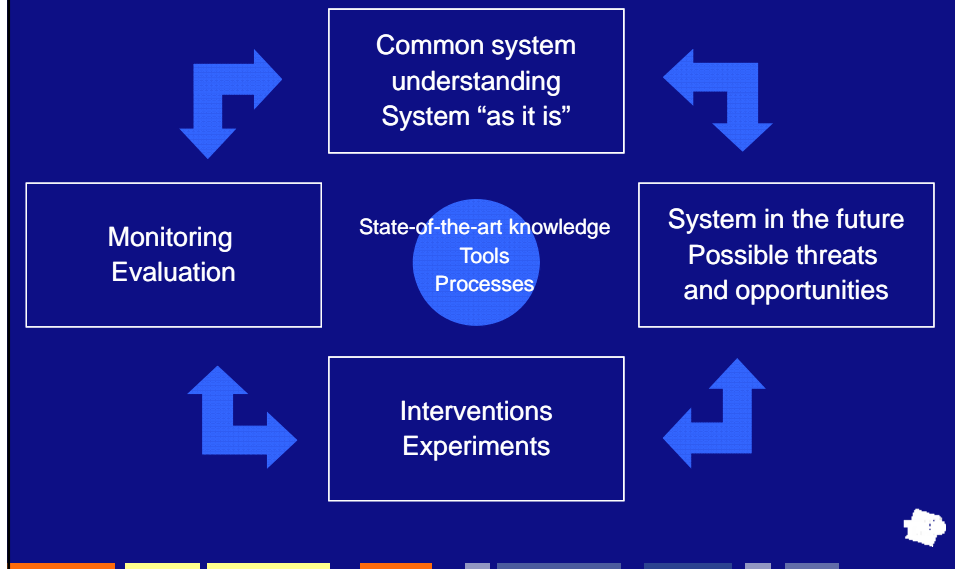
- Increasing specialisation in both policy and science
- Complex policy processes: governance

Challenges:

- Integration of science in a meaningful way for the city
- Sharing knowledge with local authorities and stakeholders, etc.
- Knowledge about the urban system
- Dealing with uncertainty



Joint stakeholder processes for systems



Competences for connectivity

Researchers

- A joint ownership of knowledge production processes
- Joint production of documents, models, etc
- Appreciate local knowledge
- Integrate fields of knowledge from user's perspective
- Transparent research processes

Competences for connectivity

Policy makers

- Design a process that is transparent and fair
- Be clear about how decisions will be made and the influence stakeholders have on the decision
- Know your stakeholders and their perspectives
- Respect and appreciate different points of view
- A frequent and open communication and a variety of knowledge input

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Statement 3

**Climate change asks for connectivity
and related new competences**

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